

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lewis (Chair) Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Fletcher Cllr. Jenkins
D.M.Dew (Clerk) 2 parishioners

01/09/15 To receive apologies and reason (if offered)

Cllr.Gill (holiday) Clr.Warren (holiday) Cllr.Williams Cuss (Unwell)
County Cllr.Tilley (personal) District Cllr.Sharp (VWHDC planning)

02/09/15 To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/09/15 Co-option of Councillor to fill remaining vacancy

There being two applicants for the vacancy a written vote was held and resulted in Nona Lewis being elected by 4 votes to 3

04/09/15 To receive Declarations of Office from Co-opted Councillors

Cllrs.G.Fletcher and T.Jenkins having been co-opted at a previous meeting duly signed their Declarations of Office.

05/09/15 To receive, approve and sign Minutes of Previous Meeting 1st July 2015

Item 6/07/15 Delete Bow Road - Traffic counter was on A417 near Cottage Road
Following this change
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

06/09/15 To receive , approve and sign Minutes of Previous Meeting 29th July 2015

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr .P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

07/09/15 To receive report of County Councillor

Apologies for non attendance. Nothing to report except a difficult budget. Any problems please contact her

08/09/15 Report of District Councillor

Nothing to report

09/09/15 Questions/Comments from Parishioners

Mr D. Pedder spoke about the planning application , Land at Penstones Farm Horsecroft Variation of condition 2 . There were concerns regarding new proposals for access, pavements, light pollution and hedging . He also presented a report in his capacity as Project Director of the Stanford in the Vale Archaeological Research project . He asked that council note these concerns

10/09/15 To receive report of Clerk

A quotation had been receive from our insurers who we have used for several years and again they offered a 5% discount if we signed for a 3 year long term agreement which made the premium at £1483.05 less than last year. Following discussion and check of cover offered it was approved that the quote be accepted and paid.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Insurance be renewed at a premium of £1483.05

Complaints being received that the notice boards cannot be read due to the state of plastic sheets. Clerk to obtain quotes for replacement and inform Chairman

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the plastic be replaced at a cost of up to £250

11/09/15 To receive report of Chairman and items for next agenda

Community Defibrillators – pleased to confirm that both are now installed, and the Clerk, Cllr Bailey & myself have all attended a training session (although this isn't actually necessary as the device provides you with instructions if required). Looking for more First Responders – if you know any willing volunteers.

Thames Water – I have spoken to their rep. again – she advises that she is still ascertaining where the pressure tests were conducted and has asked if we can supply details of the TW/contractors attendance around the A417 to assist with investigating our ongoing concerns regarding the capacity/impact on other dwellings

Thanks to Cllr. Gill who organised strimming of Bow Road & there have also been two calls of thanks from members of the public

Cllr Warren has reported an issue with graffiti at the Millennium Green – both bench & salt box (I've suggested we just paint the bench), and she is investigating whether the salt bin can be cleaned, or....

Couple of messages about wall by Cottage Farm – collapsed, replaced with breeze block – do we have any contacts?

Notice has gone to newsletter for “odd job/handyman” assistance – voluntary or paid – and also poster ref. 2 lads which I have asked PG to follow up.

S106 - David Wilson Homes - update from Vale suggests that 20th occupation likely to be by October - will endeavour to circulate investment options before October meeting for consideration with regards the "Open Space Commuted Sum" - £104,819

Prior to Occupation of 20th unit (gen market) - all figures index linked....

Community Contribution £6,000 (VH + Noticeboard)

Tennis Court Contribution £15,399

Sports Pitch Contribution £16,635

MUGA Contribution £15,476

Prior to Occupation of 43rd unit (gen market)

Sports Pavilion Contribution £31,204

On the date that the open space transfers to the Parish

Open Space Commuted Sum £104,819

Separately, S106 is due to be replaced with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from next year. We will need to establish a "CIL list" - for infrastructure projects against which CIL funds can be spent. Cllrs should give this some private consideration over the coming weeks

Finally, I did speak to Cllr Robert Sharp briefly this week, regarding the Planning Committee for 23 Church Green & apologised for the fact that no-one was able to speak, as there was a risk to us not being a quorum for the start of our meeting. He understood the basis of the PC's objections and I understand that the Planning Committee inspected the site on Tuesday afternoon.

12/09/15 Correspondence

a) Vale of White Horse DC - Chairman's Community Awards Lunch 28 November 2015

Former councillor, Stuart Bambury nominated, Councillors to consider further nominations and inform Clerk

b) Road mirror opposite Stanford Mill, Wantage Road. Occupier of the mill has requested a mirror for road safety but OCC are not in favour. There is little that the PC can do

13/09/15 To Discuss/agree Depreciation Policy on Fixed assets

Following checks with BDO (External Auditor) we are following the correct procedures

14/09/15 Community assets (Update)

Purpose of process:

- Assets (buildings or land in public or private ownership) can be nominated to be listed
- If a listed asset comes up for sale (or lease of 25 years) , the sale is delayed to allow local community groups to prepare and bid for the asset

Cllr.Bailey had previously circulated information relating to this , which is taken as read. Cllr.Bailey to request details from Neighbourhood Plan consultations surrounding potential Community Assets for Council to consider further. It was suggested that a small number of assets were identified/nominated for listing rather

than a wide- ranging list. It was also noted that the subsequent bidding process does not currently have a high success rate , and that there is no obligation for the owner to accept the bid , even where it is the highest bid.

15/09/15 To discuss/accept QEII lease if available

Cllr.Isaacs reported that progress was being made and was very close to completion , probably within weeks

16/09/15 To discuss Village Speed Limits

“20’s plenty for us” are looking into comparison on villages to determine the feasibility of having a 20mph limit near the school. Item to next Agenda There was a suggestion from Cllr.Gill for a 30mph limit from Park Lane to the Recycling site

17/09/15 To discuss/agree purchase of Speedwatch device organised by Neighbourhood Action Group (Ahead of funding from PPC)

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P. LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the device be purchased cost £2700 subject to repayment of £600 from PPC

Chairman reported that a complaint had been made to him about him and the PC’s attitude towards the purchase of the device , but that he had spoken to the complainant who was then satisfied that the email referred to was in fact in line with initial response from the PC some months ago

18/09/15 Planning

P15/V1752 Land at Penstones Farm Horsecroft Variation of condition 2

Following long discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be objected to for the following reasons:

- To the “ relocation “ of the gate , as we do not believe that was previously approved and a gated community cannot provide inclusive design , as required by Para’s 50 , 57 , 61 & 69 of the NPPF
- Further more the number of visitors parking spaces , and public open space located beyond the gate , would not be truly accessible to members of the public
- Therefore the reduction to the total number of visitors parking is inappropriate and should be redressed. The original application was keen to highlight that additional parking should be available to existing residents of Horsecroft , to alleviate local parking issues , which is clearly not the case
- Whilst we welcome the addition of air source heat pumps, a restriction to the noise levels should be imposed due to the particularly rural and tranquil nature of the site and countryside. We suggest a restricted maximum of 40db at 1 metre

- A recent Archaeological Survey refers to Neolithic remains within 5m of the site , whilst the applicant's own Heritage Assessment from November 2013 (Para 4.12) refers to finds being 750-850 m from the site , clearly this needs revisiting/further investigation.
- A condition should be considered to prevent the use of pile driving during construction , due to the nature of the old dwellings located nearby , many without foundations.
- In principle we recognise that the adjustments to the dwellings and layout are acceptable , subject to the above points being redressed.

19/09/15 To receive and approve Monthly Statement of Accounts & Budget/Actual report

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JACKSON
 SECONDED BY Cllr.FLETCHER
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
 SECONDED BY Cllr. JACKSON
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Budget report be accepted

20/09/15 To Approve Accounts for Payment

With the addition of Came & Co Insurance

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
 SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS
 IT WAS RESOLVED hat the Accounts for payment be approved

21/09/15 To approve/accept Annual Audit Return 2014/2015 external auditor certificate & report

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS
 SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be accepted after the apology from BDO regarding their mistake over minor arising issues.
 Return to be published on PC website

22/09/15 SIV Crest ownership – Churchyard mowing costs

Item to next agenda

23/09/15 Newsletter – Invoicing, ink & paper costs

Item to next agenda

24/09/15 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Awaiting collation of latest brochure returns. Next meeting 28th September

25/09/15 To discuss SSE Emergency Fund Plan

Help and support is required to further formulate this plan. Cllr. Williams Cuss has drafted a plan

via government template

26/09/15 To appoint representative to attend.liase with Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr.Jenkins volunteered to act as representative and will attend meetings in Southmoor 17th September and 19th November

27/09/15 To agree consultation response OCC– Public Transport Consultation

Chairmans report to be circulated, response to be emailed to OCC

28/09/15 To agree consultation response OCC – Refuse Tip Consultation

Proposed reduction from 7 to 3 or 4. various suggestions made e.g. reduced hours, w/end closure.Cllr.Isaacs to draft a suggested response and circulate

29/09/15 To discuss /agree amendments to Standing Orders

Item to next agenda

30/09/15 To receive report from Environmental Committee

Meeting soon

31/09/15 To receive report from Recreation & Leisure Committee inc Playsafety report

Safety report – nothing that was not expected. Some immediate work needed on slide equipment near preschool otherwise minor updating required. Graffiti on Millennium Green. Playsafety report (Part 2) to be circulated

32/09/15 Date of next meeting

7th October 2015

33/09/15 Questions/comments from parishioners

A Parishioner commended the PC on their knowledge and professionalism with regards to this evening's meeting