

MINUTES of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 in Stanford Village School

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Williams Cuss
Cllr.Bailey Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.Jenkins @1955 (Previous engagement)
Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC) D.M.Dew(Clerk) 1 Parishioner

01/12/15 To receive Apologies and reason(If offered)

Cllr.Warren Cllr.Jackson(Business) Cllr.Fletcher(Business) Cllr.Tilley(OCC)

02/12/15 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.Gill – Item 7 Planning Church of St Denys
Cllr.P.Lewis & Cllr.Isaacs – Item 16 Accounts for payment Late additions of payments for graffiti remover and Use of Village Crest

03/12/15 To receive,approve and sign minutes of previous meeting 4th November 2015

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

04/12/15 To receive report of County Councillor

In the Councillors absence her report was read by the Chairman:
Councils responsible for Adult care have the option to increase Council Tax by a further 2%The Govt allocation for Oxfordshire pot hole repairs is expected to be around £2.5 m
Transport. Need to make up to £7.5m savings from OCCs supported transport budget. All bus subsidies are withdrawn although if spending settlements are more generous than predicted some funds will be available to subsidise off peak services on key routes. There are 100+ subsidised services which makes up about 9% of the bus network. This means that more than 9 out of 10 services run without any public subsidy and are not affected by any of the proposals
Winter preparations – fully prepared 31 gritting vehicles will run 28 routes. Free bulk bags of salt have been offered to all Town & Parish Councils. A daily update on whether roads will be gritted is posted on OCC website <http://winter.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/>
As usual any problems contact Cllr.Melinda Tilley

05/12/15 To receive report of District Councillor

Stage 2 of the Local Plan due on 2nd February 2016. Inspector will be looking at sites and housing numbers . There were questions regarding the precept system ranging from the setting of base rates , housing numbers and new housing coming on line during a financial year meaning that the PC did not receive that money proportion despite the demand stating that it was paid to the PC. Council were not happy with an “antiquated” .system .Cllr.Sharp stated that if the PC wanted the extra money they should reflect this in their precept request. He also stated that there was a 1 ½ % non collection rate in the Vale which was in the top 1% of the country.

He also stated that he would add the PC to the planning decisions information list

06/12/15 Questions/Comments from Parishioners

The Landlady from the Horse & Jockey PH had received a complaint(Anonymous) via the VWHDC regarding noise from the PH carpark. She said that she would be happy to discuss the complaint with whoever and was disappointed that the complainant had not contacted her first. It was suggested that she tried to contact the complainant to talk about the problem but as she said it was always the policy of the PH and customers were told that noise be kept to a minimum. The complaint had come from the new estate whose residents were aware that there was a PH next door and had been there for many years.

There had been a complaint regarding the standing water splashing the narrow footpath in Bow Road. Advised to contact OCC Highways. It was also highlighted regarding the standing water HighSt/Huntersfield and Sheards Lane.

There was further discussion regarding school transport problems and proposed cuts

07/12/15 To discuss Planning Applications

P15/V2573/HH 35 Van Diemens Erection of single storey extension – In keeping with area

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be fully supported

P15/V2544/FUL Hill Farm Gainfield retrospective planning change of use of former agricultural buildings – While supporting installation of passing places there were concerns regarding access via single track road

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections but that the above comments be taken into consideration

P15/V0259?FUL Church of St Denys – Installation of glass entrance doors, Photovoltaic panels on nave roof – Following report from “Historic England” it was considered to be in keeping

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMSCUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be approved

08/12/15 To receive report of Clerk

Newsletter – A3 paper purchased at a one off no cost to council

09/12/15 To receive report of Chairman

Oxfordshire County Council Consultation/Finance sub-committee - in particular thanks to Cllr. Bailey who managed to spend time reviewing the consultation document, despite being unwell.

The combined responses have been assembled and submitted to OCC, you all have copies - which I will take as read - unless there are any additional questions?

I have contacted VWHDC for an update regarding the S106 trigger points for the Nursery End development - "on 10th November and they confirmed that there have been 19 market occupations and 13 affordable housing on this site so the trigger has almost been met for the next batch of contributions". The 20th market occupation signals the release of a number of items. Vale Forum - date was moved, but I wasn't aware, so unfortunately missed this event. I do have a copy of the slides, but have had to request further info on CIL & Neighbourhood Planning since both of these only had title slides.

I have written to Thames Travel who operate the existing 67/A/B/C service indicating that we would like to understand their position following the threatened withdrawal of subsidies & are keen to work with them in order to provide some form of service moving forward. They advise that no announcements can be made at this time, but that our comments have been passed onto their Senior Management Team.

I have also been in touch with the Community Mini-bus committee for details regarding their existing subsidies with OCC.

Cllr Isaacs has been continuing with efforts to resolve the lease with OCC for the QEII field: Current status is that the lease is still not signed. OCC now terrified that we're going to build a football stadium for a premier league club! Negotiations are continuing to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion for all. Correspondence has been received just today from the solicitor regarding fees. Whilst not ideal, in light of the timing and the urgency to resolve the matter,

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.Bailey

IT WAS RESOLVED that the matter regarding the solicitor's fees be delegated to Cllr.P.LEWIS and Cllr.Isaacs to resolve in the best interests of Council

10/12/15 To receive/discuss correspondence

Nil correspondence

11/12/15 To discuss/agree amendments to Standing Orders

Item to next agenda

12/12/15 To discuss Community Assets Register

Item to next agenda

13/12/15 To discuss PC investments/Strategy

Item to next agenda

14/12/15 To discuss installation/cost of CCTV

Item to next agenda

15/12/15 To receive and approve monthly statement of accounts

Cash at Bank

Beginning Balance		32566.33
Cleared transactions		
Cheques & payments	-4533.27	
Cleared balance		28033.06
Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques & payments	-5832.75	
Deposits	297.00	
Total Uncleared Transactions		-5535.75
Registered balance as of 01/11/15		22497.31

30 Day Notice Account

Beginning Balance		7886.84
Cleared transactions	0.97	
Registered balance as at 09/11/15		7887.81

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

16/12/15 To approve accounts for payment

7 th Nov	S.Murrin	Toner N Plan	10.00
7 th Nov	H.Wood	Ink N Plan	152.42
7 th Nov	OCC	Hall Hire N Plan	148.50
12 th Nov	Buildbase	Paint/screws skatepark	23.14
12 th Nov	P.Johnson	Skatepark paint/clean	192.00
19 th Nov	SIV Hall	Hall Hire	21.70
20 th Nov	D M Dew	Salary	1300.86
27 th Nov	C Stallard	Litter	120.00
27 th Nov	HMRC	PAYE & NI	456.31

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

17/12/15 To receive report from Recreational & leisure Committee

Vandalism seems to have stopped. There were concerns about weather affecting wooden structures in playarea

18/12/15 To receive report from Environmental Committee

Community Woodland future work Item to next agenda

19/12/15 To receive report from Neighbourhood Plan

The Community Consultation on Land Use will be published on the NP Website as soon as it is available. Our next task , which again will take time, is to complete the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. All the information you have given to us from all the consultations will inform the policies that build into the overall plan. As we have said this will take time as there are formal consultation periods of time when the District Council and the Village and Parish Council have the opportunity to view and comment on the Draft Plan. When all of this has taken place then a government inspector will consider the final plan. We hope the draft plan will be available by February. Thank you once again for all parishioner comments that have enabled us to be where we are at this present time

20/12/15 OCC Budget Consultation response and receive sub-committee recommendations

Councillors have received a copy of the recommendations

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the response be approved with thanks to Cllr.P.Lewis as author

21/10/15 To consider impact of withdrawal of Bus Subsidies & consider applying to OCC for s106 funds

Following discussion regarding the funding

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that an application be made for funding of £6,000 from s106

22/12/15 To discuss and consider Budget/Precept 2016/2017

Chairman to challenge dwelling figures & Tax base with VWHDC. Item to next agenda

23/12/15 Date of next meeting

6th January 2016

Questions/Comments from parishioners

Cllr.Jenkins reported on recent meeting of Neighbourhood Action Group

Despite budget cuts there will be no loss of policing. If requested Police will visit at risk persons over Christmas period

Speedwatch device. Each area will have the device for 2 days in a 14 day cycle. There seems to be an opinion that Stanford should be a lead figure in the operation and care of device. It has been made clear that this is not a Parish Council obligation , it is a Neighbourhood Action Group task.