

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Stanford Village Hall**

Chairman welcomed all and stated that the meeting was moved from the traditional first Wednesday of the month due to new year holiday and unavailability of hall

Questions/comments from parishioners :

Following the successful appeal by DWH were there any changes to plans.

The only difference was that the site was reduced to 73 houses, the tree highlighted will remain and the driveway would be moved slightly

**Present:**

**Cllr. Gill(Chair)      Cllr.Warren              Cllr.Bambury              Cllr. P.Lewis              Cllr.N.Lewis**  
**Cllr.Jackson              Cllr.Williams Cuss      Cllr.Twentyman              D.M.Dew (Clerk) 3 Parishioners**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr.Isaacs(Business) Cllr.Monahan Smith(Business) Cllr. Sharp (District Council Meeting)

**2. Declarations of interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr.Gill – item 11 accounts for payment

**3. Minutes of previous meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to be received and signed as a true record**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

**4. Report of County Councillor**

Cllr.Williams Cuss asked if there had been any decision regarding the school bus routes (Item 4 Nov 2013 minutes) . Cllr.N.Lewis said that the consultation period had been extended

**5. Report of Clerk Nil**

**6. Report of Chairman**

Chair asked Cllr.P.Lewis for an update of the aftermath of the DWH appeal. Cllr.Lewis had spoken to VWHDC regarding the conditions of the planning permission successful appeal on the Faringdon Road site and would be working with them. Also aware of the issues with Thames Water and would be copied all paperwork regarding TW and OCC. S106 planning gain and approved by the Inspector included £104,000 for maintenance which had a 6 week acceptance condition from date offered, 15,000 for MUGA,16,000 for sports pitches and 15,000 for tennis courts.

Clerk to make arrangements to purchase replacement litter bins.

It was reported that an initial cost of £1500 was required to support the Neighbourhood Plan , this to be met eventually by District Council funding in the meantime this amount has to be available possibly before the money is received

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr.N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that £1500 be made available to the Neighbourhood Plan group if necessary in advance of funds due

**The Budget /Precept for 2014/15.** Probable final decision to be taken at our January 2014 meeting.

**Planning-** The Appeal by David Wilson Homes for the Faringdon Road Development has been allowed. **This is obviously disappointing but now we must ensure all planning agreements/commitments are adhered to. (discuss?)**

We have now had an initial discussion with Taylor Wimpey Homes and their interest in a development at the Old Mill Nursery off Cottage/Bow Road. A wider access to the right of way across Upper Green would be needed so no decision can be taken at present. We have to continue our searches into the restrictions / or not with reference to green spaces in our village which will also impact on the Neighbourhood Plan (below) as well. Councillors Williams-Cuss, Lewis and Gill are endeavouring to sift through documents and will probably have to take legal advice quite soon. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact local MP Ed Vaizey and Chair to write to the Secretary of State to clarify the position of restrictions of expanding rights of Way over Greens

There was an exhibition by Blue Cedar Homes in December expressing their interest in a development at Horsecroft. They say their intention is to put forward a full application this year.

At our last meeting we made a number of objections to the Bow Road Farm application. I believe Highways are concerned re the access etc. but we wait to see any outcomes.

The first Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting took place on December 16<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed information from the Village Appraisal of 1996 could form a good basis for starting plus some initial thoughts on the present situation in our village. The next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> January and we have a presentation of principles which we hope will be agreed before presenting to the village for their initial views. The formulation of this Neighbourhood Plan will, unfortunately, have little impact on the planning issues above. We hope it will form the basis of a plan and vision for this village into the next decade where we would hope to be in control of any development and not in the situation we find ourselves now.

**Maintenance-** A further supply of salt has arrived and we should be well catered for if we have a poor winter. The trimming of The Apostles (trees) in Chapel Road was contracted by the County Council as this area is their responsibility to maintain.

## **7. Report of District Councillor Nil**

**8. Correspondence**

Revd P.Eddy St Denys Church – Future provision of Grave spaces – Item to next agenda

**9. Planning application**

**P13/V2675/FUL Horse & Jockey** *New enlarged door opening and terraced rear seating area*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported and urges the VWHDC to progress this matter as quickly as possible to ensure the detrimental effects of the loss of this facility on the community are kept to an absolute minimum.

**10. Monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

**11. Accounts for payment**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid/approved

**12. Budget and precept 2014/2015**

Following lengthy discussing regarding present finances and expected outgoings for the coming year several options were put forward including and above rate 2% increase. It was thought that this would trigger a village approval vote for the sake of what would be £384 added to the precept. Therefore:

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept for 2014/2015 would be £19,200 as per the previous year

**13. Committee reports**

The Recreation & Leisure Sub Committee met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013. We discussed the ROSPA Inspection and actions found mirrored those of the recent checks. A new checklist has been designed and agreed and new procedures adopted. An Inspection Rota has been drawn up and followed. Some of the new Play Area Equipment has been installed but we are awaiting further items to be repaired. The next Recreation & Leisure Sub Committee Meeting is due to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**14. Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2014

