

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 in Stanford Village hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis Cllr.Warren Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Williams Cuss
Cllr.Bailey Councillor. Fitzgerald O'Connor (OCC) Cllr.Sharp (VWHDC)
D.M.Dew (Clerk) 3 Parishioners

01/07/18 To receive apologies and reason (If Offered)

Cllr.Jackson (Holiday) Cllr.Howes (Holiday) Cllr.Jenkins (Ill) Cllr.N.Lewis (Work)

02/07/18 To receive declarations of interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/07/18 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 6th June 2018

Cllr.Gill asked that the Nplan meeting dates be amended but it was pointed out that the minutes were a true record of what took place

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

04/07/18 To receive report of County Councillor

The Highways maintenance factsheet had been circulated. Had inspected Bow Road footpath and thought it was acceptable. Councillors disagreed with this as it was covered in builders debris and despite several requests had still not been swept and should be done regular basis whilst building was continuing. The width of the footpath was questioned and the CC was asked to press for improvement to the path especially with the new estate due to come on line and possibly children going to school along the path and difficulty for wheel chair users.

A new Domestic Abuse Service is being set up.

The CC was questioned about warranty by contractors after road repairs and she said she would talk to Highways. Regarding extra speed cameras on A420 – not at this moment

Parish Cllrs said it would be helpful to understand priorities

05/07/18 To receive report of District Councillor

Re Horsecroft – Penstones Farm planning application lapsed in April and would require new application

The Chairman detailed the problems with the grant application process for the QE II field and cable laying, with Legal Services now wanting a planning officer's opinion for something which is clearly Permitted Development in statute.

With regard to an increase in number of Parish Councillors, it would not happen before the election in May 2019 and the criteria was 10 councillors to 2,700 population

Stated he would chase up the footpath problems and also the no response from the returning Officer regarding the Casual vacancy

06/07/18 Questions/comments from parishioners

Parishioner – regarding Planning application P18/V1382/FUL 3 Sheards Lane – No interest in extra car parking. Extension for the membership

07/07/18 To receive report of Clerk

Village Hall fencing repair completed. Casual vacancy notices displayed and VWHDC returning Officer informed

08/07/18 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

An updated budget has been circulated

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the amended budget be approved

Following my previous reports, I'm pleased to advise that SSE have now completed works in the High Street/Sheard's Lane and the trench is now fully surfaced.

Ede Homes – have finally managed to get the carriageway (of Bow Road) properly repaired, but I'm amazed that we're STILL waiting for the road and footpath to see a roadsweeper. *They assure me it will be done urgently*

Frogmore Brook – you will have all seen correspondence from a concerned land owner – I met with them and have seen the issue first hand, where it appears someone has “reshaped” the bank with a digger of some description. I've spoken to the Environment Agency who directed me to OCC, since it's too small a watercourse to be covered by them. OCC advise me that they have “devolved” their water/flood powers to Vale and so I am now in contact with the relevant team who are trying to arrange an inspection.

I have removed the remaining stinging nettles from Jubilee Gardens, but we do need to ensure that the ivy is cut back/dealt with in the autumn. Cllr Jenkins may have some assistance lined up for this, equally there may be some costs involved > item to next agenda.

I was in touch with the neighbouring landowner after reports that the Joyce's Road > Cottage Road footpath was very overgrown, and they dealt with it very promptly. I'm sure that we all appreciate their swift action.

I've purchased a hitch lock, steel cable and padlock for the PC trailer, so that it can be safely stored. The footpath leading from Marlborough Lane to the river Ock had become overgrown with nettles and there were issues with strimming due to biting insects and dog mess. The nettles have now been cut by scythe, which has resolved the problem.

We may need to deal with the bush on the corner of Hunters Field near Glebe Road (beside entrance to garages) which is massive and now overhangs the footpath.

Green Lane – it was reported to me at the weekend that this was overgrown – I need to check, since it would likely fall to neighbours to address.

OCC Highways – I have an appointment to meet the area officer to discuss our concerns ref. Upper Green next week – it would be helpful to have someone else on “standby” in case I have to be away with work at the last minute!

Allotments – have spoken to the allotments committee, who have written to all holders again. It is thought to be a very limited number of vehicles involved. We briefly discussed the idea of hardcore parking, but the committee felt that they didn't have the funds for this – it is something we could explore. However, it seems that there may be enough space on the verge

itself, in which case it may simply need some marking to indicate where to park. I need to take a closer look at that.

Horsecroft – update from OCC: “I confirm that Horsecroft is highway maintainable at public extent until the bridge over Frogmore Brook where the public rights are taken over by means of a public right of way footpath and a public right of way bridleway (fingerposts mark the spot in situ). The footpath and bridleway are over private land. The extent of public highway on Horsecroft will go as far as the front face of any hedge or fence, or the roadside edge of any ditches. The ditches are the responsibility of adjacent landowners.”

S106 – I am continuing with my attempts to claim the first tranche of funding for the village hall, except that Vale now think it may be best if the hall apply direct, not the PC (contrary to previous advice). I’m also being asked to provide multiple quotes & photos – which I would share with our District Councillor is extremely frustrating as the internal governance process should realise that we had to provide quotes when originally submitting the request, that was approved by Vale and subsequently by HM Inspectorate of Planning. So, in reality, the only necessary check is that the funds are being claimed by the appropriate organisation for the purposes described!

09/07/18 To receive correspondence

Nursery End road signs had been accepted and the neighbour had been consulted. Chairman said he was pleased that all was now well

10/07/18 To discuss planning

P18/V1204/HH 13 Glebe Road SN7 8NB *New orangery to rear of property to match existing property*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application but wish the following comments be taken into consideration.

Council does not condone retrospective planning applications. The extension cannot be seen from public areas and would appear to have limited impact on neighbouring properties. Furthermore this does not set a precedent since each application would be considered on its own merits

P18/V1382/FUL 3 Sheards Lane SN7 8LW *Single storey extension*

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

IT WAS RESOLVED that this application be fully supported for the following reasons
It was felt that the extension would make club facilities available to more people

11/07/18 To approve accounts for payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid/approved

12/07/18 To approve monthly statement of accounts

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

13/07/18 To discuss QEII field progress inc ragwort removal

Following discussion it was not considered to be a big problem at the moment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that we would attempt to clear by hand first and if unsuccessful an appeal to Robert Sharp to clear the field (for a fee)

14/07/18 To receive internal audit completion notice

The internal audit has been completed and approved

15/07/18 To receive report of Environmental Committee

Cllr.Jenkins has been elected as new Chairperson of the Committee. Cllr.Isaacs reported that he had removed the dead tree in Chapel Road

16/07/18 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Playarea inspections continue Cllr. Williams Cuss had produced and circulated a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for suggested signing by all service providers. The objectives were to:
Provide clear reference to service ownership, accountability, roles and/or responsibilities
Present a clear, concise and measurable description of service provision to the customer
Match perceptions of expected service provision with actual service support & delivery
Whilst agreeing something must be done to prioritise tasks and control work carried out it was thought this needed further discussion
BBQ in Football field 11 August – there are no problems with advertising signs at the BBQ

17/07/18 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Good feedback had been received from the display at the Summer Festival. Dates for next meetings were now 23rd July and 13th August

18/07/18 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party

Nil

19/07/18 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Nil

20/07/18 To receive report of Data Protection Officer

GDPR Guidance notes had been circulated . The Parish Council processes data and this will apply to us although the legislation has yet to be fully tested and may vary

21/07/18 To discuss grass cutting, maintenance and hourly rate

Following discussion and comparing rates and costs

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS
SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the hourly rate be increased to £9 per hour as from 1st July 2018

22/07/18 To discuss WW1 commemoration November 11th

Cllr.Warren detailed activities – Small hall exhibition inc newspaper from the time, dressing up, WW1 Recipes, Village Voices performing. Financial assistance item to next agenda

23/07/18 Date of next meeting

5th September 2018

24/07/18 Questions/comments from parishioners

Vehicle movements in applications. Information should be available on a regular basis