

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 in Stanford Village Hall**

- Present:** Cllr Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Middleton  
County Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor(OCC) District Cllr Sharp(VWHDC) D.M.Dew (Clerk)
- 01/04/19 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)**  
Cllr.Williams Cuss (Business) Cllr.Howes (Business) Cllr.Jenkins (Medical)
- 02/04/19 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item**  
Cllr.Bailey – Item 11 Accounts for Payment
- 03/04/19 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record
- 04/04/19 To receive report of County Councillor**  
At a recent meeting the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway was discussed , no one was in favour. There is to be a full public consultation. There was discussion regarding climate change and what could Oxfordshire do about it eg electric vehicles and charging points, energy saving lighting. Asked if anyone had seen or reported the dilapidated schoolbus being used.
- 05/04/18 To receive report of District Councillor**  
Had spoken to relevant Officer regarding Horsecroft footpath and was seeking a further meeting. Funding has been made available for Didcot expansion inc new bridges around Power Station site  
Cllr.Isaacs asked why Stanford election prefix was SOD` and could the unfortunate prefix be renamed in the future. Cllr.Isaacs to contact election office  
Chairman thanked Robert Sharp who was not standing for VWHDC at the next election for all his help and efforts on behalf of Stanford
- 06/04/19 Questions/comments from parishioners - Nil**
- 07/04/19 To receive report of Clerk**  
Reminder regarding Purdah and dates  
Cllr.Middleton has requested that he attend an OALC training course. Clerk to arrange
- 08/04/19 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**  
You will have received the revised CIL list which was circulated by e-mail and which I will publish, unless there are any further amendments at this time?  
I have been in touch with a local gardener, have prices and this is included in the budget for consideration later.  
Digital Mapping – following an OALC article, I've looked into this, and whilst interesting it was effectively encouraging councils to purchase a digital mapping service.  
Enquiry from a parishioner regarding “more development” – have responded and outlined the changing position in recent years relating to Local Plan etc.  
TSB Savings account has been closed, funds have been transferred to Redwood Savings a/c.  
I was also contacted by another parishioner concerning street naming – again have responded and set out council's position and the names determined at the last meeting.

OCC Highways – ongoing, after chasing have now spoken to someone who is going to generate a report of “open” jobs for further discussion.

I approached the driver of a road sweeper involved in the recent road repairs on Church Green/Chapel Road to see if he could possible sweep the edge of the road which is accumulating piles of debris – however, not possible as it was specifically tarmac that he was sweeping which has to be disposed of differently.

Parking on Village Greens – ongoing issue, appears to be more regular occurrence. There is also the matter, reported by e-mail, of Scramblers using the QEII field. Signage maybe required for both.

My thanks to all those who were able to assist with planting the fruit trees and along a similar vein, I’m pleased to confirm that the bluebells have now arrived and we need to arrange to plant.

Finally, as you’d expect, I’ve been working with the Clerk towards the end of year finance reports which I hope to be in a position to circulate shortly.

**09/04/19**

**To receive correspondence**

Oxfordshire Assoc for the blind ]

Home Start Southern Oxfordshire ] Thanks for donations

Wantage Independent Advice centre ]

Merchant Navy day “Fly the Red Ensign” – Noted

OCC – Annual Community Emergency planning Survey – Completed by Cllr Warren

VWHDC – Parish Election information – Noted

Parishioner – Tennis coaching, use of MUGA. – as the surface was not in a good state and refurbishment was part of future recreational plans (including re-painting lines), a charge of £5 per session was suggested.

Summer Festival – Theme “The Sea” Cllr Williams Cuss to arrange the PC display “Pirates”

Orchard – Request to consider accessibility for all – To be discussed

Cllr.Jackson has received reports of Fly tipping, drug abuse - Noted

**10/04/19**

**To discuss Planning applications - Nil**

**11/04/19**

**To approve accounts for payment**

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPROVAL MARCH/APRIL 2019

|                        |                      |             |        |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------|
| 13 <sup>TH</sup> March | D.Rolls              | Mowing      | 243.00 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | Webb’s               | Poles       | 22.70  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Wantage Ind Advice   | Donation    | 50.00  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Oxon Assoc for Blind | Donation    | 50.00  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Home Start           | Donation    | 50.00  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March | Redwood Bank         | Investment  | 20,000 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | A.Bailey             | Trees       | 236.29 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | D.M.Dew              | Salary      | 774.62 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | C.Stallard           | Litter pick | 60.00  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | Trotters             | Tree work   | 270.00 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | HMRC                 | PAYE & NI   | 230.54 |

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

Redwood bank item was a transfer between accounts.

**12/04/19 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts**  
MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
CASH AT BANK  
14,093.37

REDWOOD BANK  
20,000  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
1,309.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Statement of accounts be approved  
 Cllr Isaacs requested that transactions concerning the Redwood account be detailed

**13/04/19 To consider & discuss budget 2019/2020**

Budget figures had been circulated  
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the budget figure of £27,846 be approved. All in favour  
 It was further decided that Wages be added to the next agenda

**14/04/19 To consider management of savings account balance be designated to the RFO**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the management be delegated to the RFO

**15/04/19 To receive report of Environmental Committee**

Fruit trees require guards which were to be purchased. Bluebells had arrived and need planting asap. Damage to verges – contractors had been contacted. Horsecroft footbridge had been damaged but was not dangerous

**16/04/19 To consider additional fruit tree planting**

It was considered that a further 10 trees be purchased

**17/04/19 To consider funding for a memorial plaque for the Community Woodland**

Cllr.Jenkins had asked that £70 be allocated for a replacement memorial plaque.  
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.MIDDLETON  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that £100 be allocated

**18/04/19 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee**

Cllr.Bailey asked if someone could look at the new changes to the LEAP plans DWH

**19/04/19 To receive report of Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party**

Work on the new notice boards had stopped due to changes by the artist. It was hoped delivery would be in the next few weeks. The other artist is doing designs

**20/04/19 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**

Nothing further to report

**21/04/19**

**To receive report of Millennium Green Trust**

Cllr.Gill had quotes regarding hedge cutting which was discussed but the matter should be referred to the Millennium Green trust, no hedgecutting can take place at present due nesting season. The trust had discussed and agreed for additional pic-nic tables and bins to be placed on the Green.

**22/04/19**

**Date of next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

17<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Village Meeting

**23/04/19**

**Questions/comments from parishioners**

Nil. At this point the Chairman thanked Council for their efforts and especially to Cllr.Gill who was not standing for Council at the forthcoming election.