

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Williams Cuss
Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins
D.M.Dew(Clerk) R.Pritchard(SSE) County Cllr.Tilley(OCC)
District Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC) 4 Parishioners

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and apologised for the late start (7.45 pm) due to the overrunning previous meeting. He explained that due to other commitments of speakers it would be necessary to move agenda items around.

01/09/16 Apologies and reason if offered

Cllr.Warren (Illness) Cllr.Fletcher (Business)

02/09/16 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/09/16 Report of County Councillor

Following the report that Challow Bridge (A417) was due to close for 2 weeks as from 3rd October there were discussions ongoing especially as to how it affects school buses. Cllr. Tilley also reported that it was proposed to have a 2 form entry for a school extension

04/09/16 Report regarding installation of Smart Meters

Mr.Pritchard of SSE gave information regarding the installation of smart meters which could cover both electricity and gas supplies. The Government was hoping that all installations could be completed by 2020 although no one would be forced to install them. Meter readings would be digitally sent to a central point – no more estimated bills or manual readings – these readings are sent several times an hour

05/09/16 Report of District Councillor

The Local Plan report was received back in June with Inspectors comments which were out for consultation which included no housing on the Harwell campus or at Hanney. The new adoption was due in December and allowing 6 weeks for objections part one would be in place. 5 Councils had signed a procurement contract which it was hoped would save about 8 -9 hundred thousand pounds.

He also stated that he was no longer chair of the planning committee having been appointed to the cabinet. There was also a new planning system in place.

He said that there were problems with the refuse collections - food and nappies were being placed in the recycling green bins, causing refusals

- 06/09/16 Questions/comments from parishioners**
 To DC - Land west of Faringdon Road – as 2/3rds of the site was earmarked for 175 dwellings, how many would be on the remaining 1/3rd ? – Unknown prior to application
 To DC - Burial ground Was there an “expert” at VWHDC who could help out. – a site would need to be identified and pre-application discussion be held
 To Councillors – Heat pumps suggestion (for QEII field) – everything was being considered. M.Green improvements, nothing had been done and would it not be better if Councillors were not trustees
- 07/09/16 To receive, approve and sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 6th July 2016**
- ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
 SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record
- 08/09/16 To receive, approve and sign as a true record minutes of Planning & Finance Committee 17th Aug 2016**
- Deferred to next meeting
- 09/09/16 Report of Clerk**
- Grass cutting – Still no grant received from OCC – new invoice sent.
 Ock Meadow VWHDC contacted regarding contract for this and other areas
 Glass litter – Several areas found to have smashed bottles, hopefully now school holidays had ended there would be less incidents
- 10/09/16 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**
 I spent around an hour one Saturday evening discussing the implications of the strategic site developments with the owners of Seven Acre Nurseries. They indicated that the ongoing discussions around developing the land surrounding the nursery was impacting their business. We discussed several possible mitigations that they could consider, and I agreed that a note would be placed in the next newsletter. I did however highlight that the planning process allows for proposals to come forward on land that is not under the applicant’s control and therefore there is nothing in law that prevents the application(s) from being made.
 My thanks to Cllrs T.Jenkins & K.Williams-Cuss for their efforts/interventions with anti-social behaviour in the play area at Nursery End. I have also been contacted with concerns from other residents on this matter.
 There are ongoing discussions with David Wilson-Homes surrounding the future management of the boundary hedge.
 I have also been contacted by a resident suggesting that we should consider planting a number of trees (upto 130!) in various open spaces around the village. After further discussion, due to maintenance implications it was agreed that any significant numbers of trees should be planted at the community woodland, but that the Environmental sub-committee would consider whether a long-term strategy was needed for replacements of existing trees before they come to the end of their natural lives.
 A417 proposed bridge closure – I will take my email to Cllr Tilley as read, and you have heard the latest updates on this already.

16/09/16 To discuss Millennium Green Tractor Shed Gates

Cllr.Gill reported that the gates needed replacement/repair. He was asked to obtain quotes. Also a set of keys for the gates had been lost

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that a new set of keys be purchased at up to £50

17/09/16 To receive report from Neighbourhood Action Group

Concerns over antisocial behaviour should be reported whilst taking place via 999.
There is to be more looking into the Community Payback Scheme

18/09/16 To receive report from Neighbourhood Plan

Good progress being made, little else to report

19/09/16 To discuss Village Welcome Packs

In progress

20/09/16 To discuss Street Lighting

OCC might be able to turn off lights between midnight and 0530. It was thought that the parish Council had objected to this several years ago although no mention could be found in previous minutes

21/09/16 To receive report of Environmental Committee

Minutes will be circulated . The QEII field project is to be split into two projects 1) Preparation eg Levelling, pylon moving 2) What next ? layout etc
Woodland – OCC suggests that we plant more trees and to this end a meeting is scheduled with the OCC Woodland Officer 26/09/16 at 2.30pm

22/09/16 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

The RoSPA report was better than expected. Moss removal was excellent. Some Cllrs felt that the recent work was not fully completed and moss was still present on the carpet

23/09/16 Date of next meeting : 5th October 2016