

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on
Wednesday 6th July 2016 in Stanford Village Hall**

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs
Cllr.Williams Cuss Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Jenkins
Cllr.Tilley(County Councillor) D.M.Dew(Clerk) 3 parishioners

01/07/16 Apologies (And reason if offered)

Cllr.Fletcher(Business) Cllr.N.Lewis(Business) Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC)

02/07/16 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.P.Lewis – Correspondence item circulated to council re future permitted development at personal property

03/07/16 To receive, approve and sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 4th May 2016

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

04/07/16 To receive, approve and sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 25th April 2016

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

05/07/16 Report of County Councillor

Compiled from hard copy report from County Councillor:

The leader of OCC stated “ The priorities of the County Council remain – to support economic growth, protect the most vulnerable and efficiency in public services and the ambition is to win a wide-ranging devolution deal from central government
Proposals for Unitary Council – Workshops have been held to obtain input from parish Councils about concerns and opportunities with a change to Unitary local government. Proposals will be submitted to central government in the Autumn after public consultation

A study has been published which could lead for up to 5 new park and ride sites
Adult and children’s social care now accounts for nearly half the council’s budget and the obligation to assist unaccompanied young asylum seekers has added further pressure
Oxfordshire is one of only a quarter of councils which have passed Ofsted’s new harder inspection test for children’s social services. The report ranks Oxfordshire the best of 87 councils and has been highly praised for its work to tackle child sexual exploitation
The second phase of Better Broadband for Oxfordshire is underway.

Financial pressures have forced OCC to reduce its overall verge mowing – one general cut a year is now carried out across the whole road network

At this point the councillor received questions from parishioners and parish councillors regarding funding , the QE II lease which she stated she would “Chase up”, the 30 hour nursery care and the strategic site planning application with regard to highways input

06/07/16 Report of District Councillor

Nil

07/07/16 Questions/comments from parishioners

Regarding the brochure delivered throughout the village regarding consultation on proposed building on land west of Faringdon Road, the Chairman stated that this was nothing to do with the parish council

08/07/16 Report of Clerk

Resident of Ock Meadow had enquired about grass cutting which was at present carried out by VWHDC and now only twice per year. Was it possible for the PC to include this area in their cutting programme. There are problems with external contractors both VWHDC and Sovereign who are not cutting areas that they are contracted to do and seem to be doing less each time they cut. Cllr.Gill to talk to both organisations again. Clerk to contact VWHDC regarding a financial agreement if possible regarding Ock Meadow. Cllr.Gill gave an update regarding the serviceability and maintenance of the mowers. New blades had been ordered.

Flower boxes have been attended to by Stanford Primary School pupils and clerk asked that he might write to the school thanking them for their continued work with the boxes

Clerk reported that the government had agreed a 1% pay rise for clerks backdated to 1st April 2016, and asked that council approve this rise

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the increase be implemented and back dated

An occupier in Nursery End had raised concerns regarding fencing by playarea which made it difficult to exit/access parking area. This led to a discussion regarding fencing the area and it was thought that the whole area should be fenced for safety.

Clerk requested that 2 signatories sign a letter to cancel the direct debit instruction for the monthly payment to Scottish Power, the contract now being cancelled

09/07/16 Report of Chairman

My thanks to Cllrs. Jenkins, Bailey & Isaacs who have conducted a thorough review of the Nursery End estate, and subsequently met, along with myself, representatives from David Wilson Homes to try and address shortfalls / agree workarounds / resolve issues across the site, particularly with regard the open spaces that are to be transferred to the Parish Council in due course. We've subsequently been contacted by another resident with concerns relating to the proposed fence line alongside the LEAP, and we're currently working to resolve those concerns.

Following our recent meeting with Kemp & Kemp, you will all be aware that there is now an outline planning application underway.

Axis - the new electricity supplier have contacted me to replace the meter with a Smart Meter - my thanks to Cllr. Jackson who is dealing with this.

Mowers: With the new QEII lease now signed, I've started looking at options including a (small?) tractor and whether we should be looking at New/Lease/Second hand? Toppers/Side arms for hedge trimming are very specific and I feel we really need some advice. Cllr Jackson offered to follow this up with various potential suppliers and report back.

Allotments - I've received further correspondence regarding vehicles accessing the allotments by driving along the footpath. This isn't directly a PC matter, but suggestions as to possible solutions would be appreciated.

Internal Audit - We need to appoint a new internal auditor, so please give some thought to any contacts you might have that might be willing to undertake this.

QEII Field - spoken with Tim Browning who farms the neighbouring field regarding cutting paths, and have now also received his suggestions regarding possible EU funding for hedging. In my opinion, this is not so likely given the terms of our lease.

You should all be aware that there is a proposed meeting with Gleeson (ref. Strategic Site) on Mon 11/07 @ 19:00 in the school - all councillors are welcome to attend.

Seven Acre Nursery - Whilst their lease has a couple of years left to run, I've been advised that they are potentially looking for an alternative site to relocate to after this. It would be beneficial to try to retain this local business within the parish, if possible, so if you're aware of any landowners who might have a suitable site, I'd like to put them in touch with the owners of Seven Acre Nursery.

10/07/16 Correspondence

Gleeson – Land North of Ware Road. Chairman to email their Land manager
Hills – Extension Bowling Green Quarry – Clerk to forward to Councillors
VWHDC – Planning training – Clerk to forward to Councillors
Scottish Power – Final electricity statement (Credit £187.91 estimated)
Independent Advice Centre } Thanks for donations of £50 per organisation
Oxon Assoc for Blind }
South & Vale Carers }

11/07/16 Planning

P16/V1589/O – Land West of Faringdon Road – *Residential development of up to 100 dwellings with associated access*

P16/V1471/FUL – 27 Chapel Road – *Change of use from B & B accommodation to return to previous use of granny annex*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that these applications be referred to planning committee and request for submission dates to be extended

12/07/16 To discuss Strategic Allocation Faringdon Road

Item for discussion at Planning committee

13/07/16 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved

14/07/16 To approve accounts for payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr JACKSON
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

15/07/16 To receive report from Public Works of Art Liaison Committee

Cllr Jenkins gave details of meeting with representative of VWHDC. It was felt that metalwork was at the forefront – Circular seats around trees, flower baskets. Whatever it is intend to involve the village and engage in consultation. The VWHDC would control the finance alleviating the need to apply for grants

16/07/16 Speedwatch

Nil

17/07/16 To discuss Community Emergency Plan

Further work to be carried out. Item to next agenda

18/07/16 To discuss Burial ground

District Councillor Sharp to be contacted for VWHDC views. Item to next agenda

19/07/16 To discuss/agree amendments to Standing Orders

Item to next agenda

20/07/16 To discuss Village Welcome Packs

Packs to consist of information to newcomers to the village. Cllr Williams Cuss to compile for presentation to council

21/07/16 To discuss pre-school , space , capacity, 30 hour funding

Cllr Williams Cuss as preschool chair spoke of the popularity of the preschool and gave details of the registrations which now require more space and if anyone has any ideas to increase space email her. 30 hour funding for over 3 year olds further adds to more space needed

22/07/16 To receive report of Neighbourhood plan

The Steering Committee continues to draft the NP from all the evidence collated from consultations/surveys. This will take time as volunteers have other responsibilities and fulltime jobs. The development is also being hampered as we are responding to the outline planning applications on the strategic site on Faringdon Road. At this time the completion of a first draft is difficult to predict

23/07/16 To receive report of Finance/Planning committee

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be approved

24/07/16 To receive report of Environmental committee

Meeting re QEII field Monday 8th August 7.30pm Village Hall

25/07/16 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure committee

Nil

26/07/16 Date of Next meeting

7th September 2016

Questions/Comments from parishioners

New developments – access is a concern

Infrastructure

Parking especially outside Coop

A417 road bridge – Pedestrian crossings due to be constructed but bridge who knows

20 MPH speed limit – Not on an A road

Allotments – Hopefully will be provided in QEII field

Transport – Unknown as services relied on subsidies