

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Stanford Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey  
Cllr.Jenkins Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.Tilley(OCC) Cllr.Sharp (VWHDC)  
D.M.Dew (Clerk) 3 Parishioners

**01/11/15 To Receive Apologies and reason (If Offered)**

Cllr.Williams Cuss (Unwell) Cllr.Fletcher (Business)

**02/11/15 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on any agenda item**

Item 14 SIV Crest ownership – As all Councillors are Trustees of the Millennium Green Trust, Cllr. Isaacs as Chairman of the Trust considered it advisable if an interest be declared

**03/11/15 To Receive,approve and sign Minutes of previous meeting 2nd September 2015**

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

**04/11/15 To Receive,approve and sign Minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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

**05/11/15 To Receive report of County Councillor**

Reported on further cuts and following the financial grants already cut, County were being told of further £50 million cuts to be made

**06/11/15 To Receive report of District Councillor**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Local Plan has been submitted and work was now going ahead with stage 2. It is hoped that it will be in place next year

**07/11/15 Questions/comments from parishioners**

There were concerns that despite even more housing being planned there were going to be yet more cuts, i.e. the further £50 million.  
There was a discussion regarding breaches of planning regarding DWH and the apparent failure by planning officers to redress this.  
There was concern about Oxford City Council requiring between 1500 to 4000 new dwellings which were to be spread throughout the 4 Oxfordshire District Councils  
The District Councillor was unable to say how many dwellings would be within the Vale

**08/11/15 Planning applications**

**P15/V/1752/FUL - Land at Penstones Farm – Variation of Condition 2 – Removal of internal access gate and relocation of 2 parking bays**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN  
SECONDED BY Cllr.N.LEWIS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported

At this time following a previous conversation with the planning Case Officer and the Chairman it was decided that the s106 agreement be delegated to a Planning Sub-Committee

**P15/V2128/RM - Land at Bow Farm - Development of 17 Dwellings**

There was concern regarding felling of trees although it was decided that most of the area was at present hard standing

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS  
SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL  
IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections

**09/11/15 To Receive and approve report of Environmental Committee 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Cllr.Isaacs had a discussion with the Community Woodlands Officer regarding the Woodland. There was a need for work to be carried out, grass cutting and replacement trees. He hoped for volunteers to carry out the work and would report further at the next meeting

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be accepted and approved

**10/11/15 To Discuss/Approve Lease for QEII Field**

Cllr.Isaacs reported on latest situation. The tenancy was now for 250 years rather than 125 with a break point at 125 years. The hiring clause had been removed meaning that any hiring out agreements no longer required approval by OCC. There was discussion regarding the 5 acres which the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group considered to be “in the wrong place” and use for allotments or school should be nearer the village (Cottage Road) Council argued that the 5 acres were just a line on a map and land use was to be decided by the village

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

Council thanked Cllr.Isaacs for the tremendous amount of work and effort in producing a lease acceptable to all

**11/11/15 To Receive report of Clerk**

- a) Millennium Green gates are rusty and need attention – Clerk to arrange
- b) General Maintenance – Clerk was unsure about carrying out jobs as reported to him. Was Council going to arrange for volunteers/other handypersons to carry out tasks? Any tasks that are of a health & safety matter should be dealt with by the Clerk ASAP, while other tasks should be through Council.

- c) Allotments/Verges Faringdon Road - there had been several complaints regarding allotment holders driving and parking on the verges inc. footpath. The Police and allotments chairman had been informed
- d) Newsletter – Paper & Ink supplies. Clerk had compared prices and felt that the present suppliers to the Parochial Church Council offered a better deal. Cllr. Gill to provide details
- e) The lady who purchased the seat on Millennium Green was distressed to find that it had been covered with graffiti. Efforts will be made to remove and clean

**12/11/15 To receive Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda and discuss/decide actions following correspondence from land owners adjacent to QEII Field**

You've already seen my comments regarding investments, and OCC budgets, and we will discuss those further in due course. In brief, the only items for me to bring to your attention that aren't covered elsewhere in the Agenda:

I have replied to the email concerning dog muck along Hunters Field, assuring them that this would be in the next newsletter & suggesting some other ideas that may improve matters (anti-dog granules that smell, an exterior light with PIR sensor, possibly some planters/similar on the verge).

Additional report of a stolen bin on Forest Grove - forwarded to community policing team. I have also been in touch, via Cllr Sharp, with Vale's Waste Team who have inspected and kindly agreed to replace the bin on High Street, and provide a new inner for the bin in the VH car park.

OCC - queried the facts quoted in their Adult Social Care Business Strategy which cites a significant increase in use/demand for the service from adults with both physical & learning disabilities, including year on year increases. Very swift response from both Cllrs. Tilley & Heathcoat advising that lots of children with disabilities are living longer and reaching majority & also that Oxfordshire is seeing lots of families move into the county for the excellent diversity & sophisticated employment base.

Finally, my apologies for the confusion over locations - I expect us to use the large Village Hall moving forward due to a new regular booking in the Small Hall. This will be at no cost difference to Council.

The correspondence from the landowner was with regard to dog walkers using his field as a pathway due to QEII field not having a clearly defined pathway, the bridleway being on the other side of the field. Following discussion it was agreed that pathways would be cut by Cllr.Jackson

**13/11/15 To discuss Playarea as a “No Smoking” area and purchase of signs**

Cllr.Warren to cost signs

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding £50 be spent on purchase of signs

**14/11/15 To discuss SIV Crest ownership**

Cllr.Gill provided a certificate from Mrs.E.Soulsby dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 1999, who had designed and registered the crest in which she passed ownership to the trust. This will enable to Parish Council to pay the Trust £100 pa for use of the crest as previously agreed

**15/11/15 To discuss/agree amendments to Standing Orders**

Item to next agenda

**16/11/15 To discuss Community Assets Register**

Item to next agenda

**17/11/15 To discuss PC Investments/Strategy**

Chairman had circulated to Council a summary of possible investment possibilities. There were options open to the PC but it should be remembered that there is no guarantee of returns. To obtain advice from a broker would be chargeable. Cllr. Isaacs offered to obtain further quotes. It was resolved that in principal the capital (due from David Wilson Homes S106) be invested on a long term basis, with the returns used to maintain the public open space.

**18/11/15 To discuss recent vandalism/petty crime and decide any remedial actions**

The purchase of CCTV was discussed although good quality is expensive. Cllr.Warren to cost signage for use with cameras. Item to next agenda. Cllr. Jenkins to attend the next NAG meeting

**19/11/15 To agree delegation to a finance sub-committee to submit a formal response to the OCC Budget Meeting**

Chairman to attend the OCC Budget meeting. Chairman and Cllr.Bailey delegated to submit a formal response

**20/11/15 To discuss grass cutting/weed control QEII Field**

As discussed above

**21/11/15 To Receive and approve Monthly Statement of Accounts inc Budget report**

**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Cash at Bank**

As at 30 Oct 2015                      £22616.54

**30 day Notice Account**

As at 9 Sept 2015                      £ 7886.84

**Neighbourhood Plan Account**

As at 23 Sept 2015                      £5121.87

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

The Budget Report had been circulated to Councillors. The budget figures were on track except for legal/professional fees although there could be a reclaim from s106 monies

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS  
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Budget Report be accepted

**22/11/15 To approve Accounts for Payment**

15 Oct	Benhamlaw Ltd	Legal Fees QEII Field	5050.60
15 Oct	Alvescot Fencing	Skatepark kickboards	453.39
19 Oct	Buildbase	Shelter paint	28.21
19 Oct	Fenland Leisure	Wetpour repair & swing seat	144.00
21 Oct	A Reed	Strimming	170.00
28 Oct	D M Dew	Salary	730.26
30 Oct	C Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
30 Oct	HMRC	NI & PAYE	215.29

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid with the exception of Benhamlaw Ltd  
(Further discussion)

**23/11/15 To Receive report from Recreation & Leisure Committee**

Nil

**24/11/15 To Receive report from Neighbourhood Plan**

Next step appraisal and presentation to the village

**25/11/15 To discuss and consider Budget/Precept 2016/2017**

Chairman to contact District Council regarding number of houses within the parish and their banding

**26/11/15 Date of next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Village School

There were no further questions/comments from Parishioners. Cllr.Warren reminded Councillors that there was a meeting with OCC regarding the Faringdon Road crossing at 6pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November