

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Stanford School**

**Present:** Cllr.P.Lewis (Chair)            Cllr.Warren            Cllr.Gill            Cllr.Isaacs  
Cllr.Williams Cuss            Cllr.Bailey            Cllr.Fletcher            Cllr.Jenkins  
Cllr. Tilley (OCC)            D.M.Dew (Clerk)            3 Parishioners

**01/10/15 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)**

Cllr.Jackson (Personal)            Cllr.N.Lewis (Unwell)            Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC –Planning)

**02/10/15 To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on any agenda item**

Item 7 Planning – Cllrs. Bailey, Jenkins , Lewis and Isaacs  
Item 21 Accounts for payment - Cllr Lewis

**03/10/15 To receive, approve and sign Minutes of previous meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**

Due to the apparent loss of amendments during transmission it was decided on Chairman’s recommendation that the minutes be reissued with the amendments and held over for approval until the next meeting

**04/10/15 To receive report of County Councillor**

Apologised for not attending more meetings. There were lots of ongoing consultations especially regarding tip closures and pointed out that there had been 60% cuts in Government grants to OCC. There was discussion regarding the tip closures and Cllr Isaacs said that he considered the OCC presentation to be very poor with little suggestion of solution or ideas to keep the tip open. Cllr Williams-Cuss asked about Children Centres closing and also about OCC support for 20mph speed restriction near the school. This would need Police support rather than OCC. The County Councillor said that she was forever having to speak about and apologising for the cuts to services. Cllr Isaacs also commented on the “Enable” communication from OCC about parish councils being enabled to carry out and provide services rather than OCC ie Grass cutting , weed removal etc but there was zero finance from OCC to take over these services. He asked what was the point of spending money on a website to promote this when there was no money available. New Government legislation proposed that business rates be passed to local councils but it was suspected that this would not be to county councils

**05/10/15 To receive report of District Councillor**

Apologised for non attendance due to planning meeting. Asked that council be informed that the Local Plan had “gone in” and that the next stage would hopefully be in the next few months

**06/10/15 Questions/Comments from parishioners**

Parishioner commented on the business rate changes and lack of infrastructure could be noted

**07/10/15 Planning**

P15/V2124/HH Old Red Lion High St – Erection of 3 bay timber garage building replacement hardstanding and replacement timber gates

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Warren

SECONDED BY Cllr Gill

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported

P15/V1546/FUL Land off Faringdon Road – Variation of condition 2 to change 3 x 2 bed houses on plots 65 – 67 to 3 x 3 bed houses

In Council's view, the reduction in the number of dwellings does not materially alter the objections previously submitted and these therefore will stand.

Additionally, with regards to the applicants comments concerning the uplift of the s106 amounts: HM Inspector of Planning was invited by the applicant to review the original s106 payments & the Inspector's comments were :

OCC – all fall within CIL regulations

VWHDC – the payments are all relatively modest and relate fairly to the development

Given the Inspector ruled all s106 amounts were acceptable, there is no question that any challenge to these amounts should be accepted, and a pro-rata increase, in line with the increase in population, against all amounts should be considered/recommended. Indeed, as these contributions were examined at appeal, we would respectfully suggest that any such challenge would merit a new public enquiry at the expense of the applicant

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the objections still stand and that the above statement be sent to District Council

#### 08/10/15 To receive report of Clerk

**Vandalism** – several incidents inc missing & damaged litter bins and vases being removed from graves. Installation of CCTV discussed

**Mower shed “Break-In”** – Tools and oil taken. Reported to Police. Barbed wire to be placed along wall where entry was made. A Parishioner has offered replacement tools which is gratefully accepted

**Speeding Device** - £2100 has been received fro several parishes but we are still awaiting the applied for grant from the PPC. Cheques has been sent to pay for the device (£2700). Despite a request from NAG it is not possible to refund VAT to them

**Notice Boards** – Measurements have been taken. Cllr.Isaacs to order replacement Perspex panels through his sources

**Mower service** – recently serviced one of the mowers is intermittently stopping. Cllr.Gill explained the situation and the mower is back at the garage for further inspection

**Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – Cllr.Warren thought that villagers should be encouraged to hold street parties (or on greens) and that the national Celebration was scheduled for the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June 2016, this being a week before the village summer festival. It was felt that it would not be possible to run both events together

**Litter** – Clerk stated that in the absence of our litter picker he had been carrying out the job and was amazed at the amount of litter deposited on the streets and greens. A large percentage was sweet wrappings and asked Cllr.Warren if the school children could be reminded again about using bins

## **09/10/15 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**

Firstly, my apologies for the change of venue – there is a new booking at the Village Hall, and I discovered the duplicate booking while implementing an online booking diary for the hall. It was simplest to change our venue, rather than get into any debate about who booked when etc.

Thanks to Cllr.Bailey - for taking on the website amendments, and to Cllr. Warren who has dealt with them all to date.

Thanks to Cllr.Jenkins – who has attended the Neighbourhood Action Group on behalf of the PC  
Thanks to Cllr.Isaacs – for compiling the detailed & thorough response to OCC’s HWRC consultation

Transport consultation response – Previous draft has been edited following comments received from a number of councillors. This should have been circulated but I’m aware that I have not managed to do so yet. I was hoping to have confirmation that it would be accepted before I did so, as the “published” consultation was from ORCC on behalf of OCC, and theirs closed whilst I was away. My mistake, I had not noticed the dates on the two consultations were different. However, comments submitted directly to OCC (as recommended by ORCC), and Melinda also has a copy. Separately, I believe it would be beneficial to engage with Stagecoach, as suggested by Cllr.Fletcher – am happy to follow this up, if we are all in agreement, but if anyone has specific contacts, then please let me know.

Allotments - complaint ref. cars driving along grass verge/footpath – passed onto allotments committee.

Having been advised that PC’s response to Penstones Farm development was not visible on VWHDC website – have discussed with planning: it was received, but some issue with their system – now corrected and visible again.

We have had an offer of replacement motor oil and some spanners from a parishioner in Huntersfield – which I have asked the Clerk/Darren to follow up on our behalf.

## **10/10/15 Correspondence**

**Parishioner** – Complaint regarding “Dog Mess”. Little that Council can do except continually place signs warning of penalties. A further item will be placed in the newsletter

**Vale of White Horse Chairman** – Further request for nominations for “Community Lunch” Clerk reported that council nomination for ex Cllr Bambury had been declined and therefore further nomination(s) were required. Following discussion it was decided that the following be invited to attend in recognition of their “Achievements in the local community “

Cllr.Warren – Claire Lewis – Fay Pendell

**Stanford Relief in Need Charity** – Cllr.Isaacs said that additional Trustees were needed for the charity.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Isaacs and Cllr Jenkins be appointed as Trustees

## **11/10/15 To discuss Village Speed Limits**

Cllr Williams-Cuss said that she had been in communication with Stratton St Margaret PC who had installed flashing signs although with no help from Wilts CC with 20mph during school

arriving and leaving times. Oxfordshire CC would not help and the Police would need to be involved

On the resolution of Cllr.Lewis , seconded by Cllr.Isaacs it was resolved to close the meeting to allow a parishioner to speak

The parishioner spoke about “Traffic Calming” and thought that the ideal solution would be width restriction. It was also noted that fencing and bollards had the effect that slowed traffic down

On the resolution of Cllr.Lewis , seconded by Cllr.Isaacs it was resolved that the meeting be reopened

**12/10/15 To receive report from Recreation & Leisure Committee**

Cllr.Williams-Cuss reported further vandalism where the “wetpour” surface in the playarea had been dugup. Maintenance was required before further damage was caused. It was felt that the play area should be a “No Smoking” area and that signs should be purchased. Item to next agenda

**13/10/15 SIV Crest Ownership**

Item to next agenda

**14/10/15 Newsletter – Invoicing , Ink & Paper costs**

Clerk has invoiced PPC for 3 monthly newsletters. Comparison costs for paper and ink being carried out

**15/10/15 To discuss/agree amendments to Standing Orders**

Some work has been carried out. Item to next agenda

**16/10/15 Refuse Tip consultation response**

Council thanked Cllr.Isaacs for his excellent detailed response

**17/10/15 To receive report from Neighbourhood Action Group**

Cllr.Jenkins reported on a meeting of NAG inc Speedwatch and Insurance for operators of Speed Device. Following confirmation with insurers, cover is provided as long as operators are appointed members of a formal Speedwatch Working Group. The Speedwatch Working Group is defined as “Anyone who has received training in the use of the device”

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS  
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that this be the criteria for the working group for insurance purposes

Cllr Jenkins also reported that the Police were setting up more patrols

**18/10/15 To receive report from Neighbourhood Plan**

Awaiting results of consultation and appraisal

**19/10/15 To discuss Community Assets Register inc to decide whether to nominate Stanford HWRC**

Cllr Bailey to further investigate. Also asset transfer. Item to next agenda

**20/10/15 To receive an update ref:QEII lease negotiation**

Following circulation of draft lease to councillors, comments to Cllr Isaacs. Meeting of Environmental Committee 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Village Hall 7pm

**21/10/15 To receive and approve Monthly Statement of Accounts**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 23 Sept 2015 **5121.87**  
Not including VAT recoverable £1258.04

### **RECONCILIATION SUMMARY**

#### **CASH AT BANK**

Beginning balance		28064.62
Cleared transactions		
Cheques /payments	- 3960.83	
Deposits & credits	<u>9600.00</u>	
Total cleared transactions	5639.17	
Cleared balance		<b>33703.79</b>
Uncleared transactions	- 1050.68	
Registered balance as of 01/09/15		<b>32653.11</b>
New transactions	- 318.70	
Ending balance		<b>32334.41</b>

#### **30 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT**

Beginning balance		7884.83
Deposits & Credits	1.04	
Cleared balance as at 10/08/15		<b>7885.87</b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS  
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

**22/10/15 To approve Accounts for Payment**

2 Sept	Came & Co	Insurance PL	1483.05
18 Sept	P.Lewis	Internal Audit Flowers	29.50
23 Sept	P.Lewis	Software & Meeting expenses	23.26
23 Sept	S.Murrin	Copier Paper NPlan	3.00
23 Sept	St Denys Church	Copying NPlan	123.90
25 Sept	CPN Gill	Strimmer Oil & Fuel	23.73
25 Sept	DM Dew	Salary Sept	677.88
25 Sept	C Stallard	Litter Picking	60.00
25 Sept	Post Office	(HMRC) PAYE & NI	192.67
29 Sept	A Reed	Strimming/weeding	130.00

With the addition of

Traffic Technology	Speed Device	£2700
A.Reed	Strimming	£ 200

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr FLETCHER

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Accounts for Payment be approved

**23/10/15 To discuss future PC investments/Investment strategy**

With a substantial sum of money expected via s106 agreements in respect of future maintenance of public open space in Nursery End, Chairman thought that the capital should be invested with the returns used to fund future maintenance, in order to avoid a future liability. Further discussions to be held.

**24/10/15 To receive report from Environmental Committee**

Meeting as previously stated

**24/10/15 Date of Next Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – Large Village Hall 7.30pm

**Questions/Comments from parishioners**

Regarding investments, a parishioner suggested that council look at investing in Solar energy panels