

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Williams Cuss  
Cllr.Bailey County Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor(OCC) D.M.Dew (Clerk)  
6 Parishioners (inc 4 youth skate boarders)

**01/01/20 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)**

Cllr.Williams (Business) Cllr.Howes (Personal) Cllr.Jenkins(Unwell) Cllr.Middleton(Business)  
District Cllr.Boyd (VWHDC Business)

**02/01/20 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item**

Cllrs. Lewis, Williams-Cuss Item12 Accounts for Payment

**03/01/20 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 6 Nov 2019**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

**04/01/20 To receive report of County Councillor**

The County Council budget setting has been delayed due to the General Election. The decision will now be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February with public consultation closing on 29<sup>th</sup> January. A zero emissions zone is proposed in Oxford City centre although finance has not yet been agreed. OCC has been recorded as one of the top recyclers in the UK.

Was questioned about no notice received regarding closure of A417 and despite requests for explanation no replies have been received

**05/01/20 To receive report of District Councillor**

As circulated to Council

**Vale of White Horse District Council** December was a relatively quiet month due to the General Election. As this report is prepared at the beginning of January there will be a further update on January issues included in the February report. **Full Council Meeting held on 18 December 2019** – Five Motions were considered by the Council and all agreed.

**In context of Climate Emergency** – Council commits to exploring planning policies which positively encourage all renewable sources of energy including onshore wind farms as part of the next Vale Local Plan and Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

**Council notes the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism** – Council to adopt the IHRA definition. Adopt the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims (APPG) and officers to update the Council's equality policies

**Votes for 16 and 17 year olds** – The Leader to write to relevant Ministers and local MP's expressing the Vale's support for the Votes at 16 campaign and for the Vale to consider participating in any pilot scheme

**Proportional Representation** – The Leader to write to the relevant Government minister and two local MP's requesting that all elections be run using a form of Proportional Representation

**Unitary Authority/Merger** – Three requests were agreed

– officers to contact MHCLG to explore the approach the Secretary of State will take on any proposals for unitary based reorganisation

- The Chief Executive and Leader to report to full Council by summer 2020 outlining their understanding of the Government's intentions

- Officers bring forward proposals to consider a formal merger with South Oxfordshire District Council with the same number of District Councillors, creating a single district council based on their combined geography and increased financial resilience.

**Climate Emergency Advisory Committee** – The next meeting of this committee will take place on Tuesday 28 January at Milton Park. This is a public meeting and will commence at 6.30pm.

**Local Plan Part 2** – As previously reported the decision to adopt the Plan was agreed by full Council on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

However, the issue with South Oxfordshire’s Local Plan still remains. A decision on the way forward is awaited from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Kenrick.

**Festival Grants** – The Vale scheme is open for grant applications of up to £1,000.

**Civic Parking Enforcement** – There has been a slight delay in preparing the final report which is now expected in the next couple of months. This delay is to enable OCC as the lead authority to do more sampling of signs and lines in order to determine the potential capital outlay.

**Planning** - I am currently working with officers on several planning applications across the ward. Can I ask that if you have any enforcement issues that have not been taken up to please let me have the details. As ever, if you have any planning queries please do get in touch.

**06/01/20 Questions/comments from parishioners**

Skate park – The park is well used and is subject to an annual inspection which reports that all is OK. The 4 youths highlighted some dangerous area of the ramps. It was suggested that they should accompany the person that inspects the equipment weekly to point out what needed to be repaired – This was agreed. Cllr. Lewis said that the use of scooters was not what the skatepark was built for

**07/01/20 To receive report of Clerk**

The 2 mowers are in need of servicing – it was agreed that this should be carried out. The notice board in the playarea had fallen down and will be removed to the recycling area as beyond repair

**08/01/20 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**

In line with previous discussions, the electricity contract for the MUGA floodlights has been renewed under a 3 year “green” energy tariff with SSE, which will come into effect from 01 June 2020. I was alerted to a fallen tree blocking the Hatford footpath during December and arranged for OCC to send a team to clear, Darren had managed to clear a route through in the days immediately afterwards. I’ve been contacted by OCC in relation to the proposed Openreach works in Bow Road – they are time restricted as it is linked to a County-wide programme which is already significantly over-running, but have taken on board concerns in relation to traffic management. Due to the volume of reports in relation to the A417 during December, I also approached Earthline to draw their attention to the level of local concern. We had a positive discussion, and they indicated that a second sweep was already deployed and they have a longer term plan to extend the hard standing inside the quarry which is likely to make a significant improvement, but will take time to implement.

I’ve circulated details in relation to precept setting, which we’ll review under the separate agenda item. Cllr. Bailey and I attended the meeting with the proposed developers for Cottage Farm, and the presentation should be available for you to review shortly. I will take as read my response to the District Council in relation to their invoice for the election in May 2019, I was proposing to go back and query the Count costs. *After further discussion, it was agreed that Council had concerns in relation to the costs of Postal Votes, Venue Hire, Furniture Hire and Security, all of which were felt to be disproportionate – Chairman to follow up.*

Cllrs. Bailey, Isaacs and myself attended a meeting with VWHDC Planning in relation to the strategic sites – it was a constructive meeting, and whilst it hasn’t resolved the outstanding points that we had previously raised, we understand that the application is believed to be fully compliant with policy in its revised form. The footpath link between the sites will retain a short link of tarmac, as it borders a highway junction and therefore must also be adoptable. This meeting was followed by an impromptu opportunity to discuss the pre-app that we’ve submitted for the QEII recreation – this opened a wide ranging discussion covering not only our intended uses, but also likely implications and considerations

towards existing facilities (e.g. Football Club and Village Hall) – it's not entirely clear as to how this fits within the planning remit, but based on this discussion it seems likely that the application will go forward for levelling only – Vale are to respond formally. Separately, I have received a reminder in relation to the S106 funds and the associated "expiry" dates – Vale are proposing a meeting to discuss further.

I was contacted by a parishioner in relation to the possibility of tree planting to achieve carbon-offsetting against vehicle use and have outlined the challenge with land availability for this as well as our current work on developing our climate emergency policy and associated aims.

Finally, I have responded to the outstanding queries from DWH in relation to Nursery End.

**09/01/20**

**To receive correspondence**

Cllr.Walters (Wantage Town Council) Wantage Independent Advice Centre asks if the PC would like her to attend the next meeting to outline the work of the WIAC. It was agreed that Cllr.Walters be invited to attend the next meeting

**10/01/20**

**To discuss Planning Applications**

**P19/V3242/HH – 1 Upper Green SN7 8HY – Remove existing conservatory,pitched roof kitchen extension and log store/WC. Erect new single storey flat roof rear kitchen and study extension**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JACKSON

SECONDED BT Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to this application

**P19/V3237/RM – Land West of Faringdon Road -Reserved matters application following outline application approval P16/V1589/O for residential development for up to 100 dwellings with associated access**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION BUT WISH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

Whilst we appreciate the best endeavours of the Planning Officers at vale has resulted in significant improvements to the scheme overall, as a Parish Council we remain of the opinion that the application of Core Policy 23 in relation to " minimum density" should be appropriately reduced for edge of village locations, such as this

**STA/SHE/8554/9 – CM(MW.0161/09 Shellingford Quarry SN7 8HE**

*To continue development of planning permission for the storage and exportation of sorted inert material – to extend end date from 2019 to 2044 and amend date of restoration from 2020 to 2044*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS to this application

**11/01/20**

**To discuss response from OCC ref: MW/ 0109/19 Bowling Green Farm Sandpit**

Whilst we understand the limitations of OCC's planning system, Cllr. Isaacs to contact with regards to co-ordinating contacts between landowners, quarry and local authorities to explore the possibilities of footpath connections more dynamically than OCC were able to facilitate.

**12/01/20**

**To approve accounts for payment**

4:03 PM

07/01/20

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council**  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
**Current Account - TSB, Period Ending 07/01/20**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						18,188.42
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Cheques and Payments - 16 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/10/19	2468	Millennium Green T...	X	-100.00	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/10/19	2467	K.Williams Cuss	X	-28.30	-128.30
Bill Pmt -Cheque	06/11/19	2470	Stanford in the Vale...	X	-24.90	-153.20
Bill Pmt -Cheque	15/11/19	2471	Foxtail Garage Ltd	X	-521.39	-674.59
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	D.M.Dew	X	-776.20	-1,450.79
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	D Rolls	X	-310.50	-1,761.29
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	Fenland Leisure Pr...	X	-263.04	-2,024.33
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	HMRC	X	-228.66	-2,252.99
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	P.Lewis	X	-157.50	-2,410.49
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	Stallard	X	-65.00	-2,475.49
Bill Pmt -Cheque	19/12/19	BACS	Stanford in the Vale...	X	-18.50	-2,493.99
Bill Pmt -Cheque	27/12/19	Debit	British gas	X	-66.99	-2,560.98
Bill Pmt -Cheque	30/12/19	Debit	EE Broadband	X	-34.10	-2,595.08
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/01/20	Debit	Bluestone Planning	X	-1,752.00	-4,347.08
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/01/20	BACS	Stanford in the Vale...	X	-18.50	-4,365.58
Transfer	05/01/20			X	-5,274.05	-9,639.63
<b>Total Cheques and Payments</b>					<b>-9,639.63</b>	<b>-9,639.63</b>
<b>Deposits and Credits - 4 items</b>						
Cheque	11/12/19	Trans...	Bluestone Planning	X	0.00	0.00
Deposit	27/12/19			X	20.00	20.00
Deposit	27/12/19			X	600.00	620.00
Deposit	02/01/20	Chq	SSE	X	13.33	633.33
<b>Total Deposits and Credits</b>					<b>633.33</b>	<b>633.33</b>
<b>Total Cleared Transactions</b>					<b>-9,006.30</b>	<b>-9,006.30</b>
<b>Cleared Balance</b>					<b>-9,006.30</b>	<b>9,182.12</b>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Cheques and Payments - 1 item</b>						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	03/01/20	2472	J.Warren		-29.10	-29.10
<b>Total Cheques and Payments</b>					<b>-29.10</b>	<b>-29.10</b>
<b>Total Uncleared Transactions</b>					<b>-29.10</b>	<b>-29.10</b>
<b>Register Balance as of 07/01/20</b>					<b>-9,035.40</b>	<b>9,153.02</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>-9,035.40</b>	<b>9,153.02</b>

**13/01/20 To approve monthly statement of accounts**

3:35 PM  
07/01/20  
Accrual Basis

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council  
Statement of Accounts - Summary  
As of 1 January 2020**

	1 Jan 20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current Account - TSB	
Reserves - CIL	2,285.12
Reserves - NP	8,778.05
Reserves - Play Equipment	750.00
Current Account - TSB - Other	4,465.23
<b>Total Current Account - TSB</b>	<b>16,278.40</b>
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	30,303.79
Petty Cash	39.10
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>46,621.29</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>46,621.29</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>46,621.29</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABI...</b>	<b>46,621.29</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>46,621.29</b>
Capital and Reserves	0.00

**14/01/20 To discuss and approve Precept/budget 2020-2021**

Following discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept for 2020/2021 be £23,700

This equates to a 1.79% increase

**15/01/20 To discuss and approve 6 street names Land West of Faringdon Road**

It was agreed that the following names be submitted:

The Ferrers – The Cromwells – Athelstan Row – Harrington Way – Maitland Green – Cotton Court.

It was also considered Whistler Way be extended from Ware Road as only 11 numbers currently in use

**16/01/20 To approve repeat order The Playground Inspection Company**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the repeat order be approved Cost £243

**17/01/20 To discuss/approve S106 application for Public Works of Art**

There has been a change in the funding mechanism with Vale now requiring PC to apply for and manage the S106 funds for this directly.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that an application for this funding (£23,652.44) be made

**18/01/20 To discuss/approve parish "Greening"**

**e.g. Fruit trees, wild flower verge planting or similar**

Cannot plant on QEII until levelling is complete, so this will focus on other areas of the village

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that £500 be allocated to spend on planting

**19/01/20 To discuss VE Anniversary Celebrations**

Cllr Warren reported that the British Legion wanted to become involved. Item to next agenda

**20/01/20 To consider/approve replacement of Speedwatch equipment**

After discussion, due to reliability of the existing equipment and changes to compliance

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr. ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that new Speedwatch equipment be purchased at £129

**21/01/20 To receive report of Environmental Committee**

Report circulated. WI offered support e.g. planting

**22/01/20 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee**

Cllr. Williams Cuss had met with several companies and the projects had been split into 3 area. It was resolved that 3 quotes be obtained for section 1. The work on the Zipwire had been completed

**23/01/20 To receive report of Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party**

As previously reported at item17

**24/01/20 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**

Nil

**25/01/20 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust**

Nil

**26/01/20 Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 NOTE VENUE STANFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**27/01/20 Questions/comments from parishioners**

Nil