

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL
held on **Wednesday 6th November 2019** at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

- Present:** Cllr.Warren (Chair) Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Howes Cllr Middleton Cllr Isaacs(@ 2015)
M.Dew (Clerk) Cllr Fitzgerald O'Connor (OCC) Cllr Boyd (VWHDC) 4 parishioners
- 01/11/19** **To receive apologies and reason (If offered)**
Cllr Lewis, Cllr Williams-Cuss, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Williams, Cllr Jackson
- 02/11/19** **To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item**
Nil
- 03/11/19** **To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 2nd Oct 2019**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MIDDLETON
SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record
- 04/11/19** **To receive report of County Councillor**
Oxfordshire does not support the building of the Expressway irrespective of which route is chosen.OCC will work with Highways England on the development of the vision for the English Economic Heartland and the Oxford to Cambridge Arc on the understanding that they will expedite the realisation of the east-west rail link. The development of the railway line will ensure the delivery of the growth and housing required without the environmental impact of a road cutting across the centre of rural England. Building the Expressway flies in the face of Oxfordshire's commitment to reduce the use of the car, an action which is necessary to tackle the Climate Change Emergency, which Local Government including Oxfordshire has signed up to.
The proposed routes for the new Expressway have not yet been decided and Public Consultation is still to be held on the proposals. This will now take place after the General Election
- 05/11/19** **To receive report of District Councillor**
CLIMATE EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The inaugural meeting of this Committee took place on 15 October 2019. The Committee has recommended that the Council should aspire to become Carbon Neutral by 2030 and the District by 2045. In the first instance the Council should aim for a 75% reduction in carbon emissions in its own operations by 2025 and for the whole district by 2030.
LOCAL PLAN
Although the Vale has adopted Part 2 of the Local Plan there is still an issue with the plan for South Oxfordshire. As mentioned in our October report the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has stepped in and instructed that for the time being their plan is on hold. It is doubtful that any further progress will be made on this matter until after the General Election
PLANNING
I am keeping an eye on all local planning and happy to talk about various applications.
The public consultation on the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway is still to be published by Highways England
Oxfordshire Plan 2050 details are available on the Oxfordshire County Council website where there is a 30 page document entitled "A vision for the Future"
FESTIVAL GRANTS FROM THE VALE
The scheme is open all year round for the application up to £1000. The Grants Team are available to advise on the suitability of applications. Contact details on the Vale website
CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT
One of our Councillors will be attending a presentation on 11November and will report back in the December report

THAMES VALLEY POLICE PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON 9 OCTOBER

A copy of the Power Point presentation will be circulated to Parish Councils under separate cover
ADDITIONAL GARDEN WASTE w/c 11 November

Residents with Brown Bins may leave additional waste next to the bins in bin liners or sacks. PLEASE NOTE that trade waste sacks are not accepted

SAFE PLACES

The Safe Places Scheme provides people who may experience difficulties in public places with the assurance that support is available. In our area there are 7 places and these are all in Faringdon – Costa Coffee Marlborough St., Information Centre, Library, Stay Grounded Coffee Shop, Mustard Seed, Perry Bishop Estate Agents and the Leisure Centre. More details may be found on the Vale website

GENERAL ELECTION

Three public meetings are affected by the General Election details are as follows: Joint Scrutiny scheduled for 3 December has been cancelled. Cabinet meeting scheduled for 6 December has been moved to the Beacon at Wantage and the full Council meeting scheduled for 11 December has been moved to 18 December

ELECTION JOBS

If anyone is interested in helping to run the Election you may register your interest with the Elections Team – elections@southandvale.gov.uk Tel; 01235 422528 – more details on the vale website.

Although I don't hold surgeries, we are always available to assist with any issues

Nathan Boyd 07568 707469 - Nathan.boyd@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

06/11/19 Questions/comments from parishioners

Cllr Middleton -Climate Emergency - OCC recommendation Zero Emissions

Cllr Middleton Horsecroft -- Bow Road Footpath – Nothing yet received

Parishioner – Flooding/Drainage High St /Spencers Close – Engineers have attended, Possible blockage. County Councillor action. Speeding cars creating splash waves

07/11/19 To receive report of Clerk

Hatford footpath bridge – OALC had advised that as a numbered path the OCC are responsible.

Cllr.Middleton stated that the bridge had been repaired by the land owner

Tree damage Perrys Rd area – Item to Environmental Committee and Next agenda

Toucan crossing A417 – Pc has not received any notification. Some residents have received notice asking for observations – Clerk to action

Open Reach – Excavation Bow Road again – Chairman has written but no reply

Village flooding – as previously discussed item 6

Christmas Trees - Disposal of trees . Brown bin holders will be able to place trees with bins (6 foot max height)

Church Green incident with bus – Cllr. Middleton has marked out area and repositioned kerb stones and informed OCC. Clerk to contact Thames travel regarding costs of renovating kerbs and grass

08/11/19 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

Cllrs. Lewis & Warren met to review the output from the recent safety inspections. We aimed to prioritise the various observations, in terms of severity, in order to build a manageable task list.

Following this, Cllrs Lewis and Jackson have been trialling a free Task Management app - ClickUp .

This allows us to manage all outstanding jobs, including assigning them to individuals, setting priority, location, due dates etc. Still very much a trial, but initial findings are positive. Hoping that we will be able to give direct access to Darren & Neil in due course

Quotes for various repairs/maintenance items identified through those reports have since been obtained and will be dealt with by separate agenda items

Application for Pre-App Planning Advice submitted to VWHDC , P19/v2602/PEM. Seperate item to deal with this

Thames Water reopened Bow Road on 24/10/19 – I have since been in contact with them to confirm that works to replace the Water Main completed successfully, they have one last item to deal with the removal of the old main (which requires a 14 day delay) and they will then complete the last bit of tarmac before arranging to sweep Bow Road and the footpath

Take as read the response to Openreach in respect of their email proposing additional works to Bow Road commencing on 4/11. I have not heard back from them since then, so should they appear on site, I would suggest that we need to intervene and ask them to demonstrate/share their assessment of the impact on the Water Voles prior to any works continuing.

I was contacted by TSB Wantage ref. the change of bank signatories – and we have agreed that they should remove ex Cllr Bambury from the signatory list.

I have contacted the OCC Officer who responded on the Strategic Site applications requesting a call to discuss the proposed highways works, but nothing has been heard. I am hoping to find a way to speak with the team conducting the consultation as another possible route.

In what transpired to be the last of the Autumn sunshine, I attempted to sow some grass seed on the two bare corners of Church Green (as had a small quantity left over at home). However, it then turned cold, and I am not convinced it will grow. There are a number of damaged patches around (especially Upper and Church green) and believe it would be a good idea to get a bulk bag early next year ready for a warm spell in the spring – Item to next agenda.

Flower boxes – as reported last time, I now have some information from the supplier of the “self watering” flower boxes and will work with Amanda/Tina to see if this is a viable solution for the future. Item to next agenda

Telephone boxes – Following discussion (used 30 times in a year)

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr HOWES

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that we cannot justify keeping the boxes

VE Day – To be held 10th May 2020 in Football Field – Item to next agenda

09/11/19 To receive correspondence

VWHDC - Vehicle abandoned in Village Hall Car Park – has been removed

Oxfordshire Growth – Survey – Circulated to Council

OCC – Primary School places Deadline application 15th January 2020 – Notice Board

10/11/19 To discuss / approve remuneration for the Internal Auditor

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be given to the auditor and up to £30 be allocated for a bottle of port

11/11/19 To discuss/approve repairs to Play area equipment

Following discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Zip Wire be repaired /replaced at a cost of £1014.50 ex. VAT

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that two seats of the infant swings be replace at a cost of £87 ex. VAT each

- 12/11/19 To discuss Planning Applications**
P19/V2289 – Orchard House 7 High St SN7 8LH – Installation of log burner in centre sitting room requiring a replacement register plate, a flexi flue liner and a fixing to the chimney pot and addition of a bird guard to the pot
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
 SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN
 IT WAS RESOLVED that there were NO OBJECTIONS
OCC – Bowling Green farm Sand Pit - Application to import sharp sand which it is intended to blend with dry screened sand to supply the construction market
 It was resolve that there NO OBJECTIONS but the following observations “ A commitment that at the end of the quarry’s life when it is returned to normal land, that the inspirational footpath is built across the land that the quarry is now on , to link the two footpaths. This is in accordance with our Village Strategic Footpath Plan as endorsed by Vale of White Horse DC.” A map of proposed footpath was enclosed
- 13/11/19 To approve payment for Planning Pre-Application Advice (Ref QEII)**
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr HOWES
 SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY
 IT WAS RESOLVED that £157.20 be approved
- 14/11/19 To approve purchase of Defib signs**
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr HOWES
 SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the signs be purchased cost £54.47 subject to School approval
- 15/11/19 To approve accounts for payment**
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| Village Hall | Hall Hire | 18.50 |
| St Denys PCC | Newsletter | 296.67 |
| C.Stallard | Litter pick | 65.00 |
| D.M.Dew | Salary | 789.40 |
| HMRC | PAYE & NI | 234.36 |
| Village Hall | Hall Hire | 24.90 |
| TVE Hire | Chain | 20.26 |
| C.Stallard | Litter pick | 130.00 |
| D.M.Dew | Salary | 1383.65 |
| HMRC | PAYE & NI | 556.75 |
| D.Rolls | Maint | 418.00 |
- ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr HOWES
 SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid
- 16/11/19 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts**
- Assets
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| Current Assets | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | |
| Current Account TSB | | |
| | Reserves – CIL | 2,285.12 |
| | Reserves – NP | 8,778.05 |
| | Reserves – Play Equipt | 750.00 |
| | Current account TSB other | 8,269.18 |
| | Total current account - TSB | 20,08235 |

Redwood 35 Day savings account

30,201.44

Petty cash

46.42

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved

- 17/11/19 To receive report of Environmental Committee**
As circulated to council.
- 18/11/19 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee**
As circulated to Council. Purchase of protective clothing /equipment for glass picking on going
- 19/11/19 To receive report of Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party**
Nil
- 20/11/19 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**
Nil
- 21/11/19 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust**
Nil
- 22/11/19 To discuss Pre-school signage**
It was decided that samples would be needed – Item to next agenda
- 23/11/19 To discuss hedgecutting QEII Field – Football Field perimeter – Jubilee Garden**
Still waiting for a quote – Item to next agenda
- 24/11/19 Date of next meeting**
4th December 2019
- 25/11/19 Questions/comments from parishioners**
Nil