

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Stanford Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair)                      Cllr.Warren                      Cllr.Isaacs                      Cllr.Jackson  
Cllr.N.Lewis                      Cllr.Bailey                      Cllr.R.Sharp(VWHDC)                      D.M.Dew(Clerk)

**4 Parishioners**

**01/01/17 Apologies and reason (If offered)**

Cllr.Williams Cuss (Business)                      Cllr.Gill(vacation)                      Cllr.Jenkins (Illness)  
Cllr.Tilley(County Council)

**02/01/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr.Bailey – Item 11 planning Bear House    Cllr.Jackson – Item 13 Football Club lease

**03/01/17 To receive,approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2016**

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

**04/01/17 To receive,approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016**

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

**05/01/17 To receive report of County Councillor**

Nil

**06/01/17 To receive report of District Councillor**

Local plan part 1 adopted. There was a discussion between council and Cllr Sharp regarding further applications for Land North of Ware road and concerns over density and it was noted that further outline applications were due to be submitted

**07/01/017 Questions/comments from parishioners**

Upgrade of village school – parishioner directed councillors to the report that possible use of Millennium Green should not councillors as trustees declare an interest as should those with connections to the school. Chairman replied that there was nothing firm from OCC regarding sites and as far as the trustees of MG the council would be mindful of the trust deeds and would take advice beforehand

## 08/01/17 Report of Clerk

*Grass cutting OCC verges* – The map provided by OCC was not helpful as it also detailed areas that we already cut. There was concern about “ mowing 1 metre swathe from 30 mph sign to parish boundary “ this being from the village almost to the A420 3 + miles?. Clerk to seek clarification

*Street lighting* - Failure to get any figures from OCC , Wiltshire CC quoted £2,500 per lamp standard.

*Ice roads/gritting* – Clerk report incident of parishioner riding a pushbike slipping on ice. A cut back on gritting services by OCC meant that roads were in cold weather dangerous. Council maintenance to monitor situation regarding pathways and item to Newsletter for parishioners that grit bins are open for residents to use on their front of house pavements although not for personal use on driveways

## 09/01/17 Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

Take as read emails regarding the planning application from Gleeson (ref. Strategic Site) – given that OCC’s education objection has been withdrawn, I believe that we should be withdrawing our own objection, in line with the comments we made to the Planning Officer at the time.

**Thermal Imaging** – this is now complete and the camera returned to Vale. There were approx. 20 properties surveyed and 1 request that came in after the camera was returned.

**Damaged manhole cover** – I undertook to investigate this further and am lead to believe that Thames Water investigated at the end of December. They advise that it connects to a soakaway serving the garages between Hunters Field/Manor Crescent/Glebe Road, and as such is a private matter for the residents owning those garages.

**Nursery End – Public Space Handover** – not yet ready to proceed, a number of outstanding items being pursued.

**Cllr Fletcher** – I have not been able to contact Cllr Fletcher and can only assume that his work commitments abroad have been extended. In line with legal requirements he therefore automatically ceases to be a councillor and I would ask the Clerk to begin the necessary process for notifying the District Council and advertising a vacancy.

**Queen Elizabeth II Recreation Field** – I am continuing to work with OCC Highways to resolve their concerns and intend to discuss further with the Planning Office since we were only expecting an outline/change of use arrangement without the need for the level of detail being requested at this stage.

**Internal Auditor** – I would remind you all of the importance to identify and appoint an internal auditor at the earliest opportunity. We did have a potential candidate but there was a concern regarding professional indemnity insurance in light of their own career. I would ask you all to consider whether anyone you know may be suitable – it is more to audit our adherence to process rather than the actual “numbers” in the accounts.

## 10/01/17 To receive Correspondence

Stanford in the Vale FC – Renewal of lease - Discussion at Item 13

Telephone boxes – Cllr. Bailey to submit a claim to retain box in Hunters Field

Childrens Centre Faringdon – request for donation to help retain centre – To consider at donation time

Bowling Green quarry – extension – No objections apart from mud/sand on roads

Parish Council Ombudsman – Council was divided on subject.

**11/01/17 Planning applications**

**P16/V2134 Land North of Ware Road** *Travel Plan, Drainage strategy, bat activity*

Council has previously submitted comments on this application. Chairman to contact case officer at VWHDC

**P16/V3200/HH 7 P16/V3201/LB Bear House 68 High St** – *Single storey side and rear extensions internal alterations and double detached garage*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS  
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application

**12/01/17 To discuss Pylon move QEII Field**

At the moment we have quoted legal fees of £750 and £21,665 and removal of power lines £19,000

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS  
IT WAS RESOLVED to proceed with the project and Cllr Isaacs to attempt to reduce the legal fees  
Cllr.Jackson to obtain quote for trenching the power lines

**13/01/17 To discuss renewal of Stanford in the Vale FC lease**

Due to the terms of the current lease renewal application cannot be made until after 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 therefore the club is advised to resubmit after that date

**14/01/17 To receive Monthly Statement of Accounts**

**CASH AT BANK**

Ending balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 **24,482.79**

**BUSINESS 30 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT**

Beginning balance 7,900.56

Total transactions 0.32

Ending balance **7,900.88**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

**15/01/17 To Approve Accounts for payment**

14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Stanford Village Hall	Hall Hire	42.50
04 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stanford Village hall	Hall Hire	28.10

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr JACKSON  
SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

**16/01/17 To receive report of Environmental Committee**

It was reported that Mr.B.Hudson had volunteered to become the new Footpath Officer

**17/01/17 To receive report of Recreational & Leisure Committee**

Due to the dangerous state of the Whirly Bird seats (3) Clerk to order new seats from Wicksteeds asap as per quote (£616)

**18/01/17 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**

Nil

**19/01/17 Questions/comments from parishioners**

Nursery End fencing – No meeting yet which will include gaps for mower etc.  
There followed a discussion regarding the anti social behaviour of older children in the Nursery End play areas especially on swing seats late into the evenings. There had been discussions between residents and these teenagers and attempts are being made to identify them so that parents can be made aware of the problems

**20/01/17 Date of next meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> February 2017