

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7th November 2012 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale

Questions/Comments from Parishioners

A group of residents who reside in Faringdon Road spoke of their concerns regarding the proposed application by DW Homes to erect houses on land adj Horse & Jockey/Ware Road and to show support for the Parish Council in their objections to the application. Various members of the group spoke of their concerns and objections including the traffic, infrastructure and potential flooding. There was also concern under the Data Protection Act that details of attendance etc. at DWHomes seminars had been made public on VWHDC website. This had already been noted by Cllr.P.Lewis who has reported it to the Data Information Office. Contrary to popular belief there are Government guidelines on new buildings that are still valid .

Present: Cllr.Gill(chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bambury Cllr.Isaacs
Cllr.Monahan Smith Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Williams-Cuss Cllr.Jackson
Cllr.P.Lewis(@2000 due to attendance at District planning meeting) M.Dew (clerk)

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01/11/12 Apologies Cllr.N.Lewis(Business) Cllr.Tilley(OCC meeting) Cllr Sharp(DC meeting)

02/11/12 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr Gill – Accounts for payment

03/11/12 Minutes of previous meeting 5th September 2012 to be received and signed as a true record

Item 09/09/12 end of line 2 add *to open boxes at Millennium Hall*

Following this addition

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

04/11/12 Minutes of previous meeting 24th Sept 2012 to be received and signed as a true record

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

05/11/12 Minutes of previous meeting 16th Oct 2012 to be received and signed as a true record

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

06/11/12 Report of County Councillor

Was looking into providing finance from Locality Fund to purchase road safety flashing lights

07/11/12 Report of District Councillor

Nil

08/11/12 Report of Clerk

Vacancy – No applications for Clerks position had been received and adverts had been placed Locally and with OALC. Repeated that although March 1st 2013 was his end of contract , he would not leave the position if a new clerk was still to be found or trained.

Gratuity – reminded Council that this was an agreement within his contact and that the Lower Earnings Limit on which gratuities were based had recently been increased.

Reminded Council that an Internal Auditor was still to be appointed

The adoption of VWHDC version of the “Code of Conduct” has been sent to the VWHDC , it remains for Councillors to ensure that they have completed their “Register of Interests”

09/11/12 Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

It is good to see Our Clerk Mike Dew is back and recovering from his illness that kept him away from the July and September Meetings. Since then he has attended committee meetings on 24th September and 16th October. You will see from the minutes of those meetings that Council has been very busy with reference to the **Housing Needs Survey** and the importance that has had to the **objection** of the David Wilson Homes housing development. **We also need to discuss further our s106 proposals- see e mail from David Rothery via Mike Dew (Vale Planning re s106- 31.10.12)**

Other Planning issues- The decision on the Anchor Pub and the application for change of use could be taken tonight at the Vale’s planning committee. Councillor Peter Lewis will be presenting the Parish Council’s objections alongside other objectors. It has taken a long time for the recommendation to support a change of use considering the Vale’s independent report was completed at the end of July. Objectors have been given a very short time to counter any of that report and it does seem unfair.

No decision yet on the “Take Away” application. As stated in July we received a letter from the Land Agents acting on the possible **proposed development** of The Nursery, Cottage/Bow Road. I had replied in terms similar to DWH communications that we will discuss in more detail once they have firmer details. The Land Agent has now asked for a further meeting and I propose we take that opportunity so that we can be clear on any new proposals and be in control of any possible, further and beneficial development.

” New Code of Conduct for Parish Councils” the Clerk has asked us to fill in and sign register of interests form and return to him ASAP.

Maintenance- High Street (Old Post Office) **has been erected. Jubilee Garden is still in need of weeding etc.** Some **Play Equipment** needs attention (further advice from ROSPA Report) and action from Leisure and Recreation Committee.

We accepted Ian Trotter's quote for **Tree Trimming**- Church Green, Manor Green, Upper Green, Chapel Road and Huntersfield. This will be completed towards the end of November. Work has been completed on Bow Road verges and clearance of the gated 30 mph signs.

Ridge tiles on the Fire Engine Shed will be repointed and leek investigated by A.Amies.

Many parishioners have made positive comments on the War Memorial Dedication. Also many have said it would a good idea to open the Memorial both visually and practically on to Church Green by taking down part of the wall so that all feel it is a Village Memorial. I propose we work with the Church (PCC) and the PPC to investigate the possibilities.

Also on the agenda tonight is the Parish Council website which Councillor Lewis has been updating alongside discussion of The Precept calculations for April 13/March 14. Please find attached a draft budget for discussion. New Government Proposals could affect the calculation but I will share later.

Please see the following link-

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/localpreceptconsult>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council meet with agents to discuss the Old Nursery site

Carried 6 for 2 Against

At this point Cllr.P.Lewis who had returned from attending and representing the PC at the VWHDC Planning Committee reported that the "Change of Use" re the Anchor PH had been approved and how unsatisfactory the whole proceedings had been and he would be producing a report of the meeting for councillors.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY CLL WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the PC should appeal the decision subject to eligibility and cost

*** Clerks note PC unable to object due to being 3rd party organisation*

10/11/12 Approval and Acceptance of Annual Financial Return following audit approval

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the audited return be approved & accepted

11/11/12 Correspondence

- a) G.Hughes – Closure of URC. This means that council will lose their meeting place /archive as from 14th Dec 2012 . Arrangements to be made for removal of archives and new venue for meetings
- b) VWHDC - Invite to organise "Community Games" – Cllr.Warren to investigate

- c) B.Saunders – Request that Council consider a Short Term lease on Cottage Road land that was in the process of being transferred to the PC. Council considered that granting a lease was not wise
- d) S Murrin – Concern about traffic on A417 and asked that further speed limit extra street lighting be considered – Council thought that street lighting was expensive and was not environmentally friendly. It was resolved that TVP be contacted regarding further speed radar traps

12/11/12 Planning applications

P/12/V2265/LB Cox’s Hall High St SN7 8NQ – *Proposed installation of internal secondary Double glazing to a mullion window. Re-tanking the existing cellar and rendering the gable wall to the rear 19th Century extension*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
 SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
 IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application

13/11/12 Housing Needs Survey

Following further discussion about the survey it was resolved that the results can be published

14/11/12 Parish Council Website

Cllr.Lewis said that the website was now running and ready to go live.Previous minutes and accounts would be placed on the site along with photographs of Councillors when received

15/11/12 Monthly statement of accounts

Clerk provided reconciled figures and balance as at 7/11/12 total £24,459.93

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
 SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

16/11/12 Accounts for Payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN
 SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

17/11/12 Committee reports

Recreation & Leisure – CllrWilliams Cuss is looking at the RoSPA report regarding repairs to recreational equipment

Environmental – Cllr Isaacs provided details of “Heads of Terms” Lease for land adj Cottage Rd.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the “Heads of Terms” lease be sent to the council Solicitor for advice and approval prior to the drawing up of a formal contract

18/11/12 Casual vacancy

Clerk reported that no request for an election to fill the vacancy had been notified therefore it fell to the council to appoint someone. It was hoped that this would be completed by or at the January meeting

19/11/12 Report of Neighbourhood Action Group

Report due at January meeting

20/11/12 Budget/Precept 2013/2014

Due to expected Government legislation local councils have been requested to delay their precept settings until January. As this was due to a change in benefits councillors were at a loss to see how it would affect our precept but would adhere to the request

21/11/12 Date of next meeting

2 January 2012 **NOTE VILLAGE HALL**

Questions/comments from parishioners

Further discussion took place regarding the DWH application and the decision to grant change of use to the Anchor