

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL  
held remotely on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** Cllr.Lewis Cllr.Warren Cllr.Williams-Cuss Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Bailey  
Cllr.Middleton Cllr.Williams Cllr.Howes D.M.Dew(Clerk)  
County Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor 2 parishioners

**01/03/21 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)**

Cllr.Jenkins (Medical) District Cllr. Boyd(meeting)

**02/03/21 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item**

Cllr.Middleton Items 10 (Rectory House), 12 & 14

**03/03/21 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 3rd February 2021**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Isaacs

SECONDED BY Cllr.Bailey

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

**04/03/21 To receive report of County Councillor**

Meetings were being held online. The Fire Service were looking to recruit additional firefighters living within 5 minutes of a fire station. Secondary schools - most pupils had got their first choice. Computers for schools had been approved. Drainage/flooding problems on High street – Chairman asked that the matter of securing budget for the new financial year be chased up, or even that the works be undertaken in March, to be paid for in the new FY.

**05/03/21 To receive report of District Councillor**

District Councillor not in attendance

**06/03/21 Questions/comments from parishioners**

Comments regarding sign at The Grange – Agenda item 9

**07/03/21 To receive report of Clerk**

Casual vacancy – Notice period to call an election closes at midnight tonight. One application for potential co-option received by Clerk. This item to next meeting

**08/03/21 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**

Following the recent planning consultation ref. Cottage Farm, I have received a couple of enquiries from parishioners about known plans for other areas and have advised them accordingly (that until Planning Permission is sought/obtained there is no plan).

My thanks to Cllr.Jenkins for arranging and co-ordinating the hedge cutting which has recently taken place around the QEII field, football club, Millennium Green and Jubilee Gardens. We do have rather a lot of cuttings on the latter – whilst I've made a start, if anyone can spare an hour to remove a bag of these, it would be greatly appreciated.

The electricity meter for the floodlights has had the modem replaced, so it should be a smart meter once again.

My thanks to Cllr.Bailey for updating the website ref. Casual Vacancy, also for spotting an incorrect entry in VWHDC's register of interests for someone who was not a Member of this PC.

I have been back in touch with OCC ref. the flooding/drainage issues along High Street – as you heard in my comments to the County Councillor, they tell me there's no budget to resolve this year, I have challenged them to ensure that budget is pre-approved for next year, but no response.

I have submitted a VAT claim to end of Jan 2021, and the repayment has been received in the past few days. I have also been liaising with the Clerk ref. the excessive phone/broadband charges which appear to stem from a contract change. *Clerk to call EE to discuss before the end of the week.*

I was contacted by the neighbours to the recent High Street planning application and discussed at length their concerns as well as to outline the usual planning procedures that they should expect. We have been asked to confirm acceptance of the OCC Rent Review, which I have done. There was a fallen branch reported stuck in one of the limes on Church Green, which Darren & I were able to remove last weekend. Separately, Darren has arranged to refill the salt bin closest to the Football Club and I took the opportunity to brief Darren on trialling the weed burner, which he was happy to undertake.

**09/03/21 To receive correspondence**

Items had been circulated to Council.

The Grange sign – based on the dimensions, planning permission would have been required. Whilst this is a replacement sign, not clear that permission was ever sought.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to allow a member of the public to address Council

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be opened

In light of the challenges with Planning Enforcement, Cllr. Isaacs to approach The Grange directly.

E-mail received earlier this week regarding the use of bollards placed in front of Chinham House, High Street. Item to next agenda.

An e-mail had been received regarding cars parked on verges and lack of street lighting in vicinity of Manor Crescent, as well as infrastructure necessary to support the growth of the village. PC not responsible for lighting and the parking of verges is ongoing for many years. PC had previously discussed installing grass reinforcement matting (March 2020), but delayed due to the pandemic. Chairman suggested that this discussion should be revisited.

Another e-mail received to indicate that a house in Manor Crescent had been left unoccupied for several years and the garden front and back was overgrown and hedging roots were causing problems to other residences. Clerk had contacted VWHDC environmental for their comments. Chairman stated that whilst there was an Environmental Health team at Vale, “high hedges” as defined by law were dealt with by Planning – Chairman will respond in due course.

**10/03/21 To discuss Planning Applications**

**P21/V0304/AG – Cottage Farm -Alteration to existing road** – Chairman to contact VWHDC with concerns in relation to potential impact on the Conservation Area and Village Green.

**P21/V0349/HH & V21/V0496/LB – Rectory House – Erection of 3 bay garage block and demolition of existing building**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

It was resolved (with 1 abstention) that there were NO OBJECTIONS to these applications

**P21/V0289/FUL – Agricultural Field Cottage Road (QEii)**

Change of use of agricultural to recreational use by the public and for the reprofiling of the site

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be FULLY SUPPORTED due to the benefit to the village and local community

**11/03/21 To approve additional £50 required for hedgecutting**  
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that an additional £50 be allocated

**12/03/19 To approve accounts for payment**

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council**  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
 Current Account - TSB, Period Ending 28/02/21

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						7,279.94
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Cheques and Payments - 9 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	01/02/21	BACS	EE Broadband	X	-40.85	-40.85
Bill Pmt -Cheque	24/02/21	BACS	SSE (Swalec)	X	-334.30	-375.15
Cheque	25/02/21	BACS	HMRC - PAYE & NI	X	-227.78	-602.93
Bill Pmt -Cheque	26/02/21	BACS	Anthony Stiff Assoc...	X	-1,452.00	-2,054.93
Cheque	26/02/21	BACS	D.M.Dew	X	-759.80	-2,814.73
Bill Pmt -Cheque	26/02/21	BACS	WELmedical Ltd	X	-434.34	-3,249.07
Bill Pmt -Cheque	26/02/21	BACS	N.Middleton	X	-72.00	-3,321.07
Bill Pmt -Cheque	26/02/21	BACS	CPRE	X	-36.00	-3,357.07
Bill Pmt -Cheque	26/02/21	BACS	Viking Direct	X	-8.02	-3,365.09
Total Cheques and Payments					-3,365.09	-3,365.09
<b>Deposits and Credits - 1 item</b>						
General Journal	03/02/21	Corre...	SSE (Swalec)	X	25.08	25.08
Total Deposits and Credits					25.08	25.08
Total Cleared Transactions					-3,340.01	-3,340.01
Cleared Balance					-3,340.01	3,939.93
Register Balance as of 28/02/21					-3,340.01	3,939.93
<b>New Transactions</b>						
<b>Cheques and Payments - 1 item</b>						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/03/21	BACS	EE Broadband		-94.52	-94.52
Total Cheques and Payments					-94.52	-94.52
<b>Deposits and Credits - 1 item</b>						
Payment	02/03/21		HM Customs & Exci...		2,865.67	2,865.67
Total Deposits and Credits					2,865.67	2,865.67
Total New Transactions					2,771.15	2,771.15
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>-568.86</b>	<b>6,711.08</b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY  
 SECONDED BY Cllr.HOWES  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved

13/03/19 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council**  
**Statement of Accounts - Summary**  
**As of 28 February 2021**

	<u>28 Feb 21</u>	<u>31 Jan 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Current Account - TSB</b>		
Reserves - NP	152.00	152.00
Current Account - TSB - Other	3,787.93	7,127.94
<b>Total Current Account - TSB</b>	<u>3,939.93</u>	<u>7,279.94</u>
<b>Redwood 35 Day Savings Account</b>		
Reserves - Play Equipment Savin	750.00	750.00
Reserves - CIL Savings	2,285.12	2,285.12
Reserves - NP Savings	3,589.05	3,589.05
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account - ...	18,102.92	18,081.24
<b>Total Redwood 35 Day Savings Account</b>	<u>24,727.09</u>	<u>24,705.41</u>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>0.10</u>
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<u>28,667.12</u>	<u>31,985.45</u>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of accounts be approved

Cllr.Isaacs asked if a "Chairman's Fund" could be created. Item to next agenda

**14/03/21 To consider/approve charitable donations**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that £250 be donated to Wantage Independent Advice Centre

**15/03/21 To Consider/approve 2021/2022 budget**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HOWES

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the budget be approved

**16/03/21 To discuss/agree potential measures/mitigations to progress Council business lawfully if the temporary changes permitting virtual meetings are not extended**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HOWES

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting

**17/03/21 To receive report of Environmental Committee**

As circulated to Council

**18/03/21 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee**

Cllr.Williams-Cuss had received greatly varying quotes, but the standard equipment was similarly varied. She hoped to be in a position to provide comparative quotes in due course. Quotes for the skatepark had not yet been received

- 19/03/21 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**  
Feedback received from planning consultants regarding SEA/SA statutory consultee responses – work underway to update accordingly as well as refining draft policies.
- 20/03/21 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust**  
Nil
- 21/03/21 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party**  
Nil
- 22/03/21 Provisional date of next meeting**  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- 23/03/21 Questions/comments from parishioners**  
Nil