

**Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held remotely on
Wednesday 6th January 2021**

Present: Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jenkins Cllr.Middleton
Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Howes D.M.Dew (Clerk)County Cllr.A.Fitzgerald O'Connor
District Cllr. N.Boyd

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

Cllr.Williams Cuss (Medical) Cllr.Williams(Business) Cllr.Jackson

02/01/21 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item

Cllr.Howes – Item 10 Planning, Cllr.Middleton – Item 11 Accounts for Payment

03/01/21 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 2nd Dec 2020

Cllrs.Isaacs and Williams abstained from item 10 – Planning: 52 High St,

Following these amendments

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Isaacs

SECONDED BY Cllr.Warren

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

**04/01/21 To receive report of District Councillor
Vale of White Horse District Council**

Throughout December The Vale Communications Team continued to provide Town and parish Councils with regular updates regarding Covid. These will continue for the foreseeable future Vale staff continue to work from home and although this is not always ideal they would appreciate it if Communication is be by Email rather than telephone.

Local Covid Updates

Simon will continue to provide local Resilience Groups with updates as and when necessary

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

The Committee met on 14 December . The agenda included progress on the work Programme.

Update on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy, the Governments 10-point green plan and membership of Oxfordshire Greentech. The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2021

Garden Waste

The garden waste service has been suspended until further notice

Civil Parking Enforcement

The Vale Cabinet met on 4 December and approved the proposed arrangements. The Cabinet's recommendations were submitted to and approved by full Council for on 9 December. All Councils involved have now formally approved the recommendations and expect the new arrangements to be in place by November.

Oil Tank

I am still working on the Oil Tank in Stanford and will be contacting the owners to discuss removal and land uses for the future

Compliance Marshals

The Compliance Marshals are carrying out inspections in all Vale towns and villages. Their role is to ensure that all public health advice is followed by residents and businesses

Although we do not currently hold surgeries, I am always available to deal with any issues.

Nathan Boyd – 07568 707469 – Nathan.boyd@whitehorsdc.gov.uk

05/01/21 To receive report of County Councillor

Budget meeting in February

- 06/01/21 Questions/comments from parishioners**
 Tree planting was discussed following receipt of some suggestions from a parishioner, Chairman explained that Council had previously decided to focus new tree planting for the Community Woodland/Orchard. Council have a number of trees waiting to plant at present, but opportunities have been restricted by restrictions. It was noted that it should be possible to plant in a Covid-Secure fashion – Cllr. Bailey to co-ordinate interested parties. Given timescales, Cllrs. Lewis and Middleton to look at previous notes and recommendations be brought to Council
- 07/01/21 To receive report of Clerk**
 Clerk had received a list of repairs required at playareas which he had forwarded to D.Rolls for action He also informed Council about his medical condition (cataract operations)
- 08/01/21 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**
 Firstly my apologies that the summons and agenda were issued quite so “to the wire” – I shall take this up with the Clerk separately and aim to ensure that due consideration is given where bank holidays affect the schedule.
 After continuing to press Thames Water for updates, I was advised in mid December that a temporary repair would be effected, to allow the traffic lights to be removed, but that they would be returning in January to complete the permanent repair. Whilst it is refreshing not to have traffic lights on Bow Road, given they appear to have resurfaced the road repair, I’m not clear whether it is indeed a temporary/permanent repair, so will continue to monitor the situation.
 I was contacted by a young parishioner who was interested in creating a Food Bank within the parish and was hoping to secure access to the disused Chapel. I have put him in touch with the Wessex Trust who own the building, but pointed out that it is likely cold and damp and may not be ideal – I have suggested that he considers asking business on the White Horse Business Park whether they might have any suitable space and also encouraged him to make contact with the existing food banks in Wantage and Faringdon in order to glean from their experience.
 Hopefully you will have noticed that the flowerboxes have been planted up during November/December, adding some winter colour. I was contacted by a neighbouring landowner to Bow Farm again in relation to the communications pipe, which was acting as a drain onto their land. I have directed them to the developers in the first instance.
 We have received notification that the Clerk’s broadband contract expires on the 9th of Jan (Clerk notified me on the 3rd) and have checked the market to find a new deal, which the Clerk is in the process of implementing. Separately we have received the rent review from OCC in relation to the QEII field. Finally, I was contacted by a parishioner concerned about the property owners hedging, which is overgrowing the footpath/cycleway at the entrance to Farm Piece (either side of the roundabout). The parishioner has previously reported this via fixmystreet and the OCC Highways have committed to deal with it – I have explained that we cannot enforce the matter, and that progress within OCC can be frustratingly slow. However, given that changes are expected as the Strategic Site works are completed, whilst I’m keeping an eye, at present, I don’t believe we should be forcing the issue.
- 09/01/21 To receive correspondence**
 As previously circulated to Council
- 10/01/21 To discuss Planning Applications**
 P20/V3246/LDP 35 Cottage Road
 Application for Certificate of Lawful Development, no comments required. Item viewed by Council
- 11/01/21 To approve accounts for payment**
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS
 SECONDED BY Cllr. BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved

- 12/01/21 To approve monthly statement of accounts**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved
- 13/01/21 To appoint interim Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr.LEWIS be appointed as interim RFO
- 14/01/21 To approve the addition of Cllr.Middleton as signatory for Redwood Bank**
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr.JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr.MIDDLETON be added as a signatory
- 15/01/21 To discuss/approve contractor attendance at Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) Training**
Training costs £160 but Cllr.Middleton stated his views on use of pesticides and damage to the environment, especially in light of Council's declaration of an environmental emergency.
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.MIDDLETON
IT WAS RESOLVED that the item be referred to Environmental Committee
- 16/01/21 To discuss/approve hedgecutting – QEII/Recreation Field/Jubilee gardens**
Quotes are being obtained
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £750 be allocated which also included Millennium Green
- 17/01/21 To receive report of Environmental Committee**
As circulated to Council.
- 18/01/21 To receive report of Recreational & Leisure Committee**
As circulated to Council. 2 companies have been asked to quote for skate park repairs/replacement
- 19/01/21 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan**
Nil
- 20/01/20 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust**
Cllr.Jenkins will provide an update to Hunters Field resident regarding progressing quotes for hedge cutting, as she has already been in contact with them.
- 21/01/21 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party**
Nil
- 22/01/21 Provisional date of next Meeting**
3rd February 2021
- 23/01/21 Questions/comments from parishioners**
Increase in dog mess Item to Newsletter. Clerk to enquire if salt has been transferred to bins

24/01/21 Confidential item – To discuss payroll procedures