

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 in Stanford Village hall

Present: Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Howes

D.M.Dew (Clerk)

01/10/18 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)

Cllr.Williams-Cuss(Business) Cllr.Jackson(Business) Cllr.Jenkins(Unwell)

County Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor(OCC) District Cllr.Sharp(VWHDC)

02/10/18 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.Bailey – Item 11 - Planning – P18/V1985/LB Apple Tree Cottage

03/10/18 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 5th September 2018

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

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

04/10/18 To receive report of County Councillor

Report read by Clerk

The OCC cabinet has approved £120 Million road and building repair fund proposal. The Cabinet has agreed to borrow up to £120 Million to invest in infrastructure improvements i.e. ensuring the spending squeeze on road and property repairs. A report presented to Cabinet in September acknowledged that under investment has resulted in significant reduction in quality of major and minor roads, as well as pavements, with an increase in car damage and personal injury claims. The decision means around £80 Million could be spent on highway improvements, with the rest of the £10 Million used to invest in other County Council owned assets. Detailed business cases will be produced for each proposed project funded from the investment pot. It will be paid for using Oxfordshire's expected growth in homes and consequent council tax income and gives scope to "borrow to invest" that will over the long term save money. As the borrowing will be taken over a number of years, based on individual cases, the programme of investment can be stopped if the increased council tax revenue does not materialise.

Council has approved a proposal to make the Council "Fit for the future". OCC will get a complete overhaul to ensure it is "fit for the future" and continues to meet rising demand for services. The changes are crucial to enabling the county council to deliver the vision of "thriving communities for everyone". The cabinet has accepted the business case for a new operating model and will consider how it will be implemented at the October cabinet meeting. Customer service supported by new technology would be at the heart of the new operation model to make the council much more efficient.

05/10/18 To receive report of District Councillor

Nil. At this point it was decided to further engage with Planning Officer regarding the Penstones Farm, Horsecroft application for clarity around the lawful start claimed by the developer.

06/10/18 Questions/comments from parishioners

Note from parishioner regarding notes placed on cars in Chapel Road - Noted

07/10/18 To meet new Clerk/Correspondent Public Purposes Charity

Did not attend

08/10/18 To receive report of Clerk

Vandalism – swing seat broken inc steel plate, now replaced . **Upper Green damage** – 3 granite boulders placed at corners. Council thanks to Earthline for both the boulders and grab truck placement – **Super Fibre Broadband** – additional cabinet installed at White Horse Business Park. **Summer BBQ monies** – PC agreed to hold as a Restricted Grant for use by R & L committee for new play equipment. **Manor Green trees** – of 4 quotes requested 2 replied.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that a quote of £270 by Trotters Trees be approved

09/10/18 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

As reported by e-mail, you will be aware that boulders have been sourced and delivered free of charge to act as an initial deterrent to vehicles turning across the grassed triangle alongside Upper Green. Special thanks to Cllr. Isaacs, Mrs Isaacs and Earthline Ltd for making the arrangements, and the latter for their services in supplying/delivering.

I will take as read the planning officer's reply in relation to Penstones Farm – I am expecting further engagement/clarification after tomorrow (due to her availability).

I'm very disappointed to have to advise that neither the initial tranche of the Capital Grant (for the Pylon move) nor the S106 monies have been paid. I have spoken to the grants team at Vale, who advise it is a simple matter of human error on the former, and I am advised that the S106 is pending a decision from Vale's Head of Finance. You are well aware of the saga surrounding the S106 application, and it is my intention to request a meeting via Cllr. Sharp (to include Head of Planning, Head of Finance and Vale's own Chair) to highlight the fallacies of their internal approval/governance processes.

Internet Banking application is underway, signing arrangements remain unchanged. This will simply provide a more efficient means to managing our account(s)

OCC Highways open day – thanks to Cllr. Isaacs for picking up the challenge to attend this on Saturday.

Thanks also to Cllr. Bailey & Cllr. Jenkins who attended the recent OCC forum event for Town & Parish Councils – I will take their report as read. Hopefully this is a sign of greater engagement & collaboration with OCC moving forward.

Cllr. Bailey has also been chasing OCC/DWH ref. the long outstanding bulb planting in the verge of the A417. Given that this is bulb planting season, we were hopeful that it might finally be happening, but Cllr. Bailey confirms that there has been no further response to date.

We had an invitation to apply for a Tree of Remembrance, which I believe we should do – although further details around its location and a planting ceremony will need to be established swiftly to be in time for next month's events.

10/10/18 To receive correspondence

VWHDC – Notification of estimated election costs – Noted

CPRE – Notification of AGM 17th October Letcombe Bassett village hall – Noted

Moore Stephens – Invoice for Annual external audit – Chairman was not happy about extra added to account and it was decided that the account be held pending further enquiries

11/10/18 To discuss planning applications

P18/V2191/LB – Cromwell House 41 High St – *Install new tuscan boiler into utility room. Connect to new oil tank, remove existing boiler and make safe*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be FULLY SUPPORTED *to re-instate heating to a valuable heritage asset*

P18/V1985/LB – Apple Tree Cottage 21 Faringdon Road – *Single storey front extension extending current flat roof, form a pitched roof building that will sit adjacent to the main building. Various internal alterations including retrospective application for listed consent for the window in the gable end. Install gas central heating throughout the house to replace existing wood fuelled heating and storage heaters*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be FULLY SUPPORTED *Aligns to Vale Design Guide and provide more efficient heating for the householder*

12/10/18 To approve accounts for payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr HOWES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

Internet banking - In progress – Grants (s106 & QEII) as per Chairman's report

13/10/18 To approve monthly statement of accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

14/10/18 To discuss installing trellis around the pre-school garden

Following email from pre-school to install trellis for safety reasons

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr HOWES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the installation of trellis be approved at no cost to Parish Council and that it be kept in good state of repair

15/10/18 To consider latest updates QEII power line burying/levelling

There had been no further response from OCC

16/10/18 To receive report of Environmental Committee

There had been no response regarding Bow Farm- Horsecroft footpath.. Chairman to follow up

17/10/18 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

The recent committee meeting which discussed the annual inspection highlighted various maintenance items that needed to be carried out.

18/10/18 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of meeting 24th September 2018 circulated to Council.

Bluestone Consulting – No further progress

Festival comments – to be added to website

Design Guide – To include scope/attributes/open space detail to be sent to Sharon Brenthall for comment ASAP

Draft policies –Working on amendments

Future meetings - 15th October – 29th October

19/10/18 To receive report of Public Work of Art Liaison Working Party

Original artist re-engaged for Notice Board. New artist for other projects

20/10/18 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Saplings vandalised. To be replaced

21/10/18 To receive report of Planning Committee and approve Minutes

Item to next agenda

22/10/18 To discuss WW! Commemoration 11th November

Displays in village hall – bell ringers - Stanford voices – Chairman has applied for remembrance tree to be placed on a green Council donation towards running costs – item to next agenda

23/10/18 Date of next meeting

7th November 2018

24/10/18 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Nil