

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Middleton
Cllr.Bailey Cllr.Howes Cllr.Williams D.M.Dew (Clerk)

01/03/20 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)

Cllr.Williams Cuss (Business) Cllr.Jenkins(Unwell) County CouncillorFitzgerald O'Connor (Medical)
District Cllr.Boyd (VWHDC Business)

02/03/20 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item

Cllrs. Lewis – Bailey – Middleton – Item 11 Accounts for Payment

03/03/20 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 5th Feb 2020

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Middleton

SECONDED BY Cllr.Jackson

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

04/03/20 To receive report of District Councillor

Full council met on 12th and 19th February> The meeting on 12th was primarily to agree the Budget For 2020/2021 and the capital programme to 2024/2025. It was necessary to meet again on 19th In order to agree the Council Tax for the forthcoming year

The Budget It included an investment of over £100k of initiatives to tackle the climate emergency. In total the base budget will increase by 600k. A number of savings were identified and these included the Reduction of 2 environmental health officer posts and to cease the out of hours service. In addition the Planning Dept. will no longer provide hard copy plans to town and parish councils. This is in response to the climate change proposal to reduce printing costs. It is proposed that T & PC download from the website, however If town and PC wish to have printed plans these will be provided at a small charge to cover printing and postal costs. For major developments the Vale will offer the documents on memory sticks in case there are any issues with access from the website. For larger developments the developer will be asked to provide sufficient copies

The Council Tax

This was agreed at the meeting on 19th February. For the financial year 2020/2021 the Vale element of the Council Tax will increase by £3.88. There are increases from OCC and TVP also. For full details of the new rates for individual T & PC go to the Vale website

Climate emergency Advisory Committee

The committee met on 28th January and will next meet on 30th March. The Chair of this committee is the Vale's representative on Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Steering Group. I would encourage anyone wanting to speak at this committee to get in touch and register

Council Offices at Crowmarsh Gifford

There was an open exhibition at Milton Park recently displaying the design and build of the new Council offices. The new build is to replace the one that was subject to an arson attack on 15th Feb 2015. The VWHDC shares accommodation with SODC and will continue to do so in the new offices

Civil Parking Enforcement

There has been a slight delay with the feasibility report but it is hoped that this will be published in the next few weeks. In the meantime TVP will be carrying out more parking enforcement in the South& Vale area. This was announced recently by Deputy PCC Matthew Barber and will be running in the coming months

Planning Consultation

A public consultation has been launched for people to comment on a draft Statement of Community Involvement. This Statement will form part of the Development Plan. The consultation runs until 9th April. More details on whitehorsedc.gov.uk/sci

Planning

As ever I am keeping an eye on applications as they come in and am happy to call I applications after discussions with parish councils.

Defence Academy

The Station Commander has arranged for the Local Liaison Group to meet on 17th March.

Representatives from the County and District Councils , parish Councils, schools and the Police will be attending

South Oxfordshire 's Local Plan

The latest situation with the plan is that SODC's Cabinet will be considering a report on 5th March to decide on the way forward. The recommendations are that Cabinet recommends to Council to a) note the update on the Local Plan 2034 and related matters set out in the report b) leave the submitted Local Plan 2034 at examination and confirms this position to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. We will report back once a decision has been confirmed

Bow Road Footpath

I have not had any further updates on this minus the contact I had 4 weeks ago. I will be chasing this up to ensure all authorities are speaking to each other on this

Planning Enforcement

I know that planning issues can be the bane of many residents' lives, even more when they think that enforcement is not being carried out. Please could I ask that you get in touch if you have lodged any enforcement cases in the last 5 years which have not been resolved and I will chase these up

05/03/20 To receive report of County Councillor

Nil

06/03/20 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil

07/03/20 To receive report of Clerk

Litter picker vacancy – 2 enquiries received although 1 had not responded after receiving details of the position. Clerk & Cllr.Warren due to meet the other interested person next week

Complaints received regarding vehicle tracks on Millennium Green – this due to council worker adding to compost heap on the green. Heap due to be moved for incineration

Charitable donations: Following discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that £250 be donated to WANTAGE IND.ADVISE CENTRE

08/03/20 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

Following the Clerk's comments at the last PC meeting, I have confirmed that Council's "litter trolley" is currently being stored in the shed within the Churchyard. Separately, I have contacted Biffa and asked them to quote for emptying "our" public litter bins as well as an hourly rate for litter picking.

I'd like to record my thanks to Darren Rolls who dealt with a fallen tree blocking Bow Road during the first of many storms since our last PC meeting. Cllr. Middleton has since identified some damage to the kissing gate, which has been bent by the tree falling – ongoing.

Cllr Warren alerted me to a missing manhole cover in the grassed area off Hunters Field (alongside the Village Hall on the evening of 13th Feb – shortly after I arrived, both Mike and Darren also attended, we arranged temporary fencing around the collapsed manhole and I subsequently spoke to Thames Water who have been out to repair.

I've been in touch with Cllr. Middleton regarding a parishioner's concerns in relation to busses missing the stop at the Shellingford crossroads – the matter is ongoing, to next agenda

I've also been contacted by parishioners concerned by Frogmore brook overflowing into the neighbouring field and enquiring as to whether it is Vale or PC that are responsible for clearing the brook. Have explained that it would fall to the riparian landowner, but have been in contact with Vale's drainage engineers, who have attended and confirmed that no clearance is necessary, but there is a potential for the (Highway) verge to be improved. I am due to meet the OCC drainage engineer on Friday to discuss this and an update on the High Street flooding issues that they have been looking into.

My thanks to the Environment Committee who met at short notice last week to review the QEII pre-app advice that was received from Vale – we are currently following up with Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association to identify suitable contacts to progress this.

Cllr. Bailey and myself met Vale's officer responsible for S106 funds – essentially there is no official route to extend the deadlines and in order to claim a fully costed plan, with all other funding sources in place must be presented. This needs some further thought, but clearly a phased plan will be advantageous.

I've been back in contact with Thames Water, who had never collected their road signs from the back of a property in Chapel Road (now resolved) and also to press them to sort out the bare patches on Upper Green/Bow Road caused by their water main works in October/November. They assure me that they are planning to re-seed these areas once the weather improves.

You were all copied on my correspondence with Planning regarding the missing construction travel management plan for the Strategic Site – which has now been forwarded to us by Vale.

The Speedwatch group passed on their thanks for Council's support in purchasing the new detection equipment – they advise that it's simpler and more reliable than the original device.

I will also take as read my ongoing correspondence with Democratic Services (Vale) in relation to the unreasonable charging model used to apportion costs to Town/Parish Councils following elections in May 2019.

Finally, an apology that I've not had the opportunity to catch up with Darren regarding a maintenance/mowing schedule – but will endeavour to do so soon.

Item to next agenda – Community Emergency Planning

09/03/20 To receive correspondence

As previously circulated to Council

10/03/20 To discuss Planning Applications

P20/V0464/FUL – Penstones Farm Horsecroft – Variation of condition 2 of P15/V175/FUL for amendment of plans affecting plots 11 – 14

The amendment seeks to include additional parking spaces. This is at odds with the original statements of assurance from the applicant that the proposals being for over 50's would not contribute to a significant quantity of traffic movements along Horsecroft. If garages are included in the parking allocation, as we have seen previously with other developments the proposals would appear to exceed OCC guidance/policy on parking for new developments. Notwithstanding this, we do not believe the Public Open Space should be lost to parking of any type regardless whether allocated or for Visitors. The proposals also appear to remove one of the originally approved visitor spaces which is detrimental to the overall scheme. Should the developer wish to allocate additional spaces there would appear to be sufficient frontage to do so within the existing plot boundaries and this would be preferential to losing public open space. Additionally, with regards to the proposals

For plot 13, we believe triple parking is also at odds with OCC parking guidance

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr. BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that Council OBJECTS to this application

P20/V00300/FUL Faringdon Road Amendment 1 -Nbr of flags reduced from 7 to 4

Whilst Council commends the applicant reducing the quantity of flags there are concerns in relation to other matters. The proposed entrance walls were not indicated on any previous planning application in relation to the development of the strategic site. Neither the design nor the materials proposed are in keeping with the local vernacular. Further more it is likely that the footings would further damage the rootline of the hedge and to be frank are entirely unnecessary.

The proposals seek to uplight the signage – uplighting is recognised as one of the key contributions to light pollution and therefore alternative arrangements should be implemented. Furthermore, the applicants own ecological assessment (section 4.4.3) states

THE LIGHTING USED DURING BOTH CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO ROOSTING, FORAGING AND COMMUTING BATS. This includes:

- *Minimising the spread of light onto boundary habitats through use of Hoods
- *Avoid using reflective surfaces under lights
- *Use of narrow spectrum light sources
- *Use low intensity bulbs that emit minima; ultra-violet light
- *Use lights that peak higher than 550mm
- * avoid white and blue wavelengths of the light spectrum to reduce insect attraction

In addition to improving the design of the lighting we advocate that all external lighting should be switched off when the marketing suite is closed, in line with the Condition applied to the applicant's neighbouring development (P19/V0962/FUL)

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY

SECONDED BY Cllr.MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that Council OBJECTS to this application

P20/V0031/A Faringdon Road Amendment 1 – *Nbr of flags reduced from 7 to 4*

The reasons for objection are as above P20/V0030/FUL

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that Council OBJECTS to this application

P20/V0489/DIS Land North of Ware Road – *Discharge of Condition 2*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the matter was delegated to Cllr. Lewis with councillors comments on this application be sent to him by Monday 9th March 2020

11/03/20 To approve accounts for payment

11:11 AM

04/03/20

Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Reconciliation Detail
Current Account - TSB, Period Ending 29/02/20

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						6,630.40
Cleared Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 10 Items						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	04/02/20	Debit	British gas	X	-119.48	-119.48
Bill Pmt -Cheque	07/02/20	BACS	D Rolls	X	-285.00	-404.48
Transfer	28/02/20			X	-2,285.12	-2,689.60
Transfer	28/02/20			X	-1,600.00	-4,289.60
Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/20	BACS	D.M.Dew	X	-828.20	-5,117.80
Transfer	28/02/20			X	-750.00	-5,867.80
Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/20	BACS	HMRC	X	-250.63	-6,118.43
Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/20	BACS	Webbs	X	-249.37	-6,367.80
Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/20	BACS	Community First 1	X	-70.00	-6,437.80
Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/20	BACS	Stanford in the Vale...	X	-18.50	-6,456.30
Total Cheques and Payments					-6,456.30	-6,456.30
Deposits and Credits - 3 Items						
Transfer	28/02/20			X	750.00	750.00
Transfer	28/02/20			X	1,600.00	2,350.00
Transfer	28/02/20			X	2,285.12	4,635.12
Total Deposits and Credits					4,635.12	4,635.12
Total Cleared Transactions					-1,821.18	-1,821.18
Cleared Balance					-1,821.18	4,809.22
Register Balance as of 29/02/20					-1,821.18	4,809.22
New Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 6 Items						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/03/20	BACS	WELmedical Ltd		-1,544.28	-1,544.28
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/03/20	2473	Foxfall Garage Ltd		-915.49	-2,459.77
Bill Pmt -Cheque	02/03/20	BACS	EE Broadband		-34.01	-2,493.78
Bill Pmt -Cheque	04/03/20	BACS	OALC		-447.56	-2,941.34
Bill Pmt -Cheque	04/03/20	BACS	Oxfordshire Playing...		-53.00	-2,994.34
Bill Pmt -Cheque	04/03/20	2474	K.Middleton		-20.87	-3,015.21
Total Cheques and Payments					-3,015.21	-3,015.21
Deposits and Credits - 1 Item						
Deposit	04/03/20				20.00	20.00
Total Deposits and Credits					20.00	20.00
Total New Transactions					-2,995.21	-2,995.21
Ending Balance					-4,816.39	1,814.01

12/03/20 To approve monthly statement of accounts

11:21 AM
04/03/20
Accrual Basis

Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Statement of Accounts - Summary
As of 29 February 2020

	<u>29 Feb 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and In hand	
Current Account - TSB	
Reserves - NP	152.00
Current Account - TSB - Other	4,657.22
Total Current Account - TSB	<u>4,809.22</u>
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	
Reserves - Play Equipment Savin	750.00
Reserves - CIL Savings	2,285.12
Reserves - NP Savings	6,874.05
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account - ...	25,745.92
Total Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	<u>35,655.09</u>
Petty Cash	0.10
Total Cash at bank and In hand	<u>40,464.41</u>
Total Current Assets	40,464.41
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>40,464.41</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>40,464.41</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>40,464.41</u></u>
Capital and Reserves	0.00

13/03/20 To approve spending up to £5,000 from reserves to preparing and submitting planning application for levelling QEII field following pre-app advice

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HOWES
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that £5,000 be approved

14/03/20 To approve payment of remaining Neighbourhood Plan SEA Grant £3,285

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

15/03/20 To receive report of Environmental Committee

As circulated to Council – taken as read.

16/03/20 To discuss Bus Stop at Shellingford crossroads

Item to next agenda

17/03/20 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

As circulated to Council. Further damage to recently repaired skate park

18/03/20 To receive report of Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party

Nil

19/03/20 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

Nil

20/03/20 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Meeting 18th March

21/03/20 Date of next meeting

1st April 2020

22/03/20 Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil