

Approved Amendments to Minutes:

Item 6/07/15 Delete Bow Road - Traffic counter was on A417 near Cottage Road

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Williams Cuss
Cllr.Bailey D.M.Dew (Clerk) 3 Parishioners

1/07/15 To receive apologies and reason (if offered)

Cllr.Warren (Personal) Cllr.Sharp(District Councillor)(District Council business)

2/07/15 To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.Lewis & Cllr.Bailey – Item 20 planning application 23 Church Green

3/07/15 To receive , approve and sign Minutes of previous meeting 13th May 2015

There were various amendments and additions to the minutes which have been added and/or changed and minutes re-issued. Following these changes:

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

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

4/07/15 To receive Report of County Councillor

Nil

5/07/15 To receive Report of District Councillor

Nil

6/07/15 Questions/Comments from Parishioners

Mr.H.Wood(Neighbourhood Plan) thanked the Parish Council for their input and attendance at NPL meetings. His comments centred on his recent letter to Council covering many subjects and also the reply from the PC Chairman. This was mainly regarding that due to legal conditions parishioners were unable to speak during PC meetings and he felt that this was a disadvantage as parishioners sometimes had valuable information which would be an advantage to council. He said that for instance the Bow Farm application in his opinion the council had made the wrong decision. The Chairman replied that if applications were acceptable to the planning authority there was little that the PC could do, and as stated before the legal restrictions meant that only councillors could speak during meetings unless the meeting were closed or as in our case it appears as an agenda item “Questions/Comments from Parishioners “ Mr.Wood asked for clarification regarding contamination on QEII field. Cllr.Isaacs replied that OCC state that it is so low but nevertheless would continue monitoring.

Mr.Wood also stated that there had been discussion regarding the Old Nursery site at Upper Green and it was revealed that there was evidence of an Iron Age settlement recently discovered.

Cllr Bailey asked on behalf of a parishioner if the council knew anything about an electronic traffic

count measurer in Bow Road. Nothing was known about it.

7/07/15 To receive Report of Clerk

- a) Cottage Road flower box had been replaced. Yet to be filled
- b) Fees to MG Trust for use of Crest. York Herald do not recognise the crest nor is it registered. It would cost over £6000 to register. Cllr.Gill will check archives to find any information regarding the crest
- c) Village Hall fencing repairs. The broken area had been removed and it was decided that this need not be replaced and that the fencing already purchased is to be used on replacing the broken and aged posts and rail around the hall and playarea.
- d) Defibrillators. 2 purchased following grant from PPC. One placed at village hall the other to be installed at the Football Club
- e) Casual vacancies. 3 applications had been received and there was discussion regarding qualification of applicant. It was decided that this item to be revisited at next meeting in September
- f) Clerk was concerned about the "odd jobs" around the village and the need to employ further part-timers . There were several students who could be employed which meant that NI & PAYE would not be a cost on Council. Councillors stated that there were people in the village who were available to work albeit for a wage. Clerk said that if this was to take place he must have full details of the persons employed ie NI number , address and DOB before they started as he need to register them with HMRC. It was decided that information about other helpers was to be reported to the Recreation & Leisure Committee
- g) Clerk to contact VWHDC regarding the non-visiting of road sweeper

8/07/15 To receive Correspondence

- a) Mr.H.Wood – Response to Chairman’s letter – Noted
- b) York Herald – re: Crest – As discussed at 7/07/15 (b)
- c) The pensions regulator – Enrolment legal duty to register
- d) Oxfordshire Assoc for Blind – Thanks for donation
- e) South & Vale Carers – Thanks for donation
- f) The Independent Advice Centre – Thanks for donation
- g) Football Foundation – Evaluation Survey (MUGA)
- h) VWHDC – Schedule of Uncontested election fee – noted. Cllr.Isaacs to contact returning Officer regarding the costs as no reply to Chair’s previous emails
- i) Heavy tractors using Horsecroft – Item to Newsletter asking residents to take registration numbers
- j) VWHDC Design Guide – Noted. Clerk to take to Council meetings

9/07/15 Planning

P15/V1268/HH – 32 Bow Road – Conversion of the existing garage to provide new kitchen. New pitched roof over new kitchen, to provide new bathroom. New front porch. Loft conversion to provide new bedroom 3

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be Fully Supported

P15/V1309/HH – 23 Church Green – Extension to form new first floor layout over existing

bungalow, two storey side gable extensions

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were the following objections to the application.

Whilst we do not object to the principal of redevelopment of this site, as indicated within pre-application advice, choice of quality materials is the key to the success of this proposal. Given the corner plot's location within the Conservation Area, and the necessity for any proposals to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of that area, Council believes that great care must be exercised when considering the increased scale and impact that the scheme as proposed will undoubtedly have.

Unfortunately, we do not believe the choice of a white render finish to be an appropriate way to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area in question. Additionally, it does not appear to be compatible with the sample palette of materials as shown within VWHDC design Guide (Zone 2A). The plot is located in between the existing stone-built Vicarage and Ford Cottage, and the Grade II listed Rectory House (built of natural stone, incorrectly identified as "Neighbouring Manor House" in D & A) as well as Rectory House's natural stone garden wall which also benefits from separate Grade II listing status.

Whilst we accept that some dwellings within the conservation area have previously been rendered, this is by far the least commonly occurring finish that can be observed around Church Green. Additionally, the property identified in the D & D statement as 12 Church Green is actually a corner plot between Frogmore Lane & Chapel Road, and is finished with a natural lime & sand render. Consequently, Council does not find the choice of materials to be appropriate within the Conservation Area

P15/V1457/PAR – Barn at Eastfield Farm Gainfield Change of use of existing agricultural building to residential (use Class 3)

No comments required or taken into account . Permitted development rights

10/07/15 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan progress inc Football Field valuation and Brochure progress

Cllr.Gill reported that the brochure was going to print with instructions to place replies in black boxes in the village. This will be the final consultation process with the village before the development of a draft plan

Regarding the valuation, Clerk as RFO asked who would pay for this valuation. NPL said they expected the PC to do so although they thought any construction firm would do this without charge.

They also thought that the value of the field would be asked by villagers.

Chairman called for a vote :

Should the Football Field be valued – Vote was 5 against 1 for

11/07/15 Report of Chairman

Further to your resolution to adopt measures in line with the Transparency Act, I have been making the adjustments to the website that were outlined previously. I don't believe there

will be any surprises, but please do take a look when the opportunity presents itself - my thanks to Cllr Bailey for pointing out a couple of items which had become out of date, these have since been corrected. Adjustments include: New menu (across the top of the site), with access to sub-menus below, information for the Neighbourhood Plan, major planning applications & a "projects" section is now available. If any of you believe that we are missing items/need to look at additional, please let me know.

You will be aware from the last meeting that I was due to meet with Paul Crispin, MD of David Wilson Homes Southern, which took place as expected. He maintains that as a company they endeavour to build a high reputation, not only with purchasers, but also with the communities where they construct. I explained some of the frustrations that the community had experienced from their current engagement process, and how (rightly or wrongly) that left the impression that the company really had very little regard for the views of the community or the planning process. He explains that at most other sites, the company uses a liaison team in order to ensure that there is good communication between the community and the developer, but that (for whatever reason) that had never been established here. We agreed that we would propose some dates for an initial meeting with their liaison team in July and endeavour to get representatives from AGSR, Parish Council & local residents involved.

I have previously circulated the last response from Thames Water, which I will take as read. However, I have left a voicemail for Denise Kinsella, who we met with in January, highlighting some gaps in the response and await her response.

Bow Farm - again, as you will be aware, Cllr Isaacs represented the PC at the recent Planning Committee meeting, and whilst we did have the support of some members of the planning committee, the response was unsurprisingly to allow the development to go ahead. The permission did however include the provision of the footpath, as originally requested, between Horsecroft & Bow Farm, and there were also some positive discussions afterwards between the applicant, the Parish Council & representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thanks to Stanford in the Vale Primary School, who have done a truly excellent job with renovating the garden within the recreation ground alongside the Village Hall/Pre-school. I will write to express Council's thanks in due course.

Thanks also to Cllr Karin Williams-Cuss for creating a beautiful display of flowers on behalf of the Parish Council for this year's Summer Festival.

12/07/15 To discuss ,approve and sign Risk Assessment Register

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr.LEWIS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Risk Assessment Register be signed

13/07/15 To Discuss Depreciation Policy on Fixed Assets

Councillors were concerned that old items were no longer the value as stated on the register and that small items ie signs were being quoted. Clerk explained that due to Local Government laws and dealing with public money meant that everything had to be accounted for and the register value was cost price. This item referred to next agenda

14/07/15 To accept Internal Auditors Report and to discuss remuneration

Following discussion

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Internal Auditors report be accepted

As for remuneration the Auditor had declined but it was decided that flowers would be given to the Auditor with the Council thanks. Cllr.Williams Cuss to arrange

15/07/15 To discuss /accept QEII lease

Lease not available. Item to next agenda

16/07/15 To agree Budget figures for this financial year

Cllr.Bailey asked about the legal fees for QEII Field. Clerk stated that there would be further fees Cllr.Bailey was also concerned about the decrease in budgeted running costs. The Chairman agreed and thought that the running costs should be reset at £4,500

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the running costs be increased to £4,500

17/07/15 To agree Meeting dates annually

It was felt that meeting dates should be published in advance and that the bi-monthly meetings were inadequate considering the large amount of business being conducted. It was therefore decided that there be 8 scheduled meetings per year , adding October and December and further meetings if deemed necessary.

At this time due to the hour and to enable the meeting to continue

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr. ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended

18/07/15 To discuss Newsletter inc invoicing and provision of materials

Cllr.Gill to inform Clerk about paper & ink costs to check with Viking where we have an account. There was discussion regarding what would happen when the current machine reaches the end of its working life and if the PPC would possibly fund a replacement. Previously S.Bambury had only invoiced the PPC for cost of materials

19/07/15 To further discuss Speed Limits within the village

This item to next agenda

20/07/15 To discuss Grass Cutting inc Mower repair costs, areas of responsibility, cemetery

There have been problems regarding mowing , parts of Perrys Road – Van Diemens. These areas had been mowed for many years by Housing Assoc /VWHDC contractors but now new contractors are not doing so. Despite several phone calls where one says it is the job of another and vice-versa the council has cut the area due to the length and untidiness. If it is as stated OCC responsibility then we should be mowing it but as stated previously we have never done this before.

Clerk asked again about the cost of mowing the churchyard , probably costing £24 per month plus fuel , Cllr.Gill disputed this and said he would check on time spent

21/07/15 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be Approved

22/07/15 To Approve Accounts for Payment

Further to Cllr.Bailey's concern over legal fees, Cllr.Isaacs stated that the first bill for Benhamlaw was for soil sampling rather than legal fees

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved and paid

23/07/15 To receive Reports from Recreational & Leisure Committee

Cllr.Williams Cuss said that hopefully the vandalism had stopped. She had talked to some youths in the recreation areas about the problems caused by vandalism. Curing the conversation they had asked if a bench could be put in the area. There is a damaged bench being stored at the football club that could be refurbished. The Councillor also talked of starting a Youth Council.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the request for a bench and support for a Youth Council

It was further proposed

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £300 be allocated towards the bench refurbishment

24/07/15 To approve Date of Next Meeting

Following the discussion at 17/07/15 It was decided that the following dates be approved:

2nd September 2015 7th October 2015 4th November 2015 2nd December 2015

6th January 2016

2nd March 2016

4th May 2016

Questions/Comments from Parishioners

There were further comments regarding the use of Millennium Green and it was once again stated that there were strict rules regarding the use and building hard standings and placing of furniture on the Green , but that items in question had been highlighted to the Chairman of the Millennium Green trust , who would no doubt look into them in due course