

Minutes of a meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held remotely on Wednesday 5th August 2020 by video conference

Present: Cllr.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Warren Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Middleton
Cllr.Bailey D.M.Dew (Clerk)
Cllr.Fitzgerald O'Connor (OCC) Cllr.Boyd (VWHDC)

01/08/20 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)

Cllr.Williams Cuss (Business) Cllr.Williams Cllr.Jenkins

02/08/20 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs On any agenda item

Cllr. Middleton – Items 11 & 13

03/08/20 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 1st July 2020

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY

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

04/08/20 To receive report of District Councillor

Some swimming pools had re-opened – Car parking charges were being looked at as they had been operating at a loss. He was looking at complaints regarding rubbish collections. The village “Deep Clean” was being carried out by Biffa

05/08/20 To receive report of County Councillor

Continued with virtual meetings. Footpath improvements still on list. Bus stop signs - Shellingford crossroads - happy to approve and support with priority grant and will take forward

06/08/20 Questions/comments from parishioners

M.Dew stated that he was concerned about 2 invoices received; the first in relation to hourly charges for watering planters and the second another contractor engaged to top the QEII field.

Chairman stated he had drawn Council’s attention to the costs of watering last year and had hoped to install self-watering planters this year. However, the public works of art project will incorporate planters within the design, and we are yet to identify a suitably sized self-watering planter. In the interim, it makes sense to water the planters when necessary, otherwise we will obtain no benefit from the money spent on the plants in the first place.

QEII field – D.Rolls had reported to the Clerk that our Z-track mower would have cut in less than a day for approx. £100. Cllr.Jackson disputed this – we’ve never previously used the Z-track to top the field and the height of the grass, combined with the ground elder meant our machinery would not have been able to cope.

07/08/20 To receive report of Clerk

Bulk bags of salt - District Council require orders for bulk bags of salt. Darren to check level of existing bulk bag, if more required Clerk to order (for delivery to vicarage as in previous years)

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

You will have received my update and associated photos showing the completed repairs to the footbridge over the Ock, as previously agreed by Council. I agreed with Cllr.Jackson that we urgently needed to “top” the QEII field, as a safety issue, after reports of ragwort being in flower were confirmed. You may recall that we didn’t top the field last year (intentionally), but that meant there was some ground elder to be dealt with at the time, which also added to the time required to resolve. I have received and circulated two quotes for tree works which we will discuss later (my thanks to Cllr. Jackson for his assistance with quotes for both of these items.

I'm pleased to report that both flowerboxes (Cottage Road & High Street) have been tended and planted up by our garden contractor to bring some colour to them for summer. We've received a number of e-mails relating to noise disturbance emanating from the development at the "strategic site", mostly affecting Spencers Close and have been trying, somewhat unsuccessfully, to work with the contractor/developer to find some improved ways of working to minimise this issue. I have been approached by the PPC to ask that we consider whether it would be possible to create some additional allotments specifically for people with disabilities. I outlined that we intended to allocate a portion of the QEII site specifically for allotments and that this sounded like an ideal solution to incorporate, but it would be helpful, if the PPC were able to share any details they might have regarding requirements/specifications etc. so that we had the relevant information available as early as possible. Finally, I've had a couple of calls from residents of Sheards Lane, in relation to a recurring issue with missed waste/recycling collections – I've raised this matter with Vale, and whilst it was reportedly caused by a parked vehicle, we're chasing for further clarifications.

09/08/20 To receive correspondence

As circulated to Council

10/08/20 To discuss Planning Applications

P20/V1721/CHR – Land North of ware Road – *Extension of working hours to between 7am and 9pm Monday to Saturday P18/v2031/RM*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that Council OBJECTS to this application:

We acknowledge the intent of the Written Ministerial Statement, but the statement highlights that the applicant should consider potential impacts and, where necessary, put forward brief plans to manage concerns, drawing on existing good practice. Given that no such plans nor mitigations have been proposed, we believe the existing application should be refused. We also note that the expiry date within the WMS is 13/05/21, not 31/05/21 per the application received.

There are existing concerns with regards to reversing beepers which, despite engaging with the developer we are told are necessary under H&S. Having studied the H&S advice, we find these are not mandatory (<https://www.hse.gov.uk/workplacetransport/information/reversing.htm>) and believe that the applicant should:

- 1) Review and provide a better solution to reverse warnings
- 2) Provide a better routing issue in the immediate short term to minimise the need for reversing on site.

Should the developer wish to explore options for a sensible extended working hours period, then a consultation between the LPA and the PC to understand and agree mitigations would be a sensible route forward.

P20/V1422/FUL – *The amendment is for: as amplified by corrected landscaping plan and site layout plan received 24 July 2020*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.MIDDLETON

IT WAS RESOLVED that Council OBJECTS to the application

Further to the recently submitted additional landscaping plans:

In addition to our previous comments, we have concerns in relation to the amended landscaping of the public open space in the central (southern) part of the site. Reassurances required that the developer is not seeking to promote additional parking in the latter area.

With regards to Plot number 1, installing hedgerow alongside the western boundary bordering the existing dwellings is likely to cause issues (in terms of impact on the existing built form and potential

loss of amenity were the hedge not to be properly maintained). Equally, given that this remains public open space until such time as any amendment is accepted, the planting scheme does nothing to enhance the overall scheme in this area.

P20/V1724/RM – Woodyard Hatford -Erection of permanent workers dwelling and lunge pen

It was resolved that before a decision is made further questions to be raised with VWHDC planning

11/08/20 To approve accounts for payment

**Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Reconciliation Detail
Current Account - TSB, Period Ending 31/07/20**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						11,844.85
Cleared Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 9 items						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	14/07/20	BACS	D Rolls	X	-589.00	-589.00
Bill Pmt -Cheque	14/07/20	BACS	Sweetfuels	X	-261.01	-850.01
Bill Pmt -Cheque	14/07/20	BACS	TVE Hire & Sales	X	-41.70	-891.71
Bill Pmt -Cheque	31/07/20	BACS	D.M.Dew	X	-776.00	-1,667.71
Bill Pmt -Cheque	31/07/20	BACS	JBE Property Servi...	X	-300.00	-1,967.71
Bill Pmt -Cheque	31/07/20	BACS	HMRC	X	-227.07	-2,194.78
Bill Pmt -Cheque	31/07/20	BACS	Penny's Garden Ma...	X	-207.50	-2,402.28
Bill Pmt -Cheque	31/07/20	BACS	N.Middleton	X	-72.00	-2,474.28
Bill Pmt -Cheque	31/07/20	Debit	EE Broadband	X	-34.33	-2,508.61
Total Cheques and Payments					-2,508.61	-2,508.61
Deposits and Credits - 5 items						
Payment	25/05/20		Stanford in the Vale...	X	297.00	297.00
Bill Pmt -Cheque	25/06/20	BACS	British gas	X	0.00	297.00
General Journal	02/07/20	Refund	British gas	X	18.61	315.61
Payment	10/07/20		Stanford in the Vale...	X	600.00	915.61
Payment	28/07/20		Stanford in the Vale...	X	500.00	1,415.61
Total Deposits and Credits					1,415.61	1,415.61
Total Cleared Transactions					-1,093.00	-1,093.00
Cleared Balance					-1,093.00	10,751.85
Uncleared Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 1 item						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	10/03/20	2475	The Poppy Appeal		-50.00	-50.00
Total Cheques and Payments					-50.00	-50.00
Total Uncleared Transactions					-50.00	-50.00
Register Balance as of 31/07/20					-1,143.00	10,701.85
New Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 1 item						
Bill Pmt -Cheque	04/08/20	Debit	British gas		-78.99	-78.99
Total Cheques and Payments					-78.99	-78.99
Total New Transactions					-78.99	-78.99
Ending Balance					-1,221.99	10,622.86

12/08/20 To approve monthly statement of accounts

Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Statement of Accounts - Summary
As of 31 July 2020

	31 Jul 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current Account - TSB	
Reserves - NP	152.00
Current Account - TSB - Other	10,549.85
Total Current Account - TSB	10,701.85
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	
Reserves - Play Equipment Savin	750.00
Reserves - CIL Savings	2,285.12
Reserves - NP Savings	3,589.05
Redwood 35 Day Savings Account - ...	25,896.66
Total Redwood 35 Day Savings Account	32,520.83
Petty Cash	0.10
Total Cash at bank and in hand	43,222.78
Total Current Assets	43,222.78
NET CURRENT ASSETS	43,222.78
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	43,222.78
NET ASSETS	43,222.78
Capital and Reserves	0.00

13/08/20 To approve PC attendance of Wild Parishes Webinars

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the attendance at £20 be approved

14/08/20 To discuss/approve tree works (Church Green/Recreation field)

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the quote from Trotters Tree Works be approved

Note: there was no evidence of FUNGAL BRACKET at Church Green as reported by OCC

15/08/20 To approve purchase of a replacement engine for Stihl chainsaw

Following discussion where a new engine was virtually the same price as a whole chainsaw

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr JACKSON

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £180 be allocated to purchase a new chainsaw

16/08/20 To approve additional funds towards QEII project professional services and delegate authority to Environmental Committee to manage/allocate these

Having seen paperwork produce by Cllr Middleton

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that up to an additional £3000 be approved

17/08/20 To approve application for a grant from Cllr. Priority Fund for bus stop at Shellingford Crossroads

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MIDDLETON
SECONDED BY Cllr LEWIS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be approved

18/08/20 To approve application for s106 funds to replace bridleway bridge in Cottage Road

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be approved

19/08/20 To approve application for s106 funds for notice boards

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN
IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be approved

20/08/20 To discuss/approve replacement notice boards

After inspection, it was confirmed that all 4x existing notice boards were beyond economical repair. Clerk had previously highlighted that in many other locations, including Wantage, the local Council maintains just a single board. It was considered that replacing boards at Hunters Field and Village Hall would be sufficient (whilst not replacing Church Green and Perrys Road boards). It was also noted that the Public Works of Art in progress included an additional board within the design.

21/08/20 To discuss/approve notice board policy

Chairman had not had opportunity to formalise this, but essentially, notices should be limited to local organisations & charities (either based in or operating specifically within the parish) as well as relevant local/national government notices.

22/08/20 To discuss CCTV quote received via school

Substantial cost for a simple system & in addition power needed for system – PPC funding could be considered – Item to next agenda

23/08/20 To receive report of Environmental Committee

As circulated to Council

24/08/20 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Nil – Annual safety inspection arranged for September

25/08/20 To receive report of Neighbourhood Plan

SEA report responses received. There was discussion regarding Cottage Farm – Council thanked the applicant for responding positively to the various issues identified during consultation and looked forward to receiving a formal planning application.

26/08/20 To receive report of Millennium Green Trust

Considered that extra bins required as sole bin is always overflowing. It was suggested that a larger bin maybe a preferential solution, to minimise ongoing costs.

27/08/20 To receive report of Public Work of Art liaison Working Party

Progressing

28/08/20 Date of next meeting

2nd September 2020

29/08/20 Questions/comments from parishioners

VJ Celebration – nothing planned due to social distancing

Football Club – season starts 5 September home & away team need to enter/exit via separate gates. Council approved opening of gates as required.