



**Minutes of a Meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Middleton (chair) Cllr. Lewis Cllr. Foulkes Cllr Howes Cllr. Kent Cllr. Page  
Cllr. Silk Cllr. Evans (OCC)  
Claire Lewis (Clerk)

3 members of the public

**01/10/25 To receive apologies**

Cllr. Isaacs  
Cllr. Burls

**02/10/25 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs on any agenda item**

None declared

**03/10/25 To receive, approve & sign as a true record, minutes of previous meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Kent

SECONDED By Cllr. Foulkes

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted. All in favour with 2 abstentions from councillors not in attendance.

**04/10/25 To receive report of County Councillor**

- Resurfacing in village this week - Chapel Lane, Church Path and Neville Way. Cottage Road and A417 by Mill farm still need work
- SIDs – trying to persuade OCC that SIDs are required in front. No S278 funding was agreed. OCC agreed to monitor traffic via cubes to measure traffic flow on A417.
- Cllr Evans will contact OCC to set the Bow Rd speed indicator to trigger at 20mph
- Quarry application – not yet available for comment
- Thames Water – will help if need assistance in verge reinstatement
- Meeting OCC school transport for KAs – 27 pupils travel to King Alfred’s who do not have school transport
- Bow Rd footpath – with legal team at VWHDC. Chasing on our behalf
- Gulley cleaning – OCC says Stanford ward is completed – let Cllr. Evans know if any have been missed
- Congestion charge comes in on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Oxfordshire residents can apply for 25 free passes per year via OCC website

**05/10/25 To receive report of District Councillor**

Nothing received

**06/10/25 Questions/comments from Parishioners**

1. A parishioner raised issue of need for SID on A417. There has already been an accident on the new stretch of road
2. A parishioner commented on **P25/V1717/FUL** - Existing issues with noise, traffic and lack of safe footway on Ware Road will be exacerbated by the new application.
3. A417 new stretch of road needs to be cleaned – **Action:** Clerk to contact contractor
4. Signage for new stretch of road is not complete – there are no 30mph signs except at ends of village.

**07/10/25 To discuss Planning Applications**

**a. P25/V1717/FUL– White Horse Business Park–** change of use from agricultural land to Use Class B8 and erection of a new building, including car parking & associated works

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Silk

SECONDED BY Cllr. Howes

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council The parish council supports the application in principle, noting job creation and that planning permission is in place across the wider business park. However planning permission is in outline, with all matters reserved. It is therefore important to ensure that any piecemeal expansion deals with the details.

In this case there are two matters that concern the PC and need further consideration relating to access safety and resident amenity. In relation to access the whole business park is accessed along Ware Rd, which is narrow, with no pavements and significant traffic that runs 24/7.

Key for this proposal and with any others coming forward on the park is to (a) limit operating hours (to exclude night time hours, 23:00 - 07:00 and weekends) and (b) to find a way to safely access by foot.

The first can be secured by condition, the second could be secured by way of S106 linking across the neighbouring paddocks into the DWH site (as envisaged in the draft neighbourhood plan). This ownership may be in the same ownership contrary to that suggested by the blue line. If so this could be dealt with by condition.

In relation to local residents' quality of life, this proposal will worsen the existing situation, albeit with restricted working hours helping considerably. There should therefore be other conditions sought to limit noise levels, floodlighting and outside storage. Additional landscaping should also be sought, particularly along the eastern boundary of the site.

We would also like to draw the district councils' attention to the parish council's aspiration to see commercial vehicular access to the business park solely via a new road link to the north-east, connecting on to the A417.

**08/10/25 To receive report of Chairman inc. items for next agenda**

- Butler and Duke Cottage Farm correspondence noted
- Remembrance Day – volunteer from PC needed – Cllr. Lewis will do if Cllr. Isaacs not available
- Thames Water verge reinstatement – still waiting to hear

**09/10/25 To receive correspondence and Clerk's Report**

Correspondence – relevant copies are in the meeting correspondence folder

1. OALC report in folder
2. Received further complaints about dog mess in the open space in Nursery End. Handyman has added no dog fouling signs to park.
3. Resident has written about safe crossing to school from Horsecroft – have also forwarded this to Cllr. Evans.
4. A resident has been in touch about additional signage/cameras on the new 30mph zone on the A417 following the removal of temporary traffic lights. They have observed speeding cars and an accident resulting in a car in the trees. Cllr. Isaac's reply is in the folder.

## Clerk's report

1. AMTS are reviewing parish council owned trees, including Nursery End, this week.
2. The Parish Council insurance has been renewed with Clear Councils
3. Cllr. Lewis reported use nitrous oxide canisters found in the Village Hall playground to TVP. The PCSO in Faringdon has been in touch; they are aware of the challenges and general drug concerns around the village and will include it on their list of hotspots.
4. VWHDC Building Control confirmed damaged drain cover in Glebe Rd is Thames Water and not related to oil pipe network. They have reported to Thames Water.
5. Group of youths have set up an area in Forest Grove woods and littered area significantly (see photo in folder). The area is VWHDC responsibility so have reported to Biffa for clearing.
6. Ash trees, including those suffering dieback, in Forest Grove due to be pollarded before year end.
7. Handyman has glue gun for fixing carpeted areas of toddler playground, and litter bin signs to advise no household waste.
8. Cllr Kent is now a Fix My Street Super User
9. I am in the process of completing the planning application for the Public Works of Art not on PC land
10. I will apply for the S106 PWA money for stones on PC land
11. Attending Scribefest (free) next week – online training day organised by Scribe. Attending sessions on AGAR Annual reporting changes, Assertion 10 digital and data compliance, making asset registers insurer-ready and Jacky Weaver!

## 10/10/25 To approve Accounts for Payment

### Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council

1 October 2025 (2025 - 2026)

#### PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
83	Contractors - Maintenance	03/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Glue Gun and Glue	MAC UK Trading Ltd	S	26.76	5.37	32.13
87	Leisure & Recreation	08/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Floodlights	Yu Energy	L	14.04	0.70	14.74
94	S106 Projects	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Wayfinder trail 19 stones	Rob Turner Public Artist	X	4,806.00		4,806.00
92	Jubilee Gardens	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Gardening services	Nick Boden Professional Ga	X	232.00		232.00
90	Leisure & Recreation	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Litter bin signs	PVC Safety Signs	L	14.62	0.73	15.35
91	Leisure & Recreation	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Lebara monthly camera data st	Lebara	S	3.32	0.66	3.98
95	Leisure & Recreation	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Assorted wood	HJ Webb & Son	S	56.66	13.00	69.66
93	QEII Field	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		QEII Field Annual rental	Oxfordshire County Council	X	450.00		450.00
95	Leisure & Recreation	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Assorted wood	HJ Webb & Son	Z	8.33		8.33
84	Land Registry Checks	22/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Land registry checks	Claire Lewis (Expenses)	E	7.00		7.00
86	Cleaning Wages	26/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Litter picker wages	Stephen Rolls	X	177.44		177.44
85	Clerks Salary	26/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Clerks Salary	Claire Lewis	X	1,383.63		1,383.63
89	Employee PAYE & NI	26/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Employee PAYE & NI	HMRC - PAYE & NI	X	164.69		164.69
88	Employer NI	26/09/2025		Current Account (TSI		Employer NI	HMRC - PAYE & NI	X	164.57		164.57
<b>Total</b>									<b>7,509.06</b>	<b>20.46</b>	<b>7,529.52</b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Kent

SECONDED BY Cllr. Foulkes

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council approves the accounts for payment. All in favour.

## 11/10/25 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

Signed.....

Date.....

**Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council****BANK ACCOUNTS**

Current Account (TSB)	£33,911.19
Savings Account (Redwood)	£41,948.68
Savings Account (Unity Trust)	
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£10,108.62
HRBS Account	£500.00
<b>Total in Banks</b>	<b>86,468.49</b>
<b>Cash</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Banks and Cash)</b>	<b>£86,468.49</b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Lewis

SECONDED BY Cllr. Middleton

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council approves the monthly statement of accounts to date. All in favour.

- 12/10/25 To discuss/approve contractor works for Hedge cutting (e.g. QEII border with A417/Cottage Road/Millennium Green)**  
No action at present
- 13/10/25 To approve the Co-option Policy**  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Howes  
SECONDED BY Cllr. Kent  
IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the policy with two votes against
- 14/10/25 To consider funding a litter bin in the Village Hall Car Park**  
**Action:** Clerk and Chair to forward previous correspondence to Cllr. Lewis
- 15/10/25 To approve inclusion of new Church Green noticeboard in PWA S106 application**  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Kent  
SECONDED BY Cllr. Howes  
IT WAS RESOLVED to include a new noticeboard in the application. All in favour.
- 16/10/25 To receive an update on QEII field**  
Reports are completed/in hand for conditional discharge, aim for October/November  
Reports will carry forward into Phase 2 application.  
**Action:** Clerk to confirm monies approved and spent to date to Cllr. Foulkes  
**Action:** Clerk to approve HR Wallingford proposal for drainage
- 17/10/25 To receive update on Security cameras**  
Two cameras with SIMS ready to be installed in the next month
- 18/10/25 To discuss parking on grass verges in the Village**  
**Action:** Clerk to investigate what other councils do and look for contractors. Carry forward to November meeting.

- 19/10/25 To agree how to deal with/respond to the suggestions box**  
Discussion held. A 'you said – we did' section and responses to recurring questions will be added to the Parish Council newsletter.
- 20/10/25 To approve any training requests**
- 21/10/25 Provisional date of next meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**
- 22/10/25 Questions/comments from parishioners**

**Meeting finished at 21:55**