



**Minutes of a Meeting of STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr. Middleton (chair) Cllr. Burls Cllr. Foulkes Cllr. Howes  
Cllr. Isaacs Cllr. Page Cllr. Silk Cllr. Lewis Cllr. Horrobin (joined at  
agenda item 07/01/26)  
Claire Lewis (Clerk)

1 member of the public

**01/01/26 To receive apologies**

Cllr. Kent  
Cllr. Evans (OCC)

**02/01/26 To receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs on any agenda item**

Cllr Silk - item 15 pecuniary interest

**03/01/26 To receive, approve & sign as a true record, minutes of previous meeting 3rd December 2025**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Isaacs

SECONDED By Cllr. Howes

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted. All in favour with 1 abstention from councillor not in attendance at last meeting.

**04/01/26 To receive report of County Councillor**

- Councillor Evans has sent his apologies and has provided a written report, in the meeting folder
- It was agreed that the factual points from Cllr. Evans' report will be included in the Parish Council newsletter

Questions from councillors: None

**05/01/26 To receive report of District Councillor**

Nothing received.

Questions from councillors:

- Parish Council would like support on ensuring the PC leisure strategy response is included.  
**Action:** Cllr. Middleton will follow up with Cllr. Caul. Cllr. Isaacs will also write to Cllr. Helen Pighills, VWHDC cabinet member for Community Health and Wellbeing.

**06/01/26 Questions/comments from Parishioners**

None

**07/01/26 To consider candidates for co-option**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Middleton

SECONDED BY Cllr. Isaacs

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council co-options Michelle Horrobin to the council. All in favour.

08/01/26

**To discuss Planning Applications**

a. **P25/V2247/FUL**– *Locations around Stanford*– Installation of eight wayfinder stones with inlays of hand-crafted mosaics in public spaces, using S106 Work of Art funds

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Isaacs

SECONDED BY Cllr. Silk

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. All in favour.

**Action:** Some responses on VWHDC website suggested that the money would be better spent on youth facilities. Cllr. Isaacs to include item in newsletter to explain that these S106 funds (negotiated between Vale and developers at the time of planning approval) are only available for Public Works of Art and cannot be spent on other facilities.

b. **R3.0118/25 (OCC)** – *Stanford Recycling Centre* – to extend the use of the site as a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) by ten years until 31st December 2036

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Lewis

SECONDED BY Cllr. Burls

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. All in favour.

c. **MW.0119/25 (OCC)** – *Home Farm, Shellingford* - Proposed extraction of soft sand, crushed rock and building stone

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Lewis

SECONDED BY Cllr. Paige

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council has the following comments:

The parish council has the following concerns, related to traffic and road safety:

We are concerned that the proposed access is too close to the existing junction with the A417 to provide safe HGV access to the site without endangering other road users.

Additionally, vulnerable road users, such as cyclists are exposed to increased risks due to the size of the vehicles and movements required. Therefore, additional safety measures, such as a short stretch of cycleway are required to safeguard them.

The Transport Statement highlights the history of road traffic incidents in the vicinity of the junction but suggests that these are not attributable to the design of the junction. We contend that the volume of traffic, design of the junction, and the size of the vehicles mean that improvements to the existing junction design should be sought, especially given OCC's Vision Zero strategy. This might include a new roundabout or a ghost right turn on the B4508.

The surface of the A417 is not currently suitable for additional HGV movements, resulting in terrible road conditions and damage to vehicles for residents. Given the number of heavy vehicle movements, both at the A417 junction and the quarry access, the surface should be designed to avoid such damage. We advocate for additional funding to be sought and used to further maintain the wider A417 surface, drainage etc for the benefit of both quarry vehicles and other road users. Separately we believe that specialist HGV grade kerbing is required to protect the verge on the affected areas of the B4508 and A417.

Stanford in the Vale PC has a recognised aspirational vision to create a safe cycle path along the length of the A417 from Stanford in the Vale to Faringdon. As part of the proposed development, a

section of this should be delivered within the verge of the A417 to further protect vulnerable road users.

We note that circa 70% of traffic movements will leave the site to the northeast and look forward to understanding how this will be monitored or enforced. Stanford in the Vale Parish Council request that annual statistics on the number and direction of vehicle movements is formally provided to us.

**09/01/26 To receive report of Chair inc. items for next agenda**

- Email received from parishioner about the suitability of the skate park.
- Email from parishioner about domestic waste being left in parish council bins.
- Cllr Isaacs has submitted a response on our behalf to the VWHDC consultation on leisure and playing pitch strategies.

**10/01/26 To receive correspondence and Clerk's Report**

Correspondence – relevant copies are in the meeting correspondence folder

- OALC newsletter is in the folder
- Cllr. Lewis is pressing Thames Water for full verge reinstatement opposite the sewage works – see email in folder
- Correspondence received from parishioner asking when the S278 works on A417 will be adopted. Trying to find out from OCC following Christmas shutdown.
- A resident has been in touch about the broken drain lid on the Ware Road roundabout – repaired multiple times, bangs loudly and causes disturbance. Cllr. Evans (OCC) following up.
- A letter from Adrian Duffield, Vale Planning, regarding the government's proposed changes to the planning system, is in the folder.
- Several emails received about the new footpath connecting River Meadow to Nursery End. One request to make it wheelchair accessible. A couple of emails raised the safety issue of the busy Ware Road. There are large warning signs in place. Cllr. Isaacs has requested OCC to place *'Warning Pedestrians Crossing'* signs on Ware Road at a suitable distance each side of the crossing point to the new path and to instal drop kerbs once Ware Road is adopted.
- TTROs:
  - Glebe Road – Tyrell Close footpath closed 26-30 January for electricity supply work
  - Section of Cottage Road between A417 and Upper Crale closed for Network Plus OXO works 31 January -1 February. **Action:** Clerk to check how bus diversion will operate in this time
  - A420 closed overnight from Pusey turn to Buckland Road for pre-surfacing dressing works 16-17 February
  - A417 closed overnight (20:00-06:00) from High Street to Goosey Lane for resurfacing 17-19 February

Clerk's report

1. Cllr. Kent now added to TSB signatory list, but no online access yet – will follow up when Cllr. Kent is back.
2. New .gov.uk website now live. I will check during January that everything required for the audit is on the website.
3. We have been able to identify the person who is continuing to dump household waste in village bins. Vale was already in conversation with the resident about their domestic bins. I have forwarded the evidence to Vale.
4. Cllr. Isaacs did an excellent job in pulling together a response to Vale's playing pitch strategy consultation document at short notice. The consultation did not contain any of the previous, detailed response submitted by the Parish Council.
5. I have upgraded the shared drive from 15Gb to 100Gb, which should be sufficient!
6. Recent application decisions:
  - a. P25/V2123/HH – Coxs Hall - Retrospective application for fence along highway- **REFUSED**
  - b. P25/V1787/LB – Mill Farm - Air source heat pump – **GRANTED**
  - c. P25/V2377/HH, P25/V2378/LB - Old Red Lion, 19 High Street - Chimney height extension - **GRANTED**

- d. P25/V2341/FUL - Unit 13a White Horse Business Park – change of use – **GRANTED** – Delegated report in correspondence folder

**11/01/26 To approve Accounts for Payment**

**Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council  
PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST**

5 January 2026 (2025 - 2026)

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
129	11/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - RIBA Stage1-3	Jessop and Cook Architects		-2,511.25	-502.25	-3,013.50
133	11/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - PC and committee n	SITV Village Hall		-20.25		-20.25
130	11/12/2025	17/11/25	Current Account (TSI		Payment - Nursery End footpat	AMTS Arboricultural Contra		-750.00	-150.00	-900.00
131	11/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - Floodlights	Yu Energy		-161.07	-8.05	-169.12
132	11/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - Lebara monthly can	Lebara		-3.32	-0.66	-3.98
135	11/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - Litter picker wages	Stephen Rolls		-177.44		-177.44
134	11/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - Clerks Salary	Claire Lewis		-633.47		-633.47
31	21/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Receipt - Compensation for clai	TSB		25.00		25.00
136	22/12/2025		Current Account (TSI		Payment - Mapping software at	Parish Online		-112.00	-22.40	-134.40
<b>Total</b>								<b>-4,343.80</b>	<b>-683.36</b>	<b>-5,027.16</b>

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Isaacs  
SECONDED BY Cllr. Howes

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the accounts for payment. All in favour with 1 abstention from new councillor. **ACTION:** Clerk to follow up with football club on floodlight timings as bill remains high despite installation of LED lighting.

**12/01/26 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts**

Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council			
<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/12/2025</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		128,541.92
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/12/2025		257,659.89
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/12/2025		150,221.84
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 31/12/2025</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>235,979.97</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Current Account (TSB) 31/12/2025	53,274.89	
	Savings Account (Redwood) 31/12/2025	42,314.00	
	Savings Account (Unity Trust) 31/12/2025	0.00	
	CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund 31/12/2025	30,268.70	
	HRBS Account 31/12/2025	10,019.28	
	CCLA Better World Cautious Fund 31/12/2025	49,928.62	
	CCLA Better World Global Equity F 31/12/2025	50,174.48	
			235,979.97
	Less unrepresented payments		
			235,979.97
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>235,979.97</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Isaacs  
SECONDED BY Cllr. Foulkes

Signed..... Date.....

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the accounts for payment . All in favour. **Action:** Clerk to include earmarked reserves balance in future meetings

<b>Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council</b>					
<b>Reserves Balance</b>					
<b>2025 - 2026</b>					
<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
<b>Earmarked</b>					
CIL Funds	87,943.26	-355.00	46,457.88	69,271.35	110,401.73
S106 Projects	14,455.81	-133,857.00	27,727.83	134,432.00	-12,697.02
Security	857.08	-588.71			268.37
Neighbourhood Plan	3,734.15				3,734.15
Community Garden	1,645.00	-1,510.12			134.88
Public Open Spaces reserve		109,819.00			109,819.00
<b>Total Earmarked</b>	<b>108,635.30</b>	<b>-26,491.83</b>	<b>74,185.71</b>	<b>203,703.35</b>	<b>211,661.11</b>
<b>TOTAL RESERVE</b>	<b>108,635.30</b>	<b>-26,491.83</b>	<b>74,185.71</b>	<b>203,703.35</b>	<b>211,661.11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					<b>28,019.78</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<b>239,680.89</b>

**NOTE:** The reserves balance includes VAT to be reclaimed by the PC

**13/01/26 To consider draft FY 26/27 budget**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Isaacs

SECONDED BY Cllr. Middleton

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget, with the following changes:

- Increase the Running Costs budget to £12,250
- The increase will be covered by £1k of precept and by using £2k of CCLA investment income

All in favour with 2 votes against.

**14/01/26 To consider draft FY 26/27 precept**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Middleton

SECONDED BY Cllr. Isaacs

IT WAS RESOLVED to set the precept to £33,408 . All in favour with 3 votes against.

**15/01/26 To select a planning consultant to progress the QEII Field**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Middleton

SECONDED BY Cllr. Lewis

IT WAS RESOLVED to select RPS as the planning consultant with authority to spend up to £15k previously approved (agenda item 16/12/25). The decision was based on cost estimates, differences in work suggested and the amount of familiarisation time required. All in favour with 1 abstention.

**10pm**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Middleton

SECONDED BY Cllr. Isaacs

IT WAS RESOLVED to suspend the Standing Orders in order to continue the meeting beyond 10pm.

All in favour.

Signed.....

Date.....

- 16/01/26 To approve clerk's annual membership of SLCC**  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Lewis  
SECONDED BY Cllr. Isaacs  
IT WAS RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £200 on clerk's SLCC membership. All in favour.
- 17/01/26 To discuss response to Thames Water SESRO consultation**  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Middleton  
SECONDED BY Cllr. Silk  
IT WAS RESOLVED to delegate the response to Cllr. Isaacs. All in favour
- 18/01/26 Provisional date of next meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in Stanford School**
- 19/01/26 Questions/comments from parishioners**

**Meeting finished at 10.08pm**