

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

**Present:** Cllr. Harry Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. Dawn Bellin; Cllr. J. Body; Cllr. C. Dent; Cllr. A. Bucknell; District Cllr. Graham Pask; District Cllr. Quentin Webb; Mrs. Helen Pratt (Clerk); Mr. B. Potier; Mrs. H. Dent.

**1. Apologies.**

There were no apologies of absence.

**2. Open Session.**

Prior to this meeting there was an open forum at which approximately 12 parishioners were present in addition to members of the Parish Council.

**3. Declaration of Interests.**

**3.1. Updates to the Register of Interests**

Cllr. Fullerton commented that he has been asked to look at the business of McCurdy & Co in Stanford Dingley. This will exclude any dealings with development of the site.

**3.2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.**

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

**4. Minutes of the last meeting.**

**4.1. Meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

**5. Clerks Report**

**5.1. Finances**

**5.1.1. To receive the Financial Statement.**

The Clerk reported that when all the cheques have cleared the balance in the current account will be £6,595.31. The last statement, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 showed a balance of £7,550.74.

**5.2. Budget for FY19/20.**

**5.2.1. To ratify the budget.**

It was resolved to approve the budget (see end of minutes).

Cllr. Body asked about funds for additional defibrillators. Councillors agreed that, whilst further defibrillators would potentially be of value to the community, they weren't a priority at the current time.

**5.2.2. To ratify the precept.**

It was resolved to leave the precept at £5,000.

**5.3. The Dredge Gang.**

The Clerk reported that having been to an SLCC conference in October 2018 which included a session on insurance, SDPC needs to be more aware of the work of the Dredge Gang. In particular, the council (including the Clerk) must be aware of dates when the Dredge Gang will be meeting and what work they are anticipating doing. In addition, after each session, a list of volunteers who took part needs to be passed to the Clerk (the list of names needs to be maintained for a number of years, should there be a subsequent insurance claim).

**5.4. Meeting dates until May 2019**

It was agreed that the next meeting of SDPC will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and the Annual Meeting of SDPC will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (this is after the elections on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May).

## 5.5. Official Parish Email List.

It was agreed that Cllr. Fullerton would forward the parish email list he currently holds to the Clerk who would then work on a GDPR compliant list, which SDPC can use.

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Cllr. Body asked how SDPC should keep in touch with those parishioners who do not have email or who struggle to access information. It was agreed that Cllr. Fullerton would continue to put information into Newslink (the church magazine), which is delivered to each house in the parish.

It was reported that the residents of Casey Court would like the noticeboard by the pump to be reinstated (it was moved to the Club Room).

## 5.6. Correspondence.

### 5.6.1. **Loneliness and Isolation Event at Newbury Racecourse on 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

Cllr. Bucknell volunteered to attend this event on behalf of SDPC.

## 6. Planning.

### 6.1. Planning Applications for Consideration:

#### 6.1.1. **18/02667/HOUSE – 2 Coxlands Cottages, Burnt Hill Road.**

*Demolish existing conservatory to front and construct two-storey extension.*

It was agreed that SDPC has **no objection** to this application.

#### 6.1.2. **18/03166/HOUSE – Blossom Cottage, Back Lane.**

*Conversion of integral garage into a media room, including replacement of garage doors with windows.*

It was agreed that SDPC has **no objection** to this application.

#### 6.1.3. **18/03295/HOUSE – 82 Stanford Dingley.**

*New 3-bay detached garage and store.*

It was agreed that SDPC **object** to this application on the grounds of the height of the proposed garage which is positioned on high ground. It would therefore be very dominant and imposing in the streetscene.

### 6.2. Planning Decisions of WBC:

#### 6.2.1. **18/02667/HOUSE – 2 Coxlands Cottages, Burnt Hill Road.**

*Demolish existing conservatory to front and construct two-storey extension.*

SDPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

#### 6.2.2. **18/02778/HOUSE – 2 Cornerways Bungalow.**

*New porch and shed.*

SDPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

#### 6.2.3. **18/02583/HOUSE – Blossom Cottage.**

*Single storey side extension.*

SDPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

#### 6.2.4. **18/02056/HOUSE – Church View Barn, Back Lane.**

*Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Replacement of existing doors with new glaze doors to match existing doors on the property.*

SDPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

### 6.3. Update on application 18/01470/FULD for Bushnells Green Farm.

It is expected that this application will be considered by the Area Planning Committee on either the 6<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed that either Cllr. Fullerton or Cllr. Dent would attend (dependent upon the date).

## 7. Reports

### 7.1. District Council.

District Cllr. Pask reported that last year WBC took part in a pilot whereby a larger percentage of business rates, paid by businesses in the area, were returned to WBC.

In the past these have been passed to Central Government and only 20% returned to WBC. This year and into the future, it has been agreed that WBC will receive an addition 1.7million over and above the 20%.

District Cllr. Webb reported that the commercial investments of WBC are paying off. District Cllr. Pask reported that the roadworks planned for the A339 between the Sainsburys and Halfords round-a-bouts to give better access to and from the town centre, are due to start imminently. Bear Lane, which is currently two way will become one way and be used to leave the town centre, whilst Cheap Street will be opened up to access from both directions of the A339 and used to enter the town centre.

**7.2. Stanford Dingley Events.**

Stanford Dingley Events held a World War 1 Event, an archive day, two wreath making events and a children's Christmas party. All involved were thanked for their efforts.

The merging of the Activities Committee and the Events Team into Stanford Dingley Events has created a new energy in the village and the following events are being planned for the coming year: a horticultural talk, a talk on the geology of West Berkshire, a talk on the Household Cavalry, gin tasting, an archive day, a talk entitled "My life in Show Business" by Lauri Mansfield, whisky tasting and a children's Christmas party.

It was agreed that Cllr. Bucknell will give a report from the Stanford Dingley Events committee at future meetings.

**7.3. Dredge Gang.**

The Dredge Gang last met on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**7.4. Highways maintenance and potholes.**

No specific issues were raised but it was agreed that parishioners need to be encouraged to report issues to WBC via the web site. Cllr. Bucknell will put a link on the Stanford Dingley website.

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**7.5. Footpaths.**

Restricted byway STAN 23/1 to Clayhill has been repaired and can be walked easily. The issue with the gates on the footpath from Bradfield Farm to the Blue Pool (STAN 27/1) have still be resolved. The gates have been delivered to the farmer, but have yet to be installed. A disturbing number of dog poo bags are hanging from trees on this path.

Councillors and parishioners were encouraged to report any issues on Rights of Way to WBC via the website.

Cllr. Bucknell and Cllr. Body will give the footpath report at future meetings.

**7.6. Flooding, including the flood alleviation plan.**

Questions were asked about where Thames Water are with the water ingress in the sewer. No one was able to answer this question. It was agreed that there needs to be better awareness on SDPC of progress with the flood alleviation scheme and the issues with the sewer. It was agreed that Cllr. Bucknell, with Cllr. Body would contact Kevin Waldie and Edward Hanrahan and ensure that information is being passed to everyone concerned.

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**8. The Club Room.**

**8.1. Management and Finances.**

A draft Terms of Reference for the Stanford Dingley Events Team was circulated prior to the meeting. This was not approved at the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk, Cllr. Bucknell, Hilary Dent and Barry Potier would meet to discuss the financial arrangements between Stanford Dingley Events and SDPC, and the management of improvements to the Village Field and communication with the covenant holders.

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9. **Village Field.**

It was reported that the fencing around the Village Field is very dilapidated and in need of attention. It has been agreed that work needs to be carried out to improve the entrance and a quote is awaited. This work would improve access to the field making it possible to use the field for parking for bigger church services.

Cllr. Body proposed a meeting about how the field is to be managed and commented that the beneficiaries of the covenant should be consulted on any plans to carry out work on the field.

10. **Round Table Comments**

10.1. **Dawn Bellin.**

Cllr. Bellin advised SDPC that she is resigning from SDPC at the end of this meeting, due to her impending move to Dorset.

Dawn was thanked for all the work she has carried out, both as a councillor and for the community over the years; she will be irreplaceable.

10.2. **Mazelands.**

It was reported that a 4x4 event was held at the weekend between Coxlands Cottages and the M4. Questions were asked about what permission exists for such activities.

Concern was also raised about the clay pigeon shooting which takes place on the west side of the lane going towards Mazelands.

11. **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed:

Date:

Stanford Dingley Parish Council – Budget for FY19/20

	Budget FY16/17	Actual 16/17	Budget FY17/18	Actual 17/18	Budget FY18/19	To 7/1/2018	Expected EOY	Budget FY19/20	
Audit Fee	-	25.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	-	-	-	
Clerk's Salary	1,500.00	1,474.36	1,500.00	1,459.24	2,000.00	1,463.46	1,463.46	2,000.00	
Clerk's Reimbursements	50.00	-	20.00	-	20.00	-	20.00	20.00	
Insurance (includes Club Ro	om) 450.00	417.44	500.00	457.18	500.00	461.57	461.57	500.00	
Payroll	120.00	42.50	60.00	45.50	50.00	47.00	47.00	50.00	
Village Green	200.00	925.00	200.00	-	250.00	-	-	100.00	
Village Field	400.00	-	350.00	125.00	500.00	317.84	317.84	2,000.00	Includes work on entrance
Admin/Contingency	500.00	106.69	200.00	83.05	200.00	269.47	200.00	200.00	
Election Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	
Tilbrooks costs	15,000.00	13,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Costs draftsman	2,000.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Website/IT	-	366.83	200.00	-	50.00	68.69	68.69	75.00	
Training	-	40.00	80.00	-	100.00	-	-	250.00	
Log Tangle	2,685.00	500.00	66.50	66.50	75.00	-	-	-	
Defibrillator	82.16	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	
<b>Annual Subscriptions</b>									
S.L.C.C.	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B.A.L.C.	50.00	43.17	50.00	45.48	50.00	56.80	56.80	65.00	
C.P.R.E.	30.00	36.00	46.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	
C.C.B.	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
CBAS	155.00	135.83	155.00	-	155.00	-	-	-	
PVFF	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	
<b>Club Room</b>									
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Electricity	175.00	166.02	175.00	344.87	600.00	567.64	567.64	500.00	
Maintenance	250.00	81.00	60.00	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>S.137 PAYMENTS</b>									
<b>Library contribution to WB</b>	<b>C -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>195.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>195.00</b>	<b>195.00</b>	<b>195.00</b>	<b>195.00</b>	
WBCS	200.00	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Bradfield PCC (NewsLink)	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	-	-	50.00	-	
Pangbourne PC (floodsax)	-	434.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OPEN STUDIOS 2007/08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
West Berks CAB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Air Ambulance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,210.00</b>	<b>18,324.36</b>	<b>4,271.00</b>	<b>5,593.48</b>	<b>5,586.00</b>	<b>3,674.97</b>	<b>3,625.50</b>	<b>6,391.00</b>	
<b>Club Room Capital Expenditure</b>									
Refurbishment (Phase 1)	-	4,044.34	-	15,022.60	566.59	566.59	-	-	
Refurbishment (Phase 2)	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Club Room Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,044.34</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>15,022.60</b>	<b>566.59</b>	<b>566.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,391.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,210.00</b>	<b>22,368.70</b>	<b>9,271.00</b>	<b>20,616.08</b>	<b>4,241.56</b>	<b>4,192.09</b>	<b>4,192.09</b>	<b>6,391.00</b>	
VAT paid	1,115.35	1,500.00	3,460.29	233.90	245.00	300.00	-	-	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23,484.05</b>	<b>10,771.00</b>	<b>24,076.37</b>	<b>4,475.46</b>	<b>4,437.09</b>	<b>6,691.00</b>			
<b>Income</b>									
Precept	11,517.20	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Donations	86.80	2,685.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Donations/Grants for the Clubroom	20,255.00	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clubroom lettings	80.00	190.00	155.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Grant for IT equipment	1,460.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
VAT reclaim	963.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31,939.00	9,835.00	6,118.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Precept:</b>									
2019/20 Precept -									
2018/19 Precept -									
5,000									
2017 Precept - £5,000									
2016 Precept -									
£11,500									
2015 Precept - £5,000									
2014 Precept - £3,750									
2013 Precept - £3,750									
2012 Precept - £3,250									