

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on
Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

Present: Cllr. Harry Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. C. Dent; Cllr. A. Bucknell; District Cllr. Graham Pask (arrived late); District Cllr. Quentin Webb; Mrs. Helen Pratt (Clerk).

1. Apologies.

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. J. Body, Hilary Dent and Pea Brodhurst.

2. Open Session.

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

Parishioners raised concerns about noise from clay pigeon shooting and 4x4s at Mazelands Farm.

3. Declaration of Interests.

3.1. Updates to the Register of Interests

There were no changes to the register of interests.

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 Monday 7th January 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019 were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning.

5.1. Planning Applications for Consideration:

5.1.1. 18/03400/FULD – Saffron House.

Demolition of existing barn and replace with new 4-bed dwelling with 2 cart sheds, alterations to existing access detail on land adjacent to Saffron House.

SDPC **objected** to this application primarily on the grounds of size. A number of local residents have objected to this application. It was noted that the Conservation Officer recommended an “Impact Assessment” be made on the site prior to approval of application 17/01051/FULD; any assessment carried out was never submitted.

5.1.2. 19/00279/HOUSE – 2 Coxlands Cottages, Burnt Hill Road.

Two storey extension.

SDPC had **no objection** to this application.

5.1.3. 19/00340/FUL – Fairholme Farm.

Section 73: Variation of Condition 2 – Approved Plans of previously approved application 18/01727/FUL: Erection of detached dwelling, tennis court, outdoor swimming pool and pergola. Amendments to include addition of dormer windows and minor elevational changes.

SDPC had **no objection** to this application.

5.1.4. 19/00200/LBC2 – Brook House.

Insertion of new conservation rooflight into the north facing (rear) slope of the main building.

SDPC had **no objection** to this application.

5.1.5. 19/00749/LBC2 – The Garden House.

Alteration to rear fenestration and insertion of external door, creation of new internal opening and insertion of stud walls.

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

5.2. Planning Decisions made by WBC:

5.2.1. 18/03295/HOUSE – 82 Stanford Dingley.

New 3-bay detached garage and store.

SDPC **objected** to the original application; an amendment was submitted, reducing the height and footprint of the garage and this has been **approved** by WBC.

5.2.2. 18/03166/HOUSE – Blossom Cottage, Back Lane.

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

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

5.2.3. 18/01727/FUL – Fairholme Farm.

Erection of detached dwelling, four bay cartshed, tennis court, outdoor swimming pool and pergola; associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space, extended residential curtilage and access arrangements. Removal of existing dwelling, outbuildings and tennis court.

SDPC **supported** this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

5.3. 18/01470/FULD – Bushnells Green Farm.

Retention of existing timber lodge as farm worker accommodation. Supported by new and additional evidence. Non compliance with condition 12 of approved 13/03014/FUL.

SDPC **supported** this application which was considered by the Eastern Area Planning Committee on the 27th February 2019. At this meeting, it was agreed that the application should be considered by the District Planning Committee on the 17th April. It was noted that on farms with stock, there needs to be someone on site, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

5.4. Planning in Stanford Dingley.

It was suggested that the Village Design Statement should be reviewed. It was agreed that the Clerk would check the status of the current Village Design Statement. HP

6. The Club Room.

The Clerk recommended that SDPC should join CBAS and seek their advice on the Terms of Reference for the Events Committee before approving them.

However, Barry Potier, the current Chair of the Events Committee commented that he wasn't willing to remain as Chair unless the Terms of Reference were agreed.

SDPC agreed to approve the Terms of Reference and join CBAS.

7. The Village Field.

The quote for installation of plastic grid tiles covering an area of 4m x 5m at the entrance to the Village Field for £660 was approved.

8. Reports

8.1. District Council.

It was reported that Padworth recycling centre is open all day, every day from the 1st April and will now accept household rubbish as well as recycling. They can't accept asbestos, builder's rubble or plasterboard.

The budget has increased by 2.99% plus a further 2.99% for adult social care. When WBC became a unitary authority, adult social care cost 25% of the budget; today that has increased to 60%, which only covers 3% of the population.

WBC collects business rates which are passed to central government and then redistributed. In the past, only 20% has been returned to the area, but as a result of a pilot run over the last two years, WBC will receive an extra 1.75million above the 20%.

Parishioners were encouraged to continue to report pot holes either via the WBC website or via the Clerk.

8.2. Stanford Dingley Events.

A full calendar of events has been organised; most of these have been well received. SDPC thanked Barry Pottier and his team for taking on the challenge of organising events and following through with them.

8.3. Dredge Gang.

West Berkshire Countryside Society volunteers have spent three days trimming trees from the river banks, enabling light to get to the Pang. This work was funded by Willie Hartley Russell. There is funding for a further three days work in addition to more serious tree work which needs to take place.

A question was asked about whether parishioners get to give input on which trees are removed.

Cllr. Bucknell raised concerns about the trees which have fallen, blocking the drainage ditch at the back of Butcher's Piece. Cllr. Dent agreed to look at organising another work party.

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8.4. Flooding, including the flood alleviation plan.

It was noted that Kevin Waldie is now busy and unfortunately doesn't have the time to commit to being flood warden and attend the Pang Valley Flood Forum (PVFF). At the PVFF flood day in Pangbourne, Thames Water were keen to advertise their priority service for vulnerable residents. Details of how to register are available on-line or via hard copy forms, available from Cllr. Bucknell or the Clerk.

9. Clerks Report

9.1. Finances

9.1.1. To receive the Financial Statement.

The Clerk reported that when all the cheques have cleared the balance in the current account will be £6,470.93. The last statement, dated the 31st January 2019 showed a balance of £6,595.31.

9.2. Annual Assembly – Monday 15th April 2019

It was agreed that Cllr. Dent would co-ordinate the refreshments for the Annual Assembly.

Cllr. Fullerton will send out an email to residents inviting them to attend.

9.3. Election Nominations.

The Clerk advised those present that nomination forms need to be completed and returned to WBC by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April.

10. Date of next meeting:

Annual Parish Assembly:	Monday 15 th April 2019
Annual Meeting of Parish Council:	Wednesday 15 th May 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed:

Date: