

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

**Present:** Cllr. H. Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. C. Dent; Cllr. A. Bucknell; Cllr. E. Hanrahan; Cllr. C. Plank; District Cllr. Graham Pask; Mrs. Helen Pratt (Clerk).

Mr. Barry Pottier.

**1. Public Session.**

**1.1. Manor Barn.**

It was reported that the parcel of land adjacent to the Village Field, belonging to the McCurdy's is becoming more of an eyesore with more and more waste, including a lot of wood, being dumped on the area. Cllr. Fullerton will talk to the McCurdy's about the situation.

**2. Apologies.**

There were no apologies of absence.

**3. Declaration of Interests.**

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

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

The Clerk will send replacement Declaration of Interest forms to Cllr. Hanrahan, Cllr. Plank and Cllr. Bucknell.

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

**4.1. Meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Dent (Cllr. Fullerton having been absent from the meeting).

**5. Planning.**

**5.1. Planning Decisions made by WBC:**

**5.1.1. 19/01045/LBC2 – The Spring.**

*Addition of chimney pot and cowl to existing chimney stack for installation of woodburning stove and twin wall flue system through existing chimney. Core vent placed in living room to comply with regulations to install greater than 5kw woodburning stove.*

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

**5.1.2. 19/01483/HOUSE – Church View Barn.**

*Demolition of existing stable block and construction of a three bay replacement garage with adjoining log store, alongside associated parking, access and landscaping works.*

SDPC **objected** to this application. WBC considers that this application **cannot be determined**.

**5.2. Update from the CPRE Planning Workshop.**

Cllr. Fullerton attended the CPRE workshop and commented that observations on planning applications need to be based on points of fact. The Government Policy is in favour of development. There is a hierarchy of policies, with the Government Policy: the NPPF being at the top, followed by the Local Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan (if one exists) and Village Design Statements.

**6. Parish Documents.**

**6.1. Welcome Pack.**

It was agreed that there should be some form of “Welcome” statement for new parishioners, possibly a simple sheet of information. It was agreed that all councillors would note down contents they felt should be included and forward it to Cllr. Fullerton to complete a draft.

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HF

**6.2. Emergency Plan.**

It was agreed that there should be an Emergency Plan for Stanford Dingley, particularly given the work which Brian Connorton did in preparation for any flooding event. Whilst this material is useful, it doesn't necessarily fit in with the Emergency Plan template which WBC has compiled.

EH

It was agreed that Cllr. Hanrahan, Barry Potier and the Clerk would work on producing an Emergency Plan.

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HP

**6.3. Village Design Statement and Parish Plan.**

The Village Design Statement and the Parish Plan were both completed more than ten years ago and are in need of updating. However, given commitments, it was agreed that the first priority would be to develop the Emergency Plan. Consideration would then be given to updating the Design Statement and the Parish Plan. The Clerk warned SDPC that these updates are not short-term tasks which can be done within the parish, but require external consultation.

It was agreed that Cllr. Bucknell would put the short planning flyer, circulated around the village should be placed on the website.

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**7. The Club Room.**

The Club Room now has the benefit of a 900MB Gigaclear connection and is equipped to be a small business hub.

An electricity bill for the months of June, July and August of £41.55 is the lowest since the refurbishment. It was agreed that Mr. Pottier and the Clerk would look at different electricity tariffs.

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**8. The Village Field.**

The Village Field is felt to be looking the best it has looked for a long time, partially due to the mowing it has received. Quotes have been obtained for work to improve the surface of the access and for the roadside fencing. Mr. and Mrs. Chessum are getting a quote for replacing the fence on the north side of the Village Field and it is understood that Jeremy Plank is replacing the fence on the east side.

BP

It was agreed that a second quote to replace the road side fencing would be obtained. Once a second quote is obtained it was agreed that SDPC meeting would be held to determine which quote to accept.

CP

Cllr. Hanrahan is still exploring wayleave on the electricity poles in the field.

EH

**9. River Pang.**

**Kay Lacey/EA meetings.**

After the last SDPC meeting, Kay Lacey and Brian Connorton met with residents who live next to the river to understand the concerns. This meeting was followed by a site visit and meeting with the EA and Brian Connorton. The situation of low flow in the river is not unique to Stanford Dingley. There was no concern about the mill pond, however there was concern about the silt which has built up by Bridge House. It was agreed that Cllr. Dent will write a report summarising the views of the EA and ask Brian Connorton to check the technicalities before it is circulated to interested parties.

CD

**Flood Alleviation Channel.**

Part of the flood alleviation channel proposal is to lower the level of the road by Butcher's Piece. Before this can be done, another bore hole needs to be dug in the

road to identify the location of services. It is likely that it will be several years before any work on the channel takes place.

## **10. Reports**

### **10.1. District Council.**

District Cllr. Pask reported that Gigaclear have had problems with their contractors. A number of pots installed don't work due to issues with the cabling, however these issues cannot be resolved without gaining wayleave to access the cables.

The District Parish Conference will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

There is to be a Climate Change Conference taking place at Newbury College on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Greenfest is taking place at Hampstead Norreys which is looking at ways of reducing carbon footprint, recycling and reducing use of plastics. Questions were asked about why WBC don't do more curb side recycling.

### **10.2. Stanford Dingley Events.**

The Party in the Paddock was very good and enjoyed by many people. The revenue for the event was approximately £3,500 and costs were in the region of £1,500.

Thanks, were extended to all those involved, but particularly Tom and Duncan for the stage and their help.

Mr. Pottier reported that it was felt that there was only enough momentum in the village for one major event each year.

Next year, events will be organised around the anniversary of VE day with events culminating in a mini agricultural show.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Pottier and his team for a well organised and run event.

### **10.3. Dredge Gang.**

Mr. Pottier and Ollie Brooke continue to organise and run the Dredge Gang. It was agreed that there would be a working party on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm with the aim of carrying out work on the river.

### **10.4. Highways, Maintenance and Potholes.**

It was clarified that WBC is responsible for the storm drains throughout the parish.

### **10.5. Public Rights of Way.**

Cllr. Bucknell reported that the post on STAN26 has still not been replaced and that there is also wire on the ground.

### **10.6. Village Green.**

Cllr. Fullerton will arrange for the damaged post on the Village Green to be replaced, costing a maximum of £50.00.

## **11. Clerks Report**

### **11.1. Grit Bins.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for Willis and Ainsworth to fill up the four grit bins in the parish.

### **11.2. Planning Training on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

All SDPC councillors have agreed to attend the planning training on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints Church Hall in Upper Bucklebury.

### **11.3. To receive the Financial Statement.**

The Clerk circulated a financial statement prior to the meeting showing a balance of £7,785.17 in the Treasury Account, once all transactions have cleared. The balance of the Lloyds Treasury Account on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 was £8,281.94 and the Business Instant Account had a balance of £483.09.

**12. Round Table Comments**

**12.1. Party in the Paddock.**

Mr. Pottier was thanked, as were all those involved in helping with the Party in the Paddock.

**13. Date of next meeting:**

Parish Council:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

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