

**Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on
Monday 5th January 2022 at 7.30pm from the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

Present in the Club Room: Cllr. H. Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. E. Hanrahan; Cllr. C. Dent; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk); one parishioner.

Present virtually: Cllr. A. Bucknell; Cllr. C. Plank; five parishioners.

1 Apologies.

There were no apologies of absence.

2 Declaration of Interests.

2.1 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

2.2 Updates to the Register of Interests.

There were no updates to the Register of Interests.

3 Minutes of last meeting:

3.1 Parish Council meeting on Monday 1st November 2021.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council (SDPC) held on Monday 1st November 2021 were an accurate account of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Fullerton.

4 Planning.

4.1 Planning applications on which SDPC has been consulted:

4.1.1 21/03037/HOUSE – The Garden House.

Construction of swimming pool. With associated landscaping including brick boundary wall.

The meeting was **closed** for members of the public to speak.

A neighbour commented that she understood that details of the application would be shared with her prior to their submission to WBC, but when she next heard about the application, it had already been submitted.

The block plan submitted is out of date and doesn't show extensions made to Meadow Cottage which result in the dwelling being much closer to the boundary than shown. Whilst the proposed pool will not be within site of The Garden House, it is immediately behind Meadow Cottage, where any noise impact will be felt most. There are no details in the application about the type of air source heat pump or where it will be located. It was questioned whether anyone from the WBC Environmental Health team had attended the site. Concern was also raised about the potential for increasing the flood risk; Meadow Cottage suffered from significant fluvial flooding in July 2007. SDPC members were invited to make a site meeting. The agent commented that the site for the pool is within the garden curtilage of The Garden House and questioned whether a pool would cause more noise impact than garden. He commented that if the pool was moved to the east it would bring more ingress into the listed curtilage of The Garden House and moving it south was not possible due to the location of trees.

The meeting was **reopened**.

The three councillors present in person unanimously agreed to **object** to the application on the grounds of the impact on the neighbouring property.

4.1.2 21/03162/FULD – Ivinghoe.

Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with a new dwelling and landscape enhancements.

The meeting was **closed** for the applicant to speak.

The applicant commented that the current application is very similar to the previous applications, but that there has been a reduction in the amount of glazing, a reorientation of the

proposal to have less impact on the landscape and the Landscape Visualisation Assessment tries to answer criticisms in the refusal of the last application. The triple garage is larger than previously.

The opinion that anything will be an improvement on the existing bungalow was expressed.

The meeting was **reopened**.

It was agreed that this application will be further considered at an extra ordinary meeting on Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm.

4.2 Planning decisions made by WBC:

No planning decisions have been made by WBC since the last meeting.

5 Management of Parish Council Assets.

5.1 The Club Room.

It was agreed that the management team for the Club Room needs to be strengthened in particular, cleaning, redecorating and heating need to be considered. As we leave Covid lockdowns, the facility needs to be promoted. Cllr. Bucknell is working on strengthening the team.

5.2 The Village Field.

The field has been used by the church for parking which was successful for a wedding, but has been generally less successful when used on a regular basis; a vehicle got stuck in and it has caused problems for neighbours. As a result, parking is continuing on the grass outside Manor Farm. Cllr. Fullerton will notify the church that parking on the field will not work on a regular basis.

The dog training classes running on the field are very successful.

Cllr. Dent will purchase a replacement lock for the gate.

There has been no progress with the quote for stock fencing with two strands of wire on the south and east boundaries.

Consideration has been given to how water and electricity could be provided in the field, although the need is minimal. Water could be obtained via a hose from either the church or a neighbouring property. Obtaining an electrical supply from the church was considered but is complex and would only result in a minimal supply. As a result, it was agreed that hiring a generator on an event basis would be more effective use of funds. If a generator was to be purchased, it could help power a pump to prevent flooding.

The three cherry trees supplied to the parish as part of the “Blossom into Spring” project, to remember those who have died as a result of the Covid pandemic, have been delivered and are ready to plant in the field.

5.3 The Village Green.

The replacement oak posts to go along the roadside edge of the green are ready to be installed.

Cllr. Hanrahan obtained quotes for a replacement bench to go around the Judas tree on the green, however, due to the cost of timber, the quotes are very high. The McCurdy’s will be asked if they have any suitable timber and the situation will continue to be monitored.

6 District Councillor’s Report.

District Cllr. Pask reported that the Covid pandemic is continuing to have impacts on staffing levels at WBC with many off self-isolating. As a result, green bin collections have been cancelled, until the middle of January. Priority has been given to grey bins, bottles, tins and plastic. The waste recycling plants are open as usual.

The Winter gritting programme is in place as in previous years.

It was reported that a parishioner is requesting Christmas trees for shredding and using to improve the surface on muddy footpaths.

7 Parish Survey.

Plans are ongoing to present the findings of the Parish Survey to parishioners on Saturday 22nd January at 2pm. There was a discussion about whether this should be virtual rather than face to face.

8 **Sewer Flooding.**

There was no update on the sewer flooding issues.

9 **Reports.**

9.1 **Stanford Dingley Events Committee.**

The Christmas party was reported to have been brilliant and very well received. Thanks were extended to those who had organised it.

9.2 **Dredge Gang.**

The Dredge Gang have spread the gravel on the public footpath and the Village Green (STAN 4/1 and 5/1). Leaves have also been cleared from around the churchyard.

9.3 **Tree Planting in the Parish.**

The three “Blossom into Spring” cherry trees will be planted this coming weekend. It was suggested that there should be a plaque explaining the reason for the trees.

9.4 **Public Rights of Way.**

The very muddy footpath (STAN 27/1) has been given a dressing of wood chips which has improved it considerably.

10 **Clerk’s Report.**

10.1 **Budget for FY22/23.**

The budget, circulated prior to the meeting was approved.

It was suggested that a dehumidifier in the Club Room might help some of the issues with damp.

10.2 **Precept for FY22/23.**

It was agreed to raise a precept of £5,000 for FY22/23 which is the same as for FY21/22.

10.3 **Finances**

10.3.1 **To receive the financial statement dated 4th January 2022.**

The Clerk reported that the following payments have been made since the last meeting:

Triangle Management Co. Ltd	£96.00	Bin emptying for October, November and December 2021.
Post Office Ltd	£46.47	Club Room electricity 1/9/21 to 30/11/2021.
CB Heslop & Co. Ltd	£18.00	Payroll.
Salaries	£732.40	For July to December 2021.
Ten by Fifteen Structures Ltd	£168.65	3 bags of gravel for the Village Green path.

Once all transactions have cleared the balance in the account will be £7,902.48. This reconciles to the bank statement dated the 29th October 2021 which showed a balance of £9,593.82. The Business Instant account contained a balance of £6,483.76 on the last statement dated the 29th October 2021.

The following cheques are in the cheque book to be signed:

Pang Valley Flood Forum	£100.00	Membership.
West Berkshire District Council	£200.00	Contribution towards WB Libraries.
Newslink	£50.00	Donation towards Newslink production.
CBAS	£177.00	Membership.

11 **Date of next meetings:**

Extra ordinary meeting: Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm

SDPC: Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Date: