

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on
Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

Present: Cllr. H. Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. C. Dent; Cllr. C. Plank; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

1 Apologies.

There were apologies of absence from Cllr. E. Hanrahan.

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 meetings:

3.1 Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council (SDPC) held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 were an accurate account of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Fullerton.

3.2 Extra Ordinary meeting on Tuesday 18th January 2022.

It was resolved that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of SDPC held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 were an accurate account of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Fullerton.

4 Management of Parish Council Assets.

4.1 The Club Room.

The heating in the Club Room has to be physically controlled from the Club Room. Cllr. Dent agreed to look at making it possible to manage the heating remotely.

The Clerk reported that no rent has been received from the Events Committee for this financial year. Cllr. Dent will contact the Events Committee about this.

There was a discussion about how to increase use of the Club Room, finding a volunteer to market the Club Room and the possibility of the Events Committee holding various types of events as was done prior to Covid.

4.2 The Village Field.

There has been no progress with quotes for replacement of the east and south fence boundaries with stock proof fencing and two strands of wire.

Cllr. Dent has purchased a new padlock for the field gate.

The three cherry trees given to the parish by WBC as part of the “Blossom into Spring” project to remember those who have died as a result of Covid have been planted at the entrance to the Village Field.

4.3 The Village Green.

All of the bollards on the edge of the Village Green have now been replaced. There are about six spares.

5 Planning.

5.1 To consider the following amendment:

5.1.1 21/03037/HOUSE – The Garden House.

Construction of swimming pool, with associated landscaping including brick boundary wall.

The proposed pool has been rotated and moved away from the neighbouring property. It was agreed that SDPC has **no objection** to the amended plan.

5.2 Planning decisions made by WBC.

5.2.1 **21/03162/FULD – Ivinghoe.**

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

WBC has determined that this application is invalid.

6 **District Councillor's Report.**

District Cllr. Pask reported that the budget set by WBC will result in a total increase in council tax of 4%, composed of 1% on core services and 3% on adult social care.

Planning services have been going through a reorganisation and have a new director who has two new immediate reports (head of planning and head of development control).

Attempts are being made to have a more cohesive service with better communications.

7 **Parish Survey.**

It was agreed that the results of the Parish Survey will be published at the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 27th April.

8 **Sewer Flooding.**

There was no direct update on the sewer flooding situation.

Cock Lane, from Back Lane south to the T-junction, will be closed for Saffron House Barn to be connected to the sewer from 21st March to the 1st April.

Parking of vehicles on the corner of the track leading down to the pumping station sometimes obstruct the road for larger vehicles including tractors.

9 **Reports.**

9.1 **Stanford Dingley Events Committee.**

No progress has been made with finding an individual to lead the Events Committee. It was agreed that this position should be advertised at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Fliers for the picnic to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee will be distributed by Cllr. Dent. Cllr. Fullerton will send a flier for publication in NewsLink.

The Events Committee are also organising an Easter Egg Hunt.

9.2 **Dredge Gang.**

The Dredge Gang have been out after the recent storms clearing trees and also collecting litter.

9.3 **Tree Planting in the Parish.**

No progress has been made with planting more trees with the exception of the three cherry trees.

9.4 **Public Rights of Way.**

Wood chips spread on one of the muddier paths in the valley have made a tremendous difference.

It was reported that Jeremy Plank is fencing between the field and the river along STAN 12/1 (to the west of Stanford Dingley). Donnington Trust are funding the fencing and have received a grant for doing the work.

10 **Clerk's Report.**

10.1 **Finances**

10.1.1 **To receive the financial statement dated 7th March 2022.**

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

Bradfield Parish Magazine	£50.00	Contribution towards production of NewsLink.
Triangle Management Company Ltd.	£96.00	Bin emptying Jan, Feb & March 2022.
Expenses	£548.36	Website Costs.

Once all transactions have cleared the balance in the account will be £6,903.62. This reconciles to the bank statement dated the 28th February 2022 which showed a balance of £7,547.98. The Business Instant account contained a balance of £6,483.97 on the last statement dated the 28th February 2022.

The following cheque is in the cheque book to be signed:

Expenses £7.80 Stamps.

Since the last meeting, income of £172.50 has been received for use of the Village Field for dog training.

10.2 Annual Parish Assembly.

Cllr. Fullerton agreed to organise refreshments for the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 27th April.

10.3 Correspondence.

10.3.1 **Changes to the Donnington Hospital Trust Constitution.**

Donnington Trust are in the process of updating their Charity Commission scheme to reflect the ethos and spirit of the trust, which has built up over 600 years. The charity's support for historic religious buildings and meeting houses will be explicitly reintroduced. The duty to conserve the natural environment and promote sustainable land management will also be added. The area benefitting from the alms-house provision will be widened from Berkshire and Oxfordshire to nationally.

11 **Round Table Comments.**

11.1 Rubbish being bought into the Parish.

Complaints have been received of rubbish being bought into the parish and burnt on a commercial basis. In order to take any action, evidence of such behaviour needs to be logged. There are no laws against bonfires, but there are laws of nuisance which can be applied to smoke.

11.2 Facilities for Children.

It was agreed that more facilities for children in the parish need to be discussed. The Annual Parish Assembly was agreed for an initial request for suggestions.

12 **Date of next meetings:**

Stanford Dingley Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm
Annual meeting of SDPC: Monday 4th May 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Date: