

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

**Present:** Cllr. H. Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. A. Bucknell; Cllr. S. Logan; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).  
One member of the public.

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| 1     | <b><u>Public Session.</u></b><br>No matters were raised in the public session.  |         |
| 2     | <b><u>Apologies.</u></b><br>Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Plank, Cllr. Hanrahan and District Cllr. Pask.   |         |
| 3     | <b><u>Declaration of Interests.</u></b>   |         |
| 3.1   | <b><u>Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.</u></b><br>There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.  |         |
| 3.2   | <b><u>Updates to the Register of Interests.</u></b><br>There were no updates to the Register of Interests.  |         |
| 4     | <b><u>Minutes of last meetings:</u></b>   |         |
| 4.1   | <b><u>Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</u></b><br>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council (SDPC) held on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 were an accurate record and were signed by Cllr. Fullerton.  |         |
| 5     | <b><u>Planning.</u></b><br>An update was requested from the WBC enforcement team on any investigations made into the garage at Ivinghoe.  | HP      |
| 5.1   | <b><u>To consider the following planning applications:</u></b><br><i>No applications have been received.</i>  |         |
| 5.2   | <b><u>The following planning decisions have been made:</u></b>  |         |
| 5.2.1 | <b>22/03136/HOUSE &amp; 22/03137/LBC – Brook House.</b><br><i>Proposed first floor extension.</i><br>SDPC had <b>no objection</b> to these applications which have been <b>approved</b> by WBC.   |         |
| 5.2.2 | <b>22/02976/HOUSE – 2 Coxlands Cottages, Burnt Hill Road.</b><br><i>2 Storey and porch extensions.</i><br>SDPC had <b>no objection</b> to this application which has been <b>approved</b> by WBC.   |         |
| 6     | <b><u>Sewer Flooding.</u></b><br>Cllr. Logan reported that Thames Water has identified clear water ingress into the sewer between St. Deny’s Church and the entrance to Bradfield Farm, and up to The Old Boot. To resolve this, Thames Water are obtaining quotes to line the sewer and injection seal the manholes. Thames Water hope to progress with this work this year. Work will continue in the wider area to identify other areas of water ingress into the sewer. Kay Lacey from the Pang Valley Flood Forum has persuaded Andrew Haggard (Thames Water) to hold a face-to-face meeting with representatives of SDPC; the date for this meeting is being arranged.<br>Cllr. Logan commented that Thames Water must install the telemetry at the pumping station to initiate tankers removing sewage and not wait for sewer flooding to occur. | SL      |
| 7     | <b><u>The Club Room.</u></b><br>Cllr. Bucknell has arranged for the Club Room to be cleaned as necessary, and for the windows to be cleaned on a regular basis.<br>The facility has been rented out four times since November. Two invoices need to be raised before the end of the financial year.<br>A qualified parishioner is carrying out the electrical inspection. It was noted that the fire extinguisher should be checked by a suitable authority.  | AB<br>? |

	It was questioned whether or not the roof tiles had been repaired. It is anticipated that the Dredge Gang will tidy up the weeds at the front of the hall.	?
8	<b><u>Community Resilience Project.</u></b> A parishioner has provided more information about the proposed large single generator scheme. On the basis of the maintenance and the required personnel to be responsible for this equipment, there is very strong opposition to it.	
9	<b><u>The Village Field.</u></b> Cllr. Fullerton will speak to Cllr. Plank about SDPC buying the necessary posts and fencing and getting a working party together to put the fencing in. The Clerk has obtained the summary title from the Land Registry for the Village Field. This indicates that the covenant was released on the 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2013. It is still unclear who the covenant holders were. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would obtain a copy of the full title.	HF CP
10	<b><u>The Village Design Statement.</u></b> Cllr. Bucknell has incorporated some of the updates into the pdf file of the Village Design Statement and will continue the work.	HP AB
11	<b><u>Reports.</u></b>	
11.1	<b><u>Stanford Dingley Events Team.</u></b> A Coronation Lunch will be held in the McCurdy's barn on Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May. Other events being organised include a children's Easter egg hunt on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday), a village walk on Bank Holiday Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May and a village picnic on Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June.	
11.2	<b><u>Dredge Gang.</u></b> Whilst there were no work parties to report on, there was a discussion about the insurance cover which the Dredge Gang operates under. It was very much agreed by those present that the Dredge Gang are a group of parishioners who carry out the work as individuals and are therefore not covered by the SDPC insurance. Cllr. Fullerton will confirm this with the parishioner who organises the Dredge Gang.	HF
11.3	<b><u>Public Rights of Way (PROW).</u></b> It was reported that stretches of the river, which were open, have now been fenced off.	
11.4	<b><u>Digitisation of the Stanford Dingley Archives.</u></b> Cllr. Logan reported that he has collected the "St. Deny's" archive and has deposited the other volumes with the company carrying out the scanning. It was noted that the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) searches available on the scanned documents are font sensitive. There was a discussion about what to do with the files resulting from the scanned information. It was agreed that SDPC should register with the Information Commissioner's Office given the data being held.	SL HP
12	<b><u>Clerk's Report.</u></b>	
12.1	<b><u>Finances</u></b>	
12.1.1	<b>Verification of Financial Statement against the Bank Statement.</b> Cllr. Logan verified that the figures shown on the financial statement are in accord with the bank statements.	
12.1.2	<b>To receive the financial statement dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</b> The Clerk reported that the following payments have been made since the last meeting:	
	Expenses for the Club Room                                     £37.79	
	Club Room Hoover   £149.00	
	Triangle Management Co. Ltd                                     £84.24 Bin emptying Jan, Feb & Mar 2023.	
	Connecting Communities in Berkshire                     £180.00 Community Building Advice Service (CBAS) Membership.	
	Pang Valley Flood Forum   £100.00 Donation.	

West Berkshire District Council	£200.00	Contribution to libraries.
Bradfield Parish Magazine	£50.00	Newslink donation.
Office expenses	£13.88	

Once all transactions have cleared the balance in the account will be £15,760.72. This reconciles to the bank statement dated the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 which showed a balance of £16,388.84. The Business Instant account contained a balance of £6,493.28 on the last statement dated the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, giving an overall total of £22,882.12. The sum of £9,120 is ring fenced for community resilience.

**12.2** Annual Assembly.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Sue Ellis from West Berkshire Heritage Forum will give a talk about how to celebrate Stanford Dingley's heritage.

Cllr. Fullerton will organise refreshments.

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**12.3** Election Arrangements.

Cllr. Bucknell will print a flyer to put through doors inviting parishioners to consider standing as parish councillors at the forthcoming election.

Cllr. Logan has spoken to a number of parishioners about submitting nomination papers.

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**12.4** Annual Meeting of SDPC.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of SDPC would be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**12.5** Correspondence.

**12.5.1** Annual ROSPA inspection.

The annual ROSPA inspection of the log pile will be carried out in April.

**13** Round Table Comments.

**13.1** Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr. Logan commented that he had been asked about the recruitment of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators across the parish. There was a discussion about the advantages of having and belonging to such groups. It was agreed that Cllr. Logan would send some material to Cllr. Bucknell to put on the website.

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**14** Date of next meetings:

**Annual Parish Assembly: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm in the Club Room**

**Annual Meeting of SDPC: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Club Room.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Date: