

**of the Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on
Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

Present: Cllr. E. Hanrahan (Chairman); Cllr. H. Fullerton; Cllr. T. Rudd; District Cllr. C. Read; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Five members of the public.

1 Public Session.

No matters were raised during the public session.

2 Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Bucknell and Cllr. Logan.

3 Declaration of Interests.

3.1 Updates to the Register of Interests.

There were no updates to the register of interests.

3.2 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

There were no other declarations of interest in any agenda items.

4 Approval of minutes of the SDPC held on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5 Planning.

5.1 Planning Applications on which WBC has consulted SDPC:

5.1.1 25/00225/HOUSE – 5 Meadowlands.

Single storey rear extension and new vehicle access.

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

5.1.2 24/00701/FUL – Ivinghoe.

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

It was agreed that SDPC continues to **object** to this application. Since this application was originally submitted a number of sheds/garages have been constructed on the site potentially with permitted development.

The changes introduced by this amendment are sufficiently different from the original that SDPC considers that it should be treated as a new application.

6 District Councillor's Report.

6.1 WBC received Financial Support.

Central Government has approved the request for Exceptional Financial Support of £16million. This money is to bolster the general reserve fund and to support the 2025/26 budget.

6.2 Family Matters.

Family Hubs (in Thatcham, Calcot, Newbury and Hungerford) are being expanded and strengthened to give more joined-up support and provide children, parents and carers with the support they need, when they need it.

6.3 Unitary Authorities.

Following Central Governments wish for all areas of the country to be in unitary authorities of 500,000 residents, WBC, South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse are working on a proposal to form Ridgeway Council.

7 Highways.

7.1 Closure of Ashampstead Roads.

Ashampstead Road is partially closed due to scaffolding which is necessary for the refurbishment of the Bradfield College Army House. This is causing addition traffic on Back Lane and through Stanford Dingley. Requests have been made to WBC for urgent repairs to Back Lane.

7.2 Safety on Jennets Hill.

Concerns have been raised about the significant drop to the north east of Jennets Hill. It was agreed to ask Gareth Dowding (WBC Highways) to come out and make a site visit.

8 The Club Room.

8.1 To receive an update on the Electricity Contract.

The Clerk reported that SDPC now has a six-year contract for electricity with Corona Energy. The standing charge is £23.28 a month and the bill will be paid by direct debit.

9 Clerk's Report.

9.1 Annual Assembly – Tuesday 13th May.

The Annual Assembly will take place on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Club Room. Cllr. Hanrahan will purchase the necessary refreshments. There is no guest speaker this year.

9.2 Bin Emptying Contract.

The two bins (litter bin on the Village Green and dog bin at the entrance to the Village Field) have been emptied by Thomas Landscape Services (formerly Triangle Management) for the past few years.

The Clerk has sought an alternative quote which is approximately £120 a year cheaper, however they will invoice monthly, rather than quarterly.

It was agreed to move the bin emptying service to Tactical Facilities Management.

9.3 Finances.

9.3.1 Financial Statement dated 25th March 2025.

The Clerk reported a balance of £3,626.78 in the Treasurer's account once all cheques and lodgements have cleared. This was reconciled to the last bank statements dated the 28th February 2025 when the Treasurers account had a balance of £4,484.45 and the Business Instant account a balance of £6,633.67.

9.3.2 Authorisation of Payments.

The following payments have been made since the last SDPC meeting:

Post Office (SSE December 2024)	£152.30
Replacement hob & Window Cleaning in the Club Room	£230.12
Post Office (SSE January 2025)	£122.38
2 x Jerry Cans & Funnel (for community resilience)	£71.47
ACS Electrical (Fitting the new hob)	£180.00
Post Office (SSE February 2025)	£191.89
Postage	£19.60
Bank charges	£8.25

9.3.3 To review expenditure against budget to the 25th March 2025.

The Clerk circulated a summary of expenditure against budget to the 25th March 2025. It was noted that the maintenance of the Club Room has cost a total of £2,147.85 (excluding VAT) which includes the electrical inspection the new front door, treatment of a wasp nest, the replacement hob and fitting it.

During the year, there have been two WBC members bids claimed: one for the work carried out in FY23/24 on the Village pump (£414.60) and one for work on the Village field (£2,775.98).

9.4 Correspondence.

9.4.1 District Parish Conference.

The Clerk has circulated information about the next WBC District Parish Conference on Wednesday 30th April.

9.4.2 RoSPA Inspection.

The RoSPA inspection of the log tangle will take place during April.

Meeting Closure.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of next SDPC meeting:

Annual Meeting of SDPC: Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Club Room.

Annual Parish Assembly: Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Club Room.