

STANTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton St John Parish Council held on **Monday 19th December 2016** at **7.30 pm** in the village hall.

Present: David Polgreen (in the chair), Andrew Clark, Gina Moore, Alex Smith, Anne Purse (County Councillor) for part, John Walsh (District Councillor) for part, Clare Massey (Clerk).

95. Apologies Charlie Burt

96. Declarations of interest - David Polgreen item 107 – sitting on Otmoor Flyer Organising Group

97. Approve and sign minutes of meetings held on Monday 17th October 2016 and 21st November 2016. These were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly approved and signed off by the Chairman

98. PUBLIC FORUM

The SODC Local Plan will come out in February for the next round of consultation. An approach had been made regarding whether the field opposite the Crematorium on Bayswater Road was available for development, it was confirmed this was not suitable for development.

Concern was raised that voices must be heard to let SODC know how important it is to save the Green Belt. Letters should be written to the Leader of SODC, John Cotton and Head of Planning, Adrian Duffield.

The Wheatley Children's Centre is asking parish councils for donations to be included in their annual budget.

Vulnerable residents can register with SSE for priority reconnection or support in the event of a power cut. Call 0800 2943259.

Some concern was raised about the Otmoor Flyer and the use of Parish Council money when it will benefit relatively few parishioners. It was explained that it is hoped the service will end up being self sufficient from the user's fares and that any Parish Council money which is unused will be returned.

It was reported that the Otmoor Flyer is running well and is very much appreciated by those using it.

99. Matters arising from last meetings

Damage to wall on Pound Lane – No response from the Area Steward

A40 road noise – Holton Parish Council had responded to say they were supportive and would help report any defects. Defects to report would include unevenness, water pooling and skidding. It was suggested parishioners could write to Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Leader of the Council, Cllr David Nimmo-Smith, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Bev Hindle, Deputy Director.

ACTION – Gina Moore will draft a model letter to circulate.

Tree cutting alongside B4027 and behind village hall – The tree surgeons had responded and felt the cutting alongside the B4027 was proportionate to prevent unbalancing or too many wounds. Permission has been granted to trim the cherry tree behind the village hall and this work will take place in the New Year.

100. Planning

100.1 Planning Applications received: None

100.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- i) P16/S1850/FUL Demolition of existing two-storey dwelling and integrated garages and the erection of a new two storey dwelling. Hawkhill Place Stanton St John OX33 1HS - APPROVED
- ii) P16/S3237/LDP Extension to existing garage building to provide additional parking bay, workshop area, shed / store space, log / bin store. 1 Woodperry Hill Stanton St John OXFORD OX33 1AL Lawful Development Certificate issued
- iii) P16/S2292/FUL Application to remove condition 9 (agricultural occupancy) on P10/W1125. (Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling APP/Q3115/A/10/2140369). The Farmhouse Breach Farm Wheatley Road Stanton St John OX33 1FG and P16/S2293/FUL The application to remove condition 5 (agricultural occupancy) on application P11/W0903. (Alterations and extensions to stone barn to form a dwelling house for occupation by an agricultural worker and associated ground works.) Breach Farm Barn Breach Farm Wheatley Road Stanton St John OX33 1FG. APPROVED

100.3 Planning Decisions pending:

- i) P16/S3289/HH Proposed Part First Floor Front Elevation Extension under Hipped Dormer Roof. Replace extg 225mm brick wall at Porch with 300mm cavity wall. 18 Courtfield Road Stanton St John OXFORD OX33 1HA

101. Finance

101.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations:

South and Vale Young Carers Centre – All agreed to donate £100

Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust £46

All agreed to renew the annual subscription.

Wheatley Children's Centre - It was suggested an official request be sent before this could be heard and it would be useful to have a rough idea of the numbers of parishioners who use the service.

Open Spaces Society – Save our Spaces Appeal – All agreed to donate £20.

101.2 Accounts for payment:

Clerks Pay 12 th October to 16 th November (5 weeks)	£476.50
Clerks expenses	£13.20
SODC - Dog Bin Emptying Jul – Sep	£37.68
Clerks Pay 16 th November to 14 th December (4 weeks)	£381.20
Clerks Expenses	£15.59

101.3 Receipts –

SODC 1 st payment of grant for play area	£9,850.00
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101.4 Balances at bank

Current Account as at 30 November 2016	£27,233.39
Deposit Account as at 1 st October 2016	£9,403.06

101.5 Budget and precept setting for 2017/2018

Last years precept was £15,500 and it was proposed to raise this by 10% in view of the upcoming expenditure for the play area, raised pavement maintenance, buses, other transport schemes, village hall and car park. All therefore agreed that next year's precept should be £17,000. The budget was set to take account of the extra expenditure expected and was set at £16,500.

102. Neighbourhood Plan

Update – Responses from SODC have been slow and John Walsh will help chase. A number of subgroups are needed to share around the actions. A meeting is being held in early January to evaluate the requirements and ensure all are covered. The group needs a scribe to help take notes of the meetings.

ACTION – All to suggest anyone who may be able to help take minutes.

103. Village Hall

103.1 Committee proposals – no details given yet

103.2 Quotes for asbestos removal – no quotes received yet

104. Holford Trust Committee Vacancy

No volunteers have been found and it was decided to remove this item from future agendas.

105. Safety improvements on B4027

VAS signs – Waiting for OCC to quote for erecting the pole then the signs will be ordered.

Village signs – Signs with 'Please drive carefully through our village' were decided on to include fixing. The same foundry as the original signs is being used to ensure they match the style. A vote was taken and it was decided the signs should be black writing on a white background. There will be one under each village name sign.

ACTION – Clerk to order.

106. Play area

Grant applications submitted – The national lottery grant has been applied for again and it is hoped we will hear by mid February.

Remedial works on existing equipment – It was decided to wait until February to see if we have heard whether we have a grant before doing any repair work to the existing equipment.

107. Bus service

A report was given on the Otmoor Flyer bus service. It is hoped that the costs will be covered by the passengers if it is regularly at least half full. The organising group are asking for money from the parish councils just to give a safety net in case there is any shortfall. It was reiterated how vital this service is for those who don't have access to a car. It was proposed to donate £1000 to the group. All agreed (David Polgreen did not take part in the vote).

108. Consultation on removal of telephone box

It was agreed to adopt the red phone box by the TalkHouse. It was also agreed we should ask the clause forbidding future use of the box for telecommunications equipment to be removed from the contract.

109. Dates of meetings 2017

Agreed

110. Correspondence Received

i) OALC November update – circulated on email

ii) Police December update – circulated on email

iii) Wheatley Park School – Thank you for donation

iv) BBOWT – December news

v) Countryside Voice – CPRE magazine Winter 2016

Dates of Meetings

SSJ Parish Council Meeting – 16th January 2017, 7:30pm, Village Hall.

SSJ Parish Council Meeting – 20th February 2017, 7:30pm, Village Hall.