

STANTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton St John Parish Council held on **Monday 22nd June 2015** at **7.30 pm**.

Present: David Polgreen, Andrew Clark, Gina Moore, Clare Massey (Clerk), Anne Purse (County Councillor), John Walsh (District Councillor)

Gina Moore signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

19. Apologies Alex Smith, David Stern

20. Declarations of interest in Agenda items - None

21. Election of Officers

Election of Vice-Chairman - Gina Moore accepted her nomination and was duly elected.

22. Approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 25th May 2015 previously circulated. These were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly approved and signed off by the Chairman.

23. PUBLIC FORUM

i) John Walsh raised the issue of the proposed solar farm at Wadley Hill Farm, Beckley. He highlighted that although protected from view nearby that it would be possible to be seen from the John Radcliffe Hospital and Shotover Hill. The local villages are concerned about infill in the Green Belt.

ii) South Oxfordshire District Council have now moved to offices in Milton Park and these will be open to the public from Monday 29th June.

iii) Anne Purse raised that permission has been granted for another entrance into Woodeaton Quarry, this was disappointing because it would involve the cutback of a substantial hedgerow including about 9 large mature trees.

iv) It has been noted that the verges aren't being cut as often due to budget cuts.

v) Another victim of financial cuts will be the children's centres and it is likely rural centres will be hard hit.

vi) Rural bus services subsidies are being reviewed with a view to saving more money. There will be a consultation on possible options so the parish council should raise awareness of the need to respond to this.

vii) The Road to Horton-cum-Studley is a concern because of the high speeds on it. Beckley Parish Council have already said they would support a speed reduction on this road. The councillors agreed they would be happy to meet and discuss.

vii) Two large potholes in the village were noted, one outside Wynburgh and one between Stonehouse and Silver Birches. The second one is a particular worry for cycle traffic as Mill Street seems to be a popular training route.

ACTION - Clerk to report

viii) A resident of Hillcraft Road reported that the County Council had said they were unable to provide a disabled parking space for the resident who is having difficulty getting out of his drive. They are only able to provide a space outside on the street on his side.
ACTION - Clerk to write and complain about their lack of consideration for the individual problem.

ix) A resident complained that the County Council last year cut the verges while there was frost on the ground which is way past the end of the growing season and a waste of time and money. They also didn't feel the verges needed cutting right back to the hedges as this removes essential bird food.

x) A resident from Horton Road attended and also raised the issue of speed on this road.

xi) It was noted that Rectory Farm Shop is now advertising 'food to go' and selling raw meats, breads, cream, cheese and crisps which is against the previous planning ruling.

ACTION - Clerk to report to enforcement

xii) It was noted that there is a dip in the entrance to the village hall car park and it was suggested new gravel was needed for this

ACTION - Clerk to add to next agenda

24. Co-option of new parish councillor

No applications had been received. It was agreed that advertising is needed to find an interested person.

ACTION - David Polgreen to design a poster

25. Matters arising from last meetings

Repair to wall on Pound Lane and other areas of wall damage - It was felt that the repair to the wall opposite The Old Manor was still an issue and that we should ask the contractor responsible to do the repair in keeping with its position in a conservation area.

ACTION - Gina Moore to pass on the email address and clerk to write asking this is repaired sympathetically.

It was agreed to ask the same stone mason who did previous repairs to repair the damage outside Rectory Farm House on the corner of Middle Street into Mill Street.

ACTION Clerk to ask stonemason to repair

Courtfield Road parking issue - Raised above

Planning for new road off Menmarsh Road - Reported to planning enforcement

26. Dog Behaviour

The council were unaware of this issue but felt this is a police issue and any individuals affected should report it to the police. The council will add to the next newsletter that dogs should be kept under control in public.

ACTION - Clerk to add to next newsletter

27. Update on pavilion funding

It is hoped the story should soon be in the Daily Mail and payment made.

It was suggested it may be nice for local builders to be asked to quote for building the pavilion.

ACTION - Any suggestions of local builders to be sent to the clerk who will pass on

There is a potential football team who may be looking for a new ground so it is being investigated whether this can be accommodated alongside the cricket pitch.

28. Planning

28.1 Planning Applications received: - NONE

28.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

P15/S1174/HH The Chequers, Middle Road, Stanton St John, OX33 1EX. Enlargement of 2 rear ground floor windows - APPROVED

28.3 Planning Decisions pending: - NONE

28.4 - Proposed solar farm, Wadley Hill Farm, Beckley

All councillors agreed this was a better position than the last proposal. Some councillors still had concerns about the infill in Green Belt and the precedent for development in the area or for more solar farms.

29. Finance

29.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations: None

29.2 Accounts for payment:

Clerks Pay May 6th - Jun 10th (5 weeks)

£476.50

Clerks Expenses - postage	£2.29
Footlight payments	£216.00

29.3 Receipts -

29.4 Balances at bank

Current Account as at 29th May 2015	£10,645.77
Deposit Account as at 1st April 2015	£9346.76

30. Correspondence Received

- i) OALC May members update - circulated on email
- ii) Police report April - May 2015- 2 thefts reported
- iii) Wheatley Newsletter
- iv) LCR Summer 2015
- v) Open Spaces Society Magazine

Dates of Meetings

SSJ Parish Council Meeting - 27th July 2015, 7:30pm, Village Hall

SSJ Parish Council Meeting - 14th September 2015, 7:30pm, Village Hall