

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stanford Dingley Parish Council held on
Thursday 25th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Club Room, Stanford Dingley.**

Present: Cllr. Harry Fullerton (Chairman); Cllr. Dawn Bellin; Cllr. J. Body; District Cllr. Graham Pask; District Cllr. Quentin Webb; Mrs. Helen Pratt (Clerk); Mrs. Aisling Bucknell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies of absence were received and approved from Cllr. Dent.

2. Open Session.

There were no matters to be discussed in the open session.

3. Declaration of Interests.

3.1. Updates to the Register of Interests

Cllr. Fullerton will update his interests to include Six Figure Grid Ltd.

3.2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

Cllr. Fullerton declared an interest in planning application 18/02583/HOUSE for Blossom Cottage because he is an immediate neighbour.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

4.1. Meeting on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

5. Co-option of a new Councillor.

Cllr. Fullerton proposed that Aisling Bucknell become a member of Stanford Dingley Parish Council (SDPC). This was seconded by Cllr. Body and unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Bucknell was welcomed to SDPC and completed her Acceptance of Office form.

6. Clerks Report

6.1. Assets.

6.1.1. Location of Grit Bins.

It was confirmed that there are currently four grit bins in the parish: on the triangle at the top of Clay Hill, next to Privett House on Clay Hill, Casey Court and outside Saffron House Barn.

It was resolved that a fifth grit bin should be purchased to go on the corner of Back Lane and Burnt Hill Road. Cllr. Body will supply a map to the Clerk indicating exactly where the grit bin should be positioned.

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6.1.2. Benches on the Green.

Cllr. Fullerton has spoken to Andy McKenzie who would like to restore two of the benches on the Green in memory of his son. These are the benches which are concreted in.

Cllr. Fullerton will remove the free-standing wooden bench, because it is considered to be unsafe.

6.2. Correspondence.

6.2.1. WB Heritage Forum

The Heritage Forum has written to each parish in West Berkshire and asked for a donation of £50 to cover their costs. Their average costs are £220 per year and cover the bookings for venues for meetings and other incidental costs; none of those involved claim expenses. It was agreed that this item would be deferred until the next meeting.

6.2.2. WBC District Parish Assembly on the 6th November

Nobody is available to attend the District Parish Conference or the Code of Conduct session organised to run before the Conference.

7. Planning.

7.1. Planning Applications for Consideration:

7.1.1. 18/02583/HOUSE – Blossom Cottage.

Single storey side extension.

It was agreed that SDPC **object** to this application on the grounds of the impact it will have on the landscape when viewed from the north and overdevelopment of the site.

7.1.2. 18/02778/HOUSE – 2 Cornerways Bungalow.

New porch and shed.

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

7.2. Planning Decisions of WBC:

7.2.1. 18/02056/HOUSE – Church View Barn, Back Lane.

Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Replacement of existing doors with new glaze doors to match existing doors on the property.

SDPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

8. Village Field.

Cllr. Fullerton reported that he is awaiting the quote from “tractor” Oli for work on the entrance to the Village Field.

9. Round Table Comments

9.1. Road Closures without warning.

It was noted that several months ago, the road between the Bull and Oakens was dug up and therefore closed. It is understood that the work was carried out to check the location of services in preparation for the possible lowering of the road at this point for the flood alleviation project. No notification of this work was given (including to immediate neighbours). District Cllr. Pask agreed to take this up with WBC.

9.2. Pothole outside Casey Court.

The pothole outside Casey Court had been filled, but a further leak has been found.

9.3. Power Lines.

Cllr. Body has contacted SSE about the trees overhanging the electric wires. It is understood that SSE cut back branches on a five year rotation and can be quite brutal. If residents wish to have trees cut back in an aesthetically pleasing way, it is recommended that they contact a tree surgeon privately, to get the work done. Cllr. Body will contact those residents with trees overhanging power lines and make sure they are aware of the options.

9.4. Village Distribution List.

It was agreed that an official parish distribution list would be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Date: