

STANDLAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Standlake Parish Council, held by Zoom conference call on 8th June 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr. B. Parnham Chairman
Mr. Rippin Vice Chairman
Mrs. L. Burton
Mr. D Jeffcoat
Mrs. J Macdonald
Mr. D. Bevan Clerk

Cllr. D. Levy (OCC), Cllrs (WODC) S. Good and L. Nichols; Mr. J. Spencer, Mr. M. Pettitt and 8 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES - Mrs. A. Knipe
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - there were no declarations of interest.
3. PUBLIC ITEMS - Mr. J. Spencer said he spoke on behalf of the residents of Chapel Lane and others regarding the planning application 21/01060/FUL and gave grounds for objection; the detailed statement of objection has been previously circulated to councillors and is on the WODC planning portal. Briefly, the objections can be summarised as: transport, access, and safety; flooding drainage and sewage infrastructure; heritage and neighbourliness; biodiversity and sustainability. There were no questions from councillors and Mr. Parnham thanked Mr. Spencer for his input.

Mr. M. Pettitt said he was the applicant for the planning application 21/01133/FUL and only wished to listen and answer any questions from councillors. There were no questions from councillors.

4. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

OCC - Cllr. Dan Levy was welcomed by Mr. Parnham as the new OCC councillor. Cllr Levy said how pleased he was to be elected to represent the Eynsham division and thanked Cllr. Charles Mathew for his past work and support since the election. He said he had a growing list of things to do, but his priorities were the A40 and issues relating specifically to Standlake and will do his best to drive improvements. Cllr. Levy's full report will be placed on the Standlake website.

WODC - Cllr. Lysette Nichols was welcomed by Mr. Parnham as the new WODC councillor to serve alongside Cllr. Steve Good. Cllr. Nichols said she was pleased to be elected to serve Standlake, Stanton Harcourt and Aston; she was currently under training and being guided by Cllr. Steve Good. She hoped to attend as many Standlake PC meetings as possible.

Cllr. Good welcomed the new councillors and said that he and Cllr. Levy (also a WODC councillor) were on the Lowlands planning committee as would Cllr. Nichols when she had completed her training. Cllr. Good reminded everyone that planning committee members must remain impartial and that planning matters were, by law, not party political. Hopefully, site meetings by the committee would recommence soon.

5. PLANNING -

21/01060/FUL: Construction of a detached dwelling and detached double garage along with associated works: Land Southwest of Chapel Lane Standlake: NPES Developments Ltd. Councillors reiterated the objections raised by Mr. Spencer and they agreed unanimously to object to the application on the grounds of: design and materials; traffic and access; biodiversity and loss of open space; drainage and sewage; future development.

21/01133/FUL Demolition of existing engineering workshop and erection of two detached dwellings with associated parking, private amenity space and landscaping. Councillors unanimously agreed to object on the grounds of design, layout and over-dominance- particularly of a adjacent Grade II listed building; drainage and sewage.

21/01545/HHD: Single storey extension Ashfield 7 Aston Road Brighthampton: Mr John Skeen. No objection.

21/01756/HHD: Single storey Extension: Orchard Paddock Cottage 50 Abingdon Road Standlake: Mr & Mrs List. No objection.

21/01883/HHD: Proposed covered entrance porch, covered seating area and insertion of two roof lights: Florey's Barn Brighthampton: Mr & Mrs S Peacock. No objection.

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6. MINUTES - Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th May 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the chairman at a later date.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Sewage/Flooding. Mr. Parnham reported that OCC will be carrying out jetting and survey work in the next few weeks. He remarked that it was frustrating that it was only now that they were beginning to act. TW funding has been approved for more remedial work on the sewage system.

Roads/Traffic/Speeding/Traffic Calming - Mr. Parnham has contacted the school regarding speeding and parking and he is confident this has been taken forward. Awaiting further clarification from TVP regarding the recording of number plates etc. Mr. Jeffcoat asked about the bus drivers exceeding the speed limit and Mr. Parnham replied that they had been warned by email and if this continues number plates and times will be recorded and passed to the police.

Playground/Recreation Ground & Maintenance - Mr. Parnham said there was nothing to report regarding either Rack End or Windrush Way. The council has been notified that the annual RoSPA safety inspection would take place later this month or early July.

Environment - Mrs. Burton reported that she had purchased the trees and would be meeting again with OCC to decide a new location, as one site has been objected to by the owner; failing that, the alternative is to plant on the west end bank of the recreation ground.

Hornsway Bench - Mr. Rippin had nothing further to report at this meeting. A resident has approached Mrs. Macdonald asking if any new bench could be placed facing the field to enjoy the view. Mr. Rippin said that would need a hard surface in front of the bench. The clerk pointed out that, now the trees and shrubs were in full leaf, there was no view to speak of. It was agreed that Mrs. Macdonald should inform the resident of the reasons why this should not be done.

Martins Lane - The clerk has spoken with the chairman of Standlake Drainage Board (Mr. Townsend) who has agreed to fill the potholes but did not have a timescale. Mr. Jeffcoat asked who was responsible for the maintenance Shifford Lane, having seen an SSE vehicle trying to negotiate a fallen tree. The clerk said that this was an OCC responsibility. Mr. Parnham will raise the maintenance of the lane with OCC. There was some discussion regarding anti-social behaviour occurring in parked cars at the end of Shifford Lane and Mr. Parnham will pass this on to TVP but, in the past, response to reports of this sort of behaviour has not been satisfactory.

Defibrillator at school - The clerk has sent the £50 grant to the school and received an acknowledgement and thanks.

Village Gates - Mr. Parnham is waiting for estimate from OCC for the gates on the Aston Road and when that is received, he will question why the gates were never installed. Mr. Jeffcoat asked about the replacement of the Standlake sign and Mr. Parnham said that he had been in contact with OCC but had no news.

New Councillor - The prospective new councillor, Mr. Tony Ward, was unable to attend this meeting and will join the council at the July meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - no significant correspondence received.

9. ACCOUNTS - The clerk reported that an unexpected payment has been received from the Standlake Volunteer Group in respect of a grant made at the beginning of the pandemic, but which has not been used. He also noted that, as is common at this time of year, mowing was being carried out fortnightly.

Income received:

LWTC rent	£750.00
Refund from Standlake Volunteers Group	£250.00

For approval/payment:

Flying Press - SNRN flyers	£74.35
Came & Co - insurance premium	£993.25
UK2 - web hosting renewal	£70.67
Eynsham Partnership Academy - grant	£50.00
D C Bevan - salary & expenses	£1519.50
Chris Cleland - churchyard mowing	£705.00

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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Mr. Parnham said that, in the light of the uncertainty of full COVID restrictions being lifted on 21st June, he intended to hold the July meeting by Zoom; there were no objections. Therefore, the July meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

Chairman

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