

STANDLAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Standlake Parish Council, held in the Youth Club, Church End, on 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr. B. Parnham	Chairman
Mr. D. Jeffcoat	Vice Chairman
Mrs. Knipe	
Mrs. J. Macdonald	
Mr. J. Clements	
Mr. B. Smith	
Mr. D. Bevan	Clerk

OCC Cllr. D. Levy. WODC Cllr. S. Cosier.

1. APOLOGIES - Mr. Rippin.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.
3. PUBLIC ITEMS - No members of the public were present.
4. COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS. Full County and District councillor reports are available on the council website - www.standlakepc.org.uk

Cllr. Cosier said that the dispute over the fence at 158 Abingdon Rd. had resulted in an order that the fence be moved one metre back towards the property. While this was not the ideal outcome and paid no attention to the visual impact on the area this was the decision of the Lowlands Planning Committee following a site visit. Mr. Jeffcoat asked if there was any further information about possible ward boundary changes. Cllr. Cosier said that it would be 2026 before anything was defined and Cllr. Levy added that by then it was possible that the district council might become part of a new unitary authority. Mr. Jeffcoat also asked if there was any information on the proposed cycle lane from Eynsham to Botley and Cllr. Levy said this is on a to-do list but, as usual, it was a question of money.

5. PLANNING -

24/02752 Variation of condition 4 and removal of condition 5 of permission 21/01497/FUL to allow changes to the details of the external windows and doors and the recess depth in which they are set (retrospective) The Old Bell 21 High Street Standlake. No objection.

24/03019/HHD: Erection of a porch and two storey extension to existing garage to create annex: Ashfield 7 Aston Road Brighthampton: Mr John Skeen. No objection.

6. MINUTES - Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th October 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Sewage/Flooding - Mr. Parnham reported the following regarding High Street flooding - I have not received a reply from OCC to my question 'Have you engaged with Thames Water if you feel '...most of the water is ground water issuing from Thames Water's foul manholes onto High Street, therefore not surface water'. I will continue to pursue and work towards getting the road height increased/improved drainage channels as we managed to have completed in Woodlands. Cllr. Levy said that OCC were now going to carry out gulley clearing annually instead every 4 years. Mrs. Macdonald reported that she had seen Thames Water operatives carrying out CCTV inspections of sewers.

Roads/Speedwatch/20mph - Mrs. Knipe said she was pleased to report we have another two volunteers who have passed the training and are now involved on roadside sessions - thank you. A big thank you to all volunteers who give up their time to help on this very important initiative. We are seeing an overall reduction in speeding, so we are making a difference.

During November 16 roadside sessions were held; obviously with reduced daylight hours our sessions are reduced but we are managing to get some lunchtime sessions in. 115 offenders were reported, 1 with no MOT and 1 no Tax. This information is passed by TVP to DVLA. In the 30mph zone 1% were recorded as speeding and 9% in the 20mph zones which is a significant reduction.

Mr. Parnham commented on the Aston Road, Brighthampton - engagement continues with OCC regarding the condition of the road [hopefully once OCC get into the new financial year some money will be available

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for this to be addressed] and also the volume of HGV's and construction traffic heading to Aston. Further updates will follow.

Playgrounds/Recreation Ground - Mr. Clements reported that he had not found any problems at the Windrush Way play park apart from a wooden board that needed removing. Mr. Parnham said that the Rack End recreation ground was too wet to examine properly.

Environment/Nature Recovery Network - Mrs. Macdonald was pleased to report that the Village Litter Pick had gone very well and thanked all the volunteers for their help.

8. CORRESPONDENCE. - requests for donations have been received from Age UK and Oxfordshire Mind. £75 for each was approved.

9. ACCOUNTS - The clerk reported that the accounts were in a satisfactory state.

For payment/approved: (* already paid)

Standlake VH - hire for litter pick	£20.00*
D C Bevan - clerk salary	£1752.50*

10. BUDGET FY25/26 - Mr. Parnham said that, as there were no further amendments to the requirements for FY25/26, he suggested an increase of 5% over FY24/25 making the new Precept £31,500 with a view to increasing the council's community reserve. Mr. Clements countered by suggesting an increase to £35,000 with a reserve set aside for traffic calming and to investigate the provision of a professionally produced website. After some discussion it was decided unanimously that the increase should be 10%, thus making the FY25/26 Precept £33,000 with the setting up of a traffic calming reserve - the actual amount to be decided at a later meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - It was agreed that the next meeting will be held in the Youth Club on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30 pm unless there are no significant items, in which case the January meeting will be cancelled.

12. Mr. Parnham thanked all county, district and parish councillors for their work during the year and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman Date