

STANFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING of 29 AUGUST 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs: Geoff Colledge; Peter Bebbington; Peter Maddox; Graham Horner; Cllr Mrs J Hollingsbee; Clerk Mrs Dorothy Bultitude, 6 parishioners

1 APOLOGIES Cllr Ms Susan Carey;

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any item(s) on this Agenda.
- The Clerk will give notice of any applications for dispensation to be considered by the Council.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25 JULY having been circulated previously, were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES There were none.

5 PARISH QUESTIONS

- In response to a question from the floor, regarding annual verge mowing, the Clerk referred those present to the Schedule of Verge Maintenance produced by Kent Highways. This outlines the specified cuts for rural grass maintenance as follows: "a 900 mm (three foot) strip next to the road edge using a tractor mounted mower. A cut between May and September to maintain highway safety." Cllr Mrs Hollingsbee agreed to seek clarification of this statement.
- A resident was concerned that horses were being exercised over the Farmers' bridge leaving manure on the footpath.
- Cllr Hollingsbee said she would check to see if there was the possibility of Payback teams being deployed in the village to help with maintenance.
- Public Rights of Way in the village remain closed in some cases and there was concern about the overgrown state of some routes. The Clerk said financial constraints had made maintenance of PROW problematic.

6 PLANNING

6.1 Update on FHDC decisions

Y18/0348/SH Hayward House, Kennett Lane, Stanford (no decision to date)

Y18/0796/FH Wayside, Stone Street, Westenhangar: (no decision to date)

Y18/0830/FH Connaught Lodge, Stone Street, Westenhangar: Erection of detached double garage with storage above. (no decision to date)

6.2 To consider Council's response to applications received since the last Meeting;

Y18/0965/FH Kilrush, Stone Street, Westenhangar: Erection of 2-storey rear extension and other external alterations. (Councillors voted unanimously to approve the application)

6.4 LORRY PARK/ OTTERPOOL GARDEN TOWN

- The Chair said there was little to report until the end of the year with regard to the Lorry Park.
- Stanford Councillors were having meetings with the Otterpool Park planning team and Minutes of those meetings had been received. Cllr Maddox wanted ceding of the land for any protection they give us. Cllr Colledge said FHDC were supplying Minutes of the Parish Council's meetings with the Otterpool team and he was expecting confirmation that land deemed as boundary/bunding would be ceded to the Parish, thus ensuring future protection for the village.
- The planning team were in discussion with John Forge about Westenhangar Castle: the possibility exists that the Castle might come under the ownership of FHDC. Asked how the discussions went between the two planning authorities, Cllr Colledge said if FHDC take over Westenhangar Castle it could become a political issue.
- Re-routing of the A20: A map was available showing the proposal. Councillors agreed that Stanford PC could not in any way endorse these plans in any way. Work on the Junction at Newingreen should be a priority rather than re-routing of the A20.
- In answer to a question from the floor, the Chair said Highways England were aware of the installation of Eleclink cables across the proposed site of the Lorry Park. Stanford PC had sent a response to their Questionnaire on the public information exercise 'Solutions to Operation Stack' which had been acknowledged.

7 FINANCE Cheques approved and signed as per Agenda

8 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Cllr Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee reported that the Planning team for Otterpool Park were very pleased to be working with Stanford Parish Councillors.

- FHDC had recently undertaken a 'Peer Challenge' and the results of this were very positive. Councillors felt that the Local Authority was in a very good position financially.
- Outline Planning permission had now been approved for the whole Princes Parade, Hythe development:
- Detailed PP had been approved for the building of a new swimming pool on the site.
- FHDC were now piloting Solar high-powered compact waste bins.
- The Council had now secured Government funding of £1m to help people to live independently in their own homes. It was hoped this would mean fewer patients remaining on hospital wards blocking beds.
- Radnor Park had been granted Green Flag status.
- A Community Safety Unit was being formed. FHDC were undergoing a transformation: there will be Area Offices 'on the ground' in the community who would be contactable regarding problems locally - fly-tipping etc.
- Jenny was pleased to report that she was now a member of AONB representing FHDC.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Carey was not present

10 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- The Clerk agreed to report the fly-tipping on the Farmers' bridge again as no action had yet been taken by FHDC.
- Cllr Horner reported that Kennett Lane was to be closed for resurfacing soon.
- The Clerk wished to know when the bund would be replaced at the entrance to Eleclink works on B2068. This had been promised at the start of works.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Report on Councillors' meeting on 7 July with VH Management Trustees

- The Chair reported on the meeting of Parish Councillors and 3 Village Hall Management Committee Trustees with Jenny Bradbury of ACRK held on 7 July. There had been frank and open discussion.
- The Clerk had contacted Keith Chiesley who had been pleased to pass all documents, including bank statements, to her. These were now held by Cllr Colledge who said they were available for Committee Trustees to collect.
- Insurance: Stanford PC had agreed to fund the Public Liability Insurance premium on the Village Hall: the Clerk had given him details of the policy which had been in force up to 2016. Alastair agreed to obtain quotes and report back to the Council.

The Chair then threw open the meeting to Alastair Holt who said it was now clear that the Village Hall could be demolished. He said the VHC and Stanford PC were now 'of the same mind' regarding taking the matter forward. The names of three residents who might consider joining the VH Committee had been given to him to contact: so far he had not contacted any of them owing to pressure of work.

Jenny Bradbury had forwarded him details of Insurance brokers who would quote for insurance for the Hall. He now had a quote of £1,000 and would be seeking other quotes. The Clerk asked if he had contacted the firm who had quoted 2 years ago. He had not – preferring to use a broker: the Village Hall still remained uninsured.

Cllr Colledge confided that there could be the possibility of Community Buildings being provided within Otterpool. Money might be provided to the Village for a new Village Hall. This could at first be a temporary arrangement until more permanent premises became possible.

BATTLE'S OVER - A Nation's Tribute: WW1 Commemoration Sunday 11 November.

Cllr Colledge tabled a flyer for the above event to be held at The Drum. Discussion followed and Councillors approved the draft which would be printed by the Clerk ready for distribution to all households shortly. Thanks to Geoff and Jan for all their work on the project.

12 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17 October at 6.30pm

Signed.....Chair

Cllr Geoffrey Colledge

17 October 2018