
STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL



NEWS UPDATE OCTOBER 2016

Strategic Site Developments

Two outline planning applications have now been received, following the consultations that were recently conducted by developers towards separate parts of the Strategic Site off Faringdon Road, as identified in Vale's Local Plan. The Parish Council has severe concerns regarding the housing density proposed for the first of these, which combined with the education issues identified by Oxfordshire County Council has led to our recommending that it is refused in its present form. The proposals for the second part of the strategic site, being brought forward by Gleeson Developments have, in our opinion, been better thought out. There has also been a good level of co-operation between parties in the early stages to secure elements for the benefit of the wider community (such as an additional section of our proposed circular footpath route encompassing the whole village). However, the education issues affect the strategic site as a whole. We have also held discussions with Seven Acre Nursery, who have advised us that they have suffered a loss of business as a consequence of the sites surrounding them being marketed for development. To avoid any further confusion, I would like to clarify that Seven Acre Nursery continues to operate from their premises off Faringdon Road.

Challow Railway Bridge

We were recently notified that OCC had given permission for a 2-week closure of the bridge at Challow in October. Given that the bridge was only closed 2 years ago for rebuilding, this appeared to be excessive and we have therefore been campaigning, with the assistance of County Cllr Melinda Tilley for this to be overturned.

PLEASE NOTE:

These works have been postponed and will not start on 3 October 2016. The new proposed start date is 18 November (to 28 November), which may involve weekend and mid-week overnight closures but this new start date is yet to be confirmed.

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure – at: Wantage, A417 Faringdon Road - Rail bridge at Challow. A request has been received

from J Murphy and Sons Ltd (on behalf of Network Rail) for a temporary road closure to apply as detailed above whilst essential carriageway repair works are carried out.

The maximum duration of a TTRO on a road is 18 months, or until completion of the works, whichever is the earlier. Notice of intention to make the Order will be published in the local press.

Fire & Rescue, Ambulance and Police PLEASE NOTE: Due to the nature of the works, there will be No Through Route available for emergency service vehicles.

Access will be maintained for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works. **Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Paul Dolan of J Murphy and Sons Ltd on 07738 144 392.**

Anti-social behaviour

Since our last newsletter, it is regrettable to report that there have been a number of instances of anti-social behaviour/petty vandalism in the village. Whilst involving a small group of youths, these have largely targeted the areas around the various playgrounds in the village. Issues have ranged from loud music to vandalising play equipment to reports of a mini-bonfire. Despite a number of residents and councillors that have engaged with this group, the behaviour has tended to simply relocate elsewhere, causing further disturbance/aggravation. Where such behaviour becomes intolerable, or leads to damage to play equipment/similar, the police will be involved.

Thermal Imaging Camera

We have arranged the loan of a thermal imaging camera from Vale of White Horse District Council during November. The camera can be used to inspect properties, revealing areas of unusually high heat loss, which you can then address. If you'd like to arrange a free thermal image survey of your property, please contact me before November with your name and address - plewis.sitv@gmail.com / 07941500442.

Peter Lewis

Chairman – Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
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Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity (PPC) – mid May 2016

The Trustees met on Thursday 28th July 2016. The current Trustees are as follows:

Roy Walker (Hon. Chairman)	
David Axford (Hon. Clerk)	Julia Grinsted
Paul Corrigan	Andrew Higgins
Kathleen Campbell-Cave	Roger Griffin
Joyce Gardner	Dan Huby
Bill Grant	Alan Robinson

Approved Grant Applications paid since the previous Newsletter

- As concerns the request for support from the SitV Local History Society to publish a book entitled “The Living Churchyard: A Guide to God’s Acre” concerning the history of St Denys Churchyard and the wildlife sanctuary established there, a grant of £440, which comprised 80% of the cost of producing 50 copies, was paid.
- £208.96 was paid to the St Denys Parochial Church Council (PCC) to fund the booklet on the history of the church building.
- A grant of £1,658.10 to support the installation of a defibrillator in Hatford was paid.
- A grant for the Stanford Book Club of £250 to purchase bookshelves for the club’s books in the Huddle Café was paid.

Approved Grant Applications still outstanding at 19th September 2016 and those awaiting further information include:

- A revised proposal from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for support for a grant to open part of the church wall on to Church Green in order to make the memorial more inclusive for the village as a whole now included the extra cost of new coping stones to match the wall on the other side of the church path. A revised grant of £9,230.40 was approved by the Trustees. As at 19 September 2016 the work has started, but it is understood that the new coping stones will not be available until early October. The grant is therefore still outstanding.
- With regard to the request for support for the SitV CE Primary School to improve the Foundation outside area the Trustees agreed that a grant of 1:1 matched-funding with funds raised by the Parents Association and FOSS (Friends of Stanford School) up to a maximum of £10k should be offered to the school. This grant offer remains outstanding.
- Following the full specification of the requirement, the Trustees have agreed a grant offer of £4,000.00 for lockable storage cupboards for confidential information and

custom built storage for equipment. The grant is currently outstanding.

- Following the request by the Huddle management for support to set up an internet café in the Huddle, the Chairman of the Trustees has written to the Parish Council asking if they would be willing to take on this project. No reply has been received as at 19 September 2016.
- A request from The Local History Society for further funding to provide a further issue of the book entitled “The Living Churchyard: A Guide to God’s Acre” mentioned above. The first 50 copies sold out very quickly and a further issue was needed. There was a question whether the second issue should be for 50 or 100 further copies. The LHS has replied and the matter will be dealt with at the next Trustee meeting in early October.

Allotments:

The waiting list is currently down to four.

As usual, Allotment holders are reminded that, if they do not keep up their allotments according to the Rules laid down by the Trustees, their allotment holding will be withdrawn and given to the next villager on the waiting list.

Any parishioner who wishes his or her name to be added to the allotment waiting list should please contact Paul Corrigan on 01367 718 325.

Villagers are reminded of the PPC Trust Mission Statement:

“Striving to improve and strengthen the community within Stanford-in-the-Vale by providing a source of finance for projects that will benefit the parish.”

Success of course depends on such projects being brought forward. The village organisations and societies which feel the need to improve their facilities are encouraged to make grant requests.

The Trust continues to have around £20,000 to £25,000 per year available for grants. Grant Applications are made to the Trustees through the Hon. Clerk/Correspondent, who can supply Grant Application Forms on request either by email or hard copy. (Tel: 01367 718 480)

The next meeting of the Trustees will be on Thursday 6th October 2016 to be held in the Village Hall Committee Room. It will be followed by the PPC Annual General Meeting.

David N. Axford - Hon. Clerk/Correspondent,

Bus Services

The 67/67C bus Faringdon/Wantage route operates Monday to Friday and Saturday approximately hourly from 07:00 to 19:30. The Wantage service connects to Abingdon, Didcot and Oxford via the

Harwell Campus, without a need to change bus. The Faringdon service can be used to travel to Oxford or Swindon by the 66 bus.

Details of the 67 timetable are available on the Thames Travel website www.thames-travel.co.uk and on the bus stops at High Street, Church Green, Upper Green and Upper Crale. This service has been funded through Section 106 contributions from housing developments along the route, including Nursery End, Stanford.

The Stanford Community bus service ceased at the end of September.

Millennium Green Trust –Annual General Meeting and Report 2016

Election of Officers- Chair Peter Gill, Treasurer Mark Isaacs, Secretary Janet Warren

Following general comments on the tired and untidy look of the green we have tried very hard to encourage users to show more care. The grass has been cut regularly and the hedges will need trimming back in the coming year. The benches have needed some maintenance and we are hoping the gates will be painted before the start of Winter.

Although hard ball games are prohibited, I wish to make it clear that Millennium Green is available for all to use and there is nothing preventing people using the green for picnics, exercise, soft ball games, including football, tennis, badminton or even cricket (with a soft ball).

In June 2015 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (NPSC) conducted a parish wide consultation which included details about Public Green Spaces. The results of this consultation are on the NPSC website www.sitvnp.com. A large percentage of people wanted to see Millennium Green protected and retained as a Public Green Space. However, some people suggested it was under used and others suggested it could be used to expand the current school. The Trustees have also been mindful that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) have undertaken a Feasibility Study to see if it is possible for the school to be expanded in order to accommodate children arriving with the “strategic site” developments. The Trustees await any proposals.

Peter Gill- Chair Millennium Green Trustees

Treasurers Report-

1) COIF Balance: a) £6,275 (as at 30 June 16), b) Up £ 35.23 in period 31 March15 to 30 June 16
 2) NatWest Balance: a) £141.24, b) Up £100.00 in period 31March 15 to 3 September 16

3) Income: a) £100.00 from Parish Council in respect of use of Parish Coat of Arms, b) £35.23 CCLA investment increase

4) Expenditure: Nil

Mark Isaacs 3rd September 2016

Litter and Fly Tipping

We are still being told of grass clippings being tipped into the verges on the path from Joyces /Van Diemans / Cottage Road and other places. This is known as Fly Tipping and is against the law. Also we would ask that litter be placed in the bins especially at the Village Hall Play Area / The Recreation Area (Skate Park) / Millennium Green. Please ask your family to enjoy these areas but to respect them by clearing away the litter. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Notices

If you wish to advertise an event in the Parish Council notice board please deliver to Mike Dew, clerk@stanfordinthevalepc.co.uk or 9 Glebe Road rather than try to break into the notice boards. Thank you

Changes to Recycling Rules

From November, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks. If the waste crews can't see the sack contents they'll assume it contains contamination and won't empty. Full article on VWHDC website - www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-09/councils-binning-black-and-coloured-sacks-recycling-bins

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