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# STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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# NEWS UPDATE JANUARY 2017

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## **Strategic Site Developments**

We expect Vale's Planning team to make a decision on the second of the strategic site developments in the coming weeks. Whilst there will be lots of detail to resolve as these plans move forward, Council find this application (from Gleeson's) to be of a very high standard in general.

## **Parish Council vacancy**

Due to work commitments, Cllr Graham Fletcher has had to stand down from the Parish Council, leaving a vacancy. I would like to pass on our thanks to Cllr Fletcher for his valued input. VWHDC election services have informed us that they have had no request for an election to fill the vacancy. So, if you are interested in serving the local community in this capacity, please contact the clerk, Mike Dew for details.

## **On-street Parking**

We've been contacted by a number of concerned residents with regards parking around the village. Whilst we recognise that on-street parking is necessary in many areas, please do consider other vehicles, pedestrians and neighbouring properties when parking. Obstructing entrances, disabled bays and dropped kerbs for pedestrians should be avoided.

## **Street Lighting**

We have recently been asked by residents to consider arranging additional street lighting at certain areas within the village. There is always a strength of feeling both for and against this, however, with initial costs in the region of £2,500 per light, we do not feel that this is the best investment. Whilst we do recognise that there are particularly dark spots within the village, carrying a torch would seem to be the most appropriate solution.

## **Icy Conditions**

Whilst we will do our best to prevent pathways from becoming dangerous, there are salt bins available around the village, so if you find footpaths that are becoming slippery due to ice, please feel free to spread a small quantity where appropriate. Please do bear in mind that these are made available for public paths, not private driveways etc. (rock salt is available from many retailers for other needs).

## **Public Phone Boxes**

We have received a notification from BT that they are considering removing the phone boxes from Huntersfield and Cottage Road. Whilst mobile phones are now prevalent, the volume of calls from these suggests that there is still a reasonable demand for them and we have contacted BT to see if it's possible to retain at least 1 of these.

## **Peter Lewis**

*Chairman – Stanford in the Vale Parish Council*  
[plewis.sitv@gmail.com](mailto:plewis.sitv@gmail.com)

## **Great British Spring Clean 3-5 March 2017**

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district council are backing a new nationwide campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in March 2017.

The Great British Spring Clean aims to help bring people together to clear up the litter that blights their local streets and parks. Litter remains a huge problem across the country, causing harm to the environment and wildlife, with councils in England having to spend over £700 million on street cleaning services every year. To take part in the campaign and for information on how to set up your clean-up event visit [www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk](http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk).

We will be encouraging and supporting groups and individuals who want to help by offering equipment free of charge. If you require litter pickers, sacks, gloves and high visibility jackets please contact Eleanor Bunn by email on [eleanor.bunn@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:eleanor.bunn@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422146. Please book in your equipment requests as soon as possible as there is limited availability.

#### **New Parish Footpath Warden**

We are very grateful to Barry Hudson who has volunteered to be the new Parish Footpath Warden.

He will periodically walk the footpaths in the village and report anything that needs attention to Oxfordshire County Council (who are responsible for footpaths)

If you want to contact Barry about any footpath issues (in the Parish only) please call 01367 710342 or visit him at 9, Cottage Road.'

#### **Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity (PPC) Report for February 2017**

The Trustees met on Thursday 12 January 2017 with Roger Griffin, our new Chairman, managing the proceedings.

It was noted that the PPC portfolio continues to provide a satisfactory income to meet grant applications.

#### **Approved Grant Applications paid in 2016**

The Trustees were pleased note that ten grant application projects were successfully completed during the year with a total of just over £23,300 disbursed.

Grants were made in support of the following projects:-

- Support for SitV Local History Association to publish book on the St Denys Churchyard (£440)
- Support for St Denys Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) to pay for a booklet on the history of the St Denys Church building (£210)

- Support for the installation of a defibrillator in Hatford (£1718)
- Support for the purchase of shelves for the Stanford Book Club to be installed in the Huddle Café (£250)
- Further support for SitV Local History Association for another print run of 100 more copies of the book on St Denys Churchyard (£500)
- Support for SitV CE Primary School to improve the Foundation outside area (matched funding with FOSS) (£5,000)
- Support for SitV Preschool for the purchase of lockable storage cupboards for confidential information and custom built storage for equipment (£3,997)
- Support for St Denys Church PCC for a grant to open part of the church wall on to Church Green (£9,230)
- Request for support from the Stanford Drama Group for new lighting and equipment in time for the pantomime. (£1918)
- Request to support setting up a new Stanford Baby and Toddler Group with hardware (£39)

#### **Allotments:**

The waiting list is now 6 villagers.

A meeting of allotment holders was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016. There were 9 attendees.

With the increasing costs of the allotments in providing water supplies and hedge trimming, the total income from the rentals will have to be increased in 2018. This will be considered by the Trustees in October 2017.

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 to have his or her name added to the allotment waiting list should please contact Paul Corrigan on 01367 718 325.

## Villagers are reminded of the PPC Trust Scheme

### Statement:

*“The Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stanford in the Vale.”* The Trustees interpret this with the hope that their grants will improve and strengthen the community spirit within Stanford-in-the-Vale by providing a source of finance for projects that will benefit the parish.

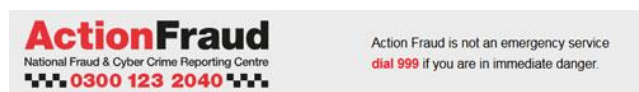
Success of course depends on such projects being brought forward. The village organisations and societies which feel the need to improve their facilities are encouraged to make grant requests.

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 e-mail or hard copy. (Tel: 01367 718480)

The next meeting of the Trustees will be on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 to be held in the Village Hall Committee Room.

David N. Axford, Hon. Clerk/Correspondent,  
SitV Public Purposes Charity.

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### **Message sent by**

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Action Fraud has received several reports from victims who have been sent convincing looking emails claiming to be from Amazon. The spoofed emails from “[service@amazon.co.uk](mailto:service@amazon.co.uk)” claim recipients have made an order online and mimic an automatic customer email notification.

The scam email claims recipients have ordered

an expensive vintage chandelier. Other reported examples include: Bose stereos, iPhone’s and luxury watches.

The emails cleverly state that if recipients haven’t authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. The link leads to an authentic-looking website, which asks victims to confirm their name, address, and bank card information.

Amazon says that suspicious e-mails will often contain:

- Links to websites that look like Amazon.co.uk, but aren't Amazon.co.uk.
- Attachments or prompts to install software on your computer.
- Typos or grammatical errors.
- Forged (or spoofed) e-mail addresses to make it look like the e-mail is coming from Amazon.co.uk.

Amazon will never ask for personal information to be supplied by e-mail.

You can read more about identifying suspicious emails claiming to be from Amazon by visiting <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201489210>

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