



## **Council Vacancies**

We had a number of high calibre applications for the vacancies that existed and I am pleased to welcome Councillors Graham Fletcher, Tina Jenkins & Nona Lewis to the Parish Council following their successful co-option. Contact details for all Councillors can be found within this newsletter as well as on our website – please feel free to contact any one of us with your concerns or questions.

## **Waste and Recycling**

With the continued cuts from central government imposed on Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), it will come as no surprise that OCC are constantly scrutinising their budgets. The County Council has identified a need to save £350,000 from this part of their budget by 2017/18. This poses a serious threat to the Waste & Recycling Centre within the parish, as OCC are proposing a strategy which would reduce the number of sites within the county from seven (at present) to just “three or four”. Whilst the Parish Council, along with a number of other neighbouring town and parish councils oppose the current proposals, the greater the response from the public, the more likely we are to be able to change OCC’s approach. Detailed information on the consultation can be found by following the link for “Household waste recycling centre strategy” from this website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste)

Please respond to OCC by 5th October, if you value the convenience of the existing site.

## **Public Transport**

Continuing the theme, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) have identified the need to save approx. 20% (£6.3 million) from their supported transport budget. Many rural bus services are supported by OCC and this cost cutting is likely to lead to a reduction in these services. We are lobbying OCC to protect the services that currently serve the village.

## **Community Speedwatch**

The local Neighbourhood Action Group, in partnership with Thames Valley Police are in the process of purchasing a camera (via the Parish Council) which will enable trained volunteers to monitor the speed of traffic through the village. The device will capture details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and the owners will then be contacted by the police. The mobile camera will be shared between a number of villages, and we hope will encourage more drivers to adhere to the speed limit throughout the village.

## **Graffiti / Vandalism**

Regrettably there have been a number of recent incidents around the village, which have resulted in damage to benches, equipment or property including the Millennium Green, Recreation Area & Pre-school. Unfortunately, the anti-social actions of a few waste time and money to put right, and we are working with the Neighbourhood Policing team to combat this behaviour. Please be vigilant and if you see anyone acting in this way do report it to the Police.

Also there has been a break-in at the tractor shed on Millennium Green, possibly on the evening of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Tools and oil was taken. The police have been informed.

## **External Audit**

I’m pleased to report that the Council’s financial statements (for 2014-2015) have now been examined by the government appointed auditors BDO and subsequently approved.

Thames Water have finally advised that they can find no issue with the water pressure within the village. We will continue to provide them with anecdotal evidence where possible, so if you believe that your property suffers from issues with low water pressure please do let us know.

## **Peter Lewis**

*Chairman – Stanford in the Vale Parish Council*  
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**Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity**  
**(PPC) – October 2015**

The next AGM of the PPC and standard meeting of the PPC Trustees is planned to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

After a long wait the PPC 2014 Accounts have completed their External Examination and both the 2014 PPC Annual Report and the 2014 PPC Accounts have been transmitted to the Charity Commission where they can be viewed.

**Approved Grant Applications paid and outstanding include:**

- A grant of £1,600.42 for support for the SitV Preschool for new and varied materials was approved in October 2014. Invoices amounting to £816.78 have been received and paid so far. The remaining grant approved by Trustees amounts to £783.64.
- The trustees have agreed to a grant of up to £5,000 for the 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 has been received. The project awaits completion
- A new grant application has been received from the Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group (which covers Stanford in the Vale in its area) asking for a grant for a Speedwatch kit to be used in Stanford. This will be considered by the Trustees at their October meeting.

It is worth noting here that our auditors have asked us to limit the period for which a grant remains in force to 12 months in principle, although a little leeway is allowed. Grants not used after 24 months will be automatically rescinded requiring a new grant application if the project is still required.

**Allotments:**

The waiting list has now risen to ten parishioners.

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 718325.

**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 718480)

David N. Axford  
Hon. Clerk/Correspondent, SitV Public Purposes Charity  
Friday, 15 September 2015

**Consultation on Waste Disposal Sites**  
**Make your views known**  
**by 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
**<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste>**

### **'Rogue Traders'**

This information request has been sent out on behalf of Oxfordshire Trading Standards.

It is that time of year again when rogue traders plan and put their scams into action by targeting elderly and vulnerable members of our community. Rogue traders purport to be legitimate companies and use persuasive pressurised selling techniques to convince people to have unnecessary work carried out on their property. Can you help? Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards are appealing for information from anyone who has been cold called recently or had a flyer put through their letterbox offering to carry out work for services such as gardening, home repairs, roofing, driveways or similar. It may be that you know or have seen an elderly or vulnerable neighbour that is having or had work carried out at their property which is not required or something that does not look quite right! If so, please help by contacting the Doorstep Crime Team as soon as possible so they can carry out intelligence checks on the company. Please help by reporting any cold callers who have called at your property or posted a leaflet through your door. It is vital to report information as soon as possible as officers may be able to locate and check a trader's details whilst they are still in the area. When providing information please try to give descriptions of suspects and details of their vehicle if they have one, including colour, make/model and a registration number.

Thank you.

Doorstep Crime Team

Contact Details:

Telephone: 07711 117455

Email: [tsinformation@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tsinformation@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

(Information received will be treated in the strictest confidence) It is imperative and the intention of the Doorstep Crime Team working in partnership with Thames Valley Police and other local authorities to proactively deal with the identified companies in a prompt robust manner).

**The next Parish Council Meetings**  
**Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm**  
**In STANFORD SCHOOL HALL**  
**(Note change of venue)**

**Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm**  
**In STANFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
**Large Hall**

All Villagers welcome

### **Odd Job Volunteer**

A person is required to do a variety of jobs around the village and at the Village Hall. This could be on a paid or voluntary basis. If interested

contact Janet Warren – 01367 710789 / e mail:  
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<b>Cllr. Mark Isaacs</b>	-	<b>01367 718719</b>
<b>Cllr. Simon Jackson</b>	-	<b>07979 917001</b>
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