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# STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## NEWS UPDATE JULY 2018

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### Temporary Roadworks

I'm sure that many of you will already be aware that, following our discussions with both Ede Homes and Scottish & Southern Electric the carriageways have now been fully reinstated in both Bow Road and Sheards Lane respectively. At the time of writing, we're still waiting (and pressing) Ede Homes to have Bow Road and the footpath swept to remove the debris that has accumulated from the various repairs to date.

### Cottage Road / Chapel Road / Upper Green

We're also currently working with Oxfordshire County Council to identify ways to protect/enhance the roadside verge at the junction between Cottage Road / Chapel Road / Upper Green which has been damaged and eroded by traffic straying from carriageway.

### QE II Recreation Field

The Parish Council has engaged SSE to arrange for the existing power lines to be buried and the pylons removed. They've not been able to advise a date for these works to commence as yet, but we are hopeful that this will be confirmed in the near future. Following on from our note in the previous newsletter, no motorised vehicles should be on this land, so if you see anyone using a quad/motor bike here or through the Community Woodland, please do report it to the Police.

### Love Where You Live?

Finally a few items that would help to keep the wonderful spaces that we share enjoyable for all:

**Fly Tipping** – There appears to be a spate of fly tipping happening both within the village and nearby laybys etc. All of these items can be disposed of, most at no cost, at the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Not only do abandoned items look unsightly, there is an increased cost and hazard to having them removed – VWHDC will seek to prosecute anyone caught but are reliant on your help. Details of dates/times/vehicles (including registration numbers) and any photos/description of what's been abandoned should be reported to [admin.vale@biffa.co.uk](mailto:admin.vale@biffa.co.uk) or via telephone 03000 610 610.

**Event Notices** - Whilst the community spirit is clearly alive and well throughout the village, it would be greatly appreciated if the volunteers that put up the notices could take them down again after the event. Equally, if you happen to see a poster for a past event

please feel free to remove it and recycle/throw it away.

**Dog Mess** – Where dogs are not permitted (e.g. Football Field, play areas), it is for good reason and helps to ensure that nobody becomes ill where owners have failed to clear up (whether accidentally or otherwise). These areas are clearly indicated by signs although some individuals now appear to think they have the right to remove these and walk their dogs across regardless. This is not the case, even if you remove the signs, dogs are still not permitted, regardless of the time of day and whether or not the area is in use at that moment. There also seems to be a perennial problem with owners failing to clear up after their pet, and whilst I'm sure that the vast majority of owners do, there continue to be a number that seem to think they're exempt. If you see anyone allowing their dog to foul without clearing it up, please report the matter to -

[env.health@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:env.health@southandvale.gov.uk) / 01235 422403, with details and photos or anything else that might help to identify the individual. The Environmental Health team will either issue a fine or seek to prosecute.

**Car Parking** – Please be considerate of others both on and off the road when parking, regardless of where you're leaving your vehicle and whether it will be for "just a minute" or several hours. We ask that you don't park on any of the Village Greens, since these are protected, and if you frequently park on other grassed areas please remember that grass reinforcement strips can be purchased for a modest cost. These protect the underlying ground, allow the grass to grow through them and are simple to install, which must be better than driving your car through muddy ruts.



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## Neighbourhood Plan July 2018

At the recent Festival weekend (16-17<sup>th</sup> June), your Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (NPSC) shared a display of the Wildlife Report by the Stanford Wildlife Assessment Team (SWAT) and the School Desktop Studies of three potential sites for a new school (if the school is unable to expand on the present site, either now or at some time in the future). These reports form an important part of the evidence base we are gathering in support of the policies and options now being developed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members of the NPSC were present to answer questions and share information about the Neighbourhood Plan and the two reports on display.

We were very pleased with the number of parishioners who visited the display and several of you shared your thoughts on the feedback forms which was greatly valued and appreciated. We have summarised these comments which you can view on our website - [www.sitvnp.com](http://www.sitvnp.com) – together with much information gathered since the start of the Plan in March 2014.

On our website [www.sitvnp.com](http://www.sitvnp.com) you can also view:

- The SWAT Wildlife Report (available to download as a PDF)
- The School Desktop Studies Report by Atkins Global (available to download as a PDF)
- The rationale behind the Neighbourhood Plan's provision for School Sites and background behind the Desktop Studies
- A timeline of activities undertaken by the NPSC since the inception of the Neighbourhood Plan

If parishioners have any questions or comments about any of the content of this newsletter item, please direct them to the Chair of the NPSC – Peter Gill, email [cpngill46@gmail.com](mailto:cpngill46@gmail.com)

If you're not able to use the Internet, you are welcome to borrow a copy of the Wildlife Report and the School Desktop Studies Report. Again, contact Peter Gill by phone on 718224 or call at 5 Chapel Road. You will be most welcome. While there are limited copies, with sensible sharing all can be accommodated.

*Peter Gill – on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee*

## **Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity (PPC) Report for August 2018**

The Public Purposes Charity Trustees met on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Next meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, too late for the August Newsletter.

In April, the Trustees considered a change in the appointment of the Independent Examiner and appointed the Accountants, Chapman and Worth of Wantage for the calendar year 2017.

The Trustees noted that £15k had been re-invested in the PPC CCLA portfolio from the recent donation of over £26k from the Community Bus Committee when it closed down.

### The following Grants have been offered:

- The offer of up to £10,000 support towards burying overhead power cables in the QEII Recreation field requested by the Parish Council remains outstanding.
- An offer of the sum of £1,500 matching support to their other funds made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Stanford in the Vale Scout Group to purchase catering equipment remains outstanding.
- A grant request from the 1st SitV Scout Group Fundraiser for £638 (one-third support to purchase a car trailer for use on camping trips) has been cancelled and an amended request has been received for discussion on 19<sup>th</sup> July..
- An offer of £6,423 made to the St Denys Parochial Church Council (PCC) to enable the church clock to be refurbished in situ remains outstanding.
- A new grant application from the SitV Preschool for support for the purchase of security blinds up and down stairs in the building was received. A grant of up to £1000 was approved, and remains outstanding.

A grant application from the SitV Primary School was discussed and referred back for further information. An amended grant request has been received following a Trustees Visit to the school.

### Allotments:

The waiting list for this year is now about 4 villagers. All allotment holders have now paid their rentals for the year 2018.

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 again 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 £25,000 per year available for grants. Grants are made for specific projects, normally for durable items.

Grant Applications are made to the Trustees through the Hon. Clerk/Correspondent.

**\*\*Note that the latest updated version of the Grant Application Form, including a requirement to agree to the new data security regulations (GDPR) must be used in future.\*\***

It can be received on request either by e-mail or hard copy. (01367 718480 or email [dnax@btinternet.com](mailto:dnax@btinternet.com))

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

### **Thames Valley Police Advice/Information Scam Prevention Advice**

If you're called out of the blue, you should be suspicious. If you get a lot of cold calls, use a call blocker to block unwanted phone calls. You can also sign up to the Telephone Preference Service register. You can find more advice on how to stop nuisance calls and texts.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/phone-internet-downloads-or-tv/stop-getting-nuisance-calls-and-texts/>

Age UK research found that more than a fifth of older people across the UK who feel like they've been targeted by scammers didn't tell anyone because they felt too embarrassed. There is help and advice available. Contact the Citizens Advice or report scams to Action Fraud.

If you think you or someone you know is receiving scam mail you can report it to @RoyalMail by freepost, email or telephone. You can see more information on their website.

[https://personal.help.royalmail.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/303](https://personal.help.royalmail.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/303)

Don't forget, you can:

- Get advice from the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline at 03454 04 05 06
- Report scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or @actionfrauduk on Twitter or online at:  
[https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud)
- Tell friends, family and neighbours about scams you've seen or heard about.
- The Victim support charity gives free and confidential help to victims of crime, their family, friends and anyone else affected. Visit  
<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

### **Anti Burglary Advice**

- Are you advertising more than just your holiday? Don't advertise that you are going on holiday on social media-wait until you are home to upload your snaps
- Check your home insurance policy, some insurers may pay-out less or not at all if you have posted that your away on social media
- Use a timer switch to make your house look occupied even when it isn't
- Ask someone you trust to keep an eye on your home while you are away
- Don't leave spare keys in obvious places such as under doormats or plant pots

### **Parish Council vacancy**

Cllr. Nona Lewis has had to stand down from the Parish Council, leaving a vacancy. We would like to pass on our thanks to Cllr. Lewis for her valued input. VW HDC election services have informed us that they have had no request for an election to fill the vacancy.

You do need to be:

- 1) British subject (including commonwealth or Euro national)
- 2) Over 18
- 3) Previous 12 months has resided within 3 miles of the locality or occupied as a tenant or owner of land therein or
- 4) Had their main or only place of work therein
- 5) Is a registered local Government elector for the parish
- 6) Is not subject to bankruptcy restrictions

So, if you are interested in serving the local community in this capacity, please contact the clerk, Mike Dew for details.

<b>Mike Dew (Clerk)</b>	-	<b>01367 710387</b>
<b>Cllr. Amanda Bailey</b>	-	<b>07777 691336</b>
<b>Cllr. Peter Gill</b>	-	<b>01367 718224</b>
<b>Cllr. Simon Howes</b>		<b>07875 249265</b>
<b>Cllr. Mark Isaacs</b>	-	<b>01367 718719</b>
<b>Cllr. Simon Jackson</b>	-	<b>07979 917001</b>
<b>Cllr. Tina Jenkins</b>	-	<b>07443 906150</b>
<b>Cllr. Peter Lewis (Chair)</b> <a href="mailto:plewis.sitv@gmail.com">plewis.sitv@gmail.com</a>	-	<b>01367 710166</b>
<b>Cllr. Janet Warren</b>	-	<b>01367 710789</b>
<b>Cllr. Karin WilliamsCuss</b>	-	<b>07771 614101</b>