
STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL



NEWS UPDATE November 2018

QE II Recreation Field

Further to the report in the last copy of our Newsletter, after an initial delay due to an offsite switch failure, SSE were finally able to return on Sunday 18 November to connect the newly buried power lines and complete the dismantling of the pylons that originally crossed the field. This marks the completion of a significant technical challenge that was prerequisite to being able to level the site, which we will be progressing in the months ahead. Whilst our Environment Sub-Committee have all been involved in the meticulous planning, co-ordinating, form filling and grant applications, special mention goes to Cllr Simon Jackson, who has devoted hours to ensuring that SSE remain on track, and complete works on schedule. We are also grateful to the Public Purposes Charity & Vale of White Horse District Council who have both made capital funding grants to support this element of the works.

Cottage Road / Chapel Road / Upper Green

As previously reported, the grassed areas here were damaged, particularly (but not exclusively) last winter. In an attempt to discourage vehicles from driving over the grass, stone boulders have been installed on the grass triangle. We do ask that you avoid driving over or parking on any of the unreinforced grass areas around the village, since these are not intended for and easily damaged by vehicles, especially when the ground is soft over the winter months.

Vandalism

Unfortunately, there have been a few instances of petty vandalism in recent weeks – including one incident where a child's swing seat was struck with such force that it cracked the metal reinforcing plate underneath the seat. Whilst it was replaced as swiftly as possible, these mindless acts result in such play items being unavailable until repairs are complete and ultimately waste both our time and your money.

First World War Centenary

It was great to see so many visitors at both the War Memorial and throughout the rest of the day at the Village Hall. We hope you found the displays, which included details of the specific events that lead to the tragic loss of lives of each of those brave men of this parish inspiring. Our thanks go to members of St. Denys Church and Stanford W.I. for their help with refreshments, Village Voices for the entertainment and Cllrs Tina Jenkins and Janet Warren for all their hard work in creating such an engaging community event.

Trees of Remembrance

In line with the above, as part of a nationwide scheme, we are intending to plant a young Silver Birch sapling in the wide grass verge, between High Street and the Horse and Jockey, which we hope will provide another lasting tribute to those who fought and died for their country.

Posters/Notices

Please, please, please – if you put up a notice for your event, take it down again afterwards – there are an increasing number of abandoned notices for old events on lamp posts etc. which quickly make the village look unnecessarily untidy.



Peter Lewis

Chairman – Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
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Bulb Planting

Your Parish Council has worked hard to ensure the commitments made by the developers of Nursery End are delivered. The Section 278 monies included the planting of bulbs along the verge of the A417 and we are pleased to report that nearly 20,000 bulbs were planted recently – snow drops and autumn crocus at the junction of High Street and Faringdon Road and 8 areas of daffodils along the A417 in front of Nursery End. These areas should bulk up quickly and we hope everyone will enjoy the bulb displays over the coming years.

Stanford PC Environment Sub-Committee

Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale

The PPC Trustees met for the last time in 2018 on 1 November to wrap up what has been a busier than normal year filled with changes.

The Charity is in the process of significantly upgrading its governance and profile, evidence of which can be seen on the regularly developing PPC Website at www.pppstanford.org

During the course of 2018, PPC has distributed approximately £14,000 to applicants and approved a further £18,000 for projects yet to be completed. This is a significant contribution to Village life and we are delighted to support a diverse range of organisations throughout the Parish.

At the end of this year we said farewell to 3 long standing Trustees. David Axford, Joyce Gardner and Bill Grant and we publicly thank them for their many years of contribution and service to PPC. We also welcomed back Sally Barnes as a Trustee and promptly voted her in as Treasurer!

It also with enormous regret that we advise that Paul Corrigan is seeking to retire as a Trustee and manager of the allotments on our behalf. Fortunately, Paul has agreed to stay on until his role can be replaced by a new person.

At the AGM the meeting voted for the following positions:

Chair – Roger Griffin, Clerk/Correspondent – Caryl Oliver, Treasurer – Sally Barnes

PPC would welcome residents within the Village who feel they might like to make a contribution through becoming Trustees. Please check out the website and do contact the Clerk – Caryl Oliver at caryl.oliver@ppcstandford.org if you are interested.

Do you want 100,000 new houses and a new motorway in our Oxfordshire landscape ?

Your District Councils think you do

Our local authorities want to build 100,000 new homes in Oxfordshire by 2031 - there are currently 268,000. This represents a massive 40% increase.

The September 18 report by the Office of National Statistics shows we only need 23,000 new homes in the county by 2031 to support anticipated organic population growth.

A plan to substantially increase the population of Oxfordshire is being developed by a committee called The Oxfordshire Growth Board, which comprises all District Councils and the City Council, with the aim of delivering “enhanced” economic growth. This is a choice and is NOT necessary for the residents of Oxfordshire to continue to prosper within the boundaries of the existing landscape and organic population growth. We already have a successful local economy.

The impact of this plan will be:

- Replacement of our countryside with an urban sprawl of houses, business parks and new roads.
- Increased traffic congestion, associated air pollution and noise.
- Further pressure on already stretched public services including schools, hospitals, GP's and social care.
- Loss of wildlife habitats.
- Increased flood risks.
- Potential for Infrastructure to fail eg, water supplies, sewage systems, roads.
- Constant building disruption for years.

The impacts will be even greater if the government plan to transform the Oxford to Cambridge corridor goes ahead as it has the aspiration for a million new homes.

If, like us, you don't want this, please sign this petition <https://www.change.org/p/oxfordshire-growth-board-rethink-oxfordshire-s-economic-growth-plan> ...and write to your District and County Councillors asking them to withdraw their support from The Oxfordshire Growth Board.

Please share the above information urgently with your network to garner as much support as possible.

To learn more:

Visit the Oxfordshire Growth Board website <https://www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org/>

Read this article:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/aug/22/project-britain-debate-oxford-cambridge-expressway>

If you want to get involved please contact us at ROEGP@outlook.com

Ian Ashley, Martin Kelly, Adrian Townsend,

Residents of Garsington, Oxfordshire, October 2018

Applications are invited for nominations for the High Sheriff Awards for the year 2018/2019.

Every year the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire invites nominations for approximately 20 High Sheriff Awards in recognition of individuals in Oxfordshire who have **made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work**. Nominees will usually have had a high impact on the lives of others over a sustained period of time and will be recognised by other people working in the nominee's area as inspirational and as setting an example for others to follow.

The High Sheriff Awards will not normally be made to people whose work and commitment has already been recognised by the award of a National Honour or by bodies such as the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and Oxfordshire Charity and Voluntary Action. **As a former Parish Councillor I know that Parish Councils are the 'eyes and ears' of our local communities and I hope you may know of individuals who might be suitable for nomination. I hope you will be able to publicise this High Sheriff Award at your next Parish Council Meeting or publicise this in your Parish Magazine.**

Nominations can be made by anyone who lives or works in Oxfordshire or who is representing an organisation in the public, voluntary and charitable or private sectors. All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence and nominees should not be informed that they have been nominated as it can be very disappointing to raise expectations which are then not met.

The Nomination Process

All nominations should be made on the form which has been prepared for this purpose and should include the contact details of the nominee as well as the nominator together with a brief summary (400 words max) of the reasons why the nominee merits a High Sheriff's Award. A copy of the form is attached.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday 10th January 2019. Successful nominees will be contacted in early February and the High Sheriff Awards will be conferred at a ceremony in central Oxford on a date to be confirmed to which nominators, families and friends will also be invited.

Contributions to Community Life

Nominations will be welcome for people who have made outstanding contributions to any aspect of community life but in the current year nominations in the following area will be particularly welcome from individuals who are, or have been, involved in:-

- **Coaching or volunteering in Youth Sport and Youth Leadership organisations.**
- **Youth projects associated with the Arts and Education.**
- **Mental health work in the community.**

• Communication initiatives in communities.

Nominations should arrive with the High Sheriff before **Thursday 11th January 2019** and sent via email to this email address or by post to:-

The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, c/o VSL & Partners, 22 Bankside, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 1JE. We look forward to receiving your nominations.



Beauty Spot Thefts

Please be vigilant around rural beauty spot locations. The Faringdon and Wantage area has suffered 8 theft from vehicles over the 7th and 8th November at varying times of the day. This has included theft of registration plates and smashed windows enabling suspects to search through concealed areas of storage/glove boxes within cars.

Efforts are ongoing with neighbouring Police areas to identify and arrest the suspects who are offending across different forces. The most recent information suggests offenders were using a dark coloured Volkswagen Golf in the last two days. However, the suspects are stealing and regularly changing the displayed registration plates.

Please report any suspicious activity on 999 to enable us the best opportunity to locate and catch these offenders operating in our rural areas.

Offenders have targeted vehicles with nothing left on show and we suggest choosing parking locations close to areas where there is a continual public presence to deter offenders and ensure you leave no valuables including bank cards and wallets inside your vehicle. We will be highly visible in the area conducting patrols and to reassure you that our beauty spots still remain a safe place to enjoy.

The Faringdon Neighbourhood Team

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