
STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL



NEWS UPDATE June 2019

Election Results

Peter Gill of the Parish Council and Robert Sharp from the District Council had decided not to stand again, we would like to thank them for their dedicated service and wish them well for the future. We welcome John Williams to the Parish Council and Nathan Boyd to the District Council, whilst Amanda Bailey, Simon Howes, Mark Isaacs, Simon Jackson, Tina Jenkins, Peter Lewis, Kevin Middleton, Janet Warren and Karin Williams-Cuss all stood and were re-elected to office. Thank you to all who stood for election and to all of you, in the village for your interest and support at the recent elections.

Election of Officers

At the Parish Council meeting on 8th May 2019 the following officers were elected for the forthcoming year: Peter Lewis as Chair, Janet Warren as Deputy Chair, Karin Williams-Cuss as Hon. Secretary and Mark Isaacs as Senior Councillor.

Exercise of Public Rights

Each year the Parish Council publishes our accounts and there is an opportunity for members of the public to inspect these. Formal notices will be placed on the PC noticeboards in due course, but we expect the previous year's accounts to be available for inspection (both online and by contacting the clerk) from Monday 10 June, 2019.

Fly-tipping

We have recently had reports of fly-tipping both within the village and nearby laybys etc. It is particularly disappointing as 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 or via telephone 03000 610 610.

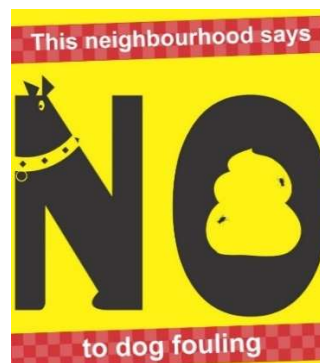
Parking

Please **do not** park on any of the Village Greens, these are protected in law and very susceptible to damage

at this time of year. There is plenty of hard standing in front of the Church, and overflow space available in the Village Hall for anyone attending the Church. 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.

Update from the Parish Council Environmental Sub-Committee

The Parish Council, with valued additional help from family, recently purchased and planted 2,440 native bluebells under the trees at the back of Manor Green. Several people commented that they didn't look too healthy after planting but this is quite normal. Planting 'in the green' is the most effective way to establish the plants, but they still need to die back naturally to strengthen the bulbs. It often takes a couple of years before they start to flower reliably. Please keep off this area, especially while the leaves are dying back, and hopefully we will see lovely displays in future years.



Also, please clear up after your dogs. It was a very unpleasant task to clear this area before planting. Remember, if you see anyone not clearing up after their dogs, please report the matter to Environmental Health (env.health@southandvale.gov.uk / 01235 422403) with details, photos or anything else that might help to identify the offender. The Environmental Health team will either issue a fine or seek to prosecute.

Stanford Parish Council Environmental Sub-Committee

Women's bike racing comes to Stanford



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On Wednesday 12th June the OVO Energy Women's Tour is coming to Stanford. This will be day three of a six day race featuring some of the world's best female cyclists. The 90 mile stage will start in Henley-on-Thames and finish at Blenheim Palace. The riders are expected to come through the village between 12.45 and 1.15pm. The route will take them along the A417 from Wantage towards Faringdon.

The Horse and Jockey have kindly offered their garden as a spectator area. The schoolchildren are looking forward to cheering on the riders and will be watching the race from the verge opposite the pub. It would be great if Stanford could provide the Women's Tour a warm welcome as it passes through our village. Anyone who would like to see the race can simply turn up and watch from the roadside.

If you would like to find out more about the race you can visit the website at www.womenstour.co.uk or contact either Kevin Middleton (01367 718395) or Tina Jenkins (07443 906150).

Public Purposes Charity News

Two new Trustees

PPC announces two new Trustees who joined us for the first time in April.

Felipe Vizoso has lived in the Village for 21 years and is retiree from a 34 year career in the Royal Air Force. Felipe's experience with infrastructure projects will be an asset to the PPC. Felipe is learning French so if you bump into him in the Village say 'Bonjour' to him! Tim Mills has lived in the Village for 4 years and is actively involved in the Gardening Club, the History Society, the Social Club and the Allotments. Tim is taking on the responsibility of managing the Allotments and has already drawn up plans to get them spruced up, much to the joy of existing allotment holders!

We are delighted to welcome two new and enthusiastic Trustees to help us ensure we put money to the best possible use around the Village. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee have a look at the information provided on our website: www.ppcstanford.org/contact and contact me if you would like to talk about it.

New Grant Applications Welcome:

Under the overarching objective of supporting projects that benefit all or many of those living within the Parish, examples of what might be supported by PPC include:

- Capital schemes to create or improve buildings or facilities
- The provision or replacement of equipment
- The provision of other material items or amenities
- The staging of an event by an established village club or society may be considered provided that the event is open to all parishioners
- The production of publications relating to village life. This may be limited to a contribution if a cover price is charged and copies are sold commercially

The list above is not exhaustive. Please see some of the projects supported by PPC at www.ppcstanford.org/projects - you can download a grant application form to see if your project is eligible. You can also download the Application notes. You won't know if you don't ask!

Next round of Grants deadline:

The next meeting of Trustees is 18 July where all grant applications received up to that date will be considered. Grant Applications received after 18 July will be considered at the October Meeting.

Ask us about PPC:

Have a look at the PPC website: www.ppcstanford.org and see if it inspires you to think about something you can do for Stanford in the Vale with our help.

Caryl Oliver

Clerk/Correspondent PPC Stanford



Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Trailer thefts

We have had a small spate of trailer thefts in the local area, if anyone sees anyone acting suspiciously around properties or areas with trailers can this please be reported on 999. We would advise that trailer owners review their security.

Trailer hitch locks and wheel locks are advisable and if possible use a vehicle to block the trailer in.

Active communities

- Faringdon neighbourhood team have been liaising with local parishes in moving forward with the community speed initiative to try and cut down on speeding through our small local villages.
- With Ramadan ongoing we will be focusing on supporting our local Muslim community during this time to ensure their wellbeing and safety.
- We will be arranging Have Your Say meetings so members of the public can come forward and talk about local concerns. The time and location will be placed on the TVP Facebook page.

County Drug Lines: As a neighbourhood team we have been focusing on County Drug Lines. We have been provided with intelligence that suggests dealers have been using Faringdon. County Drugs Lines is the name given to a type of drug dealing by organised crime groups (OCGs) who create a network between a city and a smaller town. A closure order has been obtained from the Magistrate's Court for a house in Faringdon where drug dealing is suspected to be taking place.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): We received a report about a large group of football supporters in the town centre causing ASB. The Faringdon neighbourhood team attended, and with force wide support and assistance from Wiltshire police, ensured the peace was kept and that the supporters were moved on. We have received numerous complaints that young people have been smoking cannabis. In response to this the team have been stop checking and searching young people who are believed to be linked to this. The neighbourhood team have been focusing on ASB moving people on and giving suitable words of advice to those involved. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been provided to those repeat offenders who must comply with the conditions listed on the contract.

Burglary: A lawnmower was stolen from a shed in Sudbury Court, Faringdon. Please make sure your tools and garden machinery are locked away securely. Keep sheds in good condition and postcode mark all your tools as this will act as a deterrent and increase the chance of stolen items being returned.

Burglary remains a force priority. Please visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/ to download our security guide which contains a range of physical and digital security measures to protect your home. There is also advice on how to avoid invalidating your home insurance through poor security and a handy checklist when going away. You can also click on a link to sign up to Thames Valley Alerts to receive local crime updates from us.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

E-mail: FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

Annual Parish Meeting

This took place on 17 April, 2019 – The minutes and reports from this can be found on our website.

Millennium Green Trust

Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall

June Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 5th June in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
All welcome



The Parish Council Environment Committee would like to thank W&S Recycling for carrying out a litter pick in our community woodland, adjacent to their recycling centre. This helps to maintain the woodland as a common space where we can all relax amongst nature, and we hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy it now that the longer evenings are here. If you have any other suggestions for helping to keep our village tidy or improving our environment in any other ways, the Environment Committee would love to hear from you. Please contact Kevin Middleton on 01367 718395 or any of your other parish councillors.

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