



Parish Council Update

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Michelle Horrobin as its new Chair. Michelle is looking forward to taking on the role and continuing to support the parish and its local community. The Council would also like to thank Kevin Middleton for his hard work, commitment and valued contribution during his time as Chair. His service to the parish has been greatly appreciated, and the Council is grateful for all the time and energy he has given to the community.

A reminder that the new website can be found at:
<https://stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk>.

Village Wayfinder Trail – Phase 2

As many of you will know, the Wayfinder Trail around the village was launched at this year's Village Fete by former parishioner Pam Ayres. A map of the trail was also included in last month's Newsletter.

The trail has proved popular, particularly with families enjoying walks during the summer holidays.

The Parish Council is now able to apply for further funding through the "Arts & Monuments" scheme, and we would welcome suggestions from parishioners for projects that you would like us to consider.

One possibility would be to extend the Wayfinder Trail. We already have two "spare stones" in Millennium Green, and would be interested to hear your ideas for suitable locations where additional stones could be placed.

Please send your ideas for Phase 2 to:

Councillor Bob Kent

bob.kent@stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk

Also, if you would like additional copies of the Wayfinder Trail map, or are interested in one of the tote bags featuring either a Pam Ayres poem or the mosaic designs, please contact Councillor Kent at the email address above.

Public art is not funded directly from council budgets or general taxation. The Wayfinder Trail project is being delivered by the parish council using financial contributions secured from developers as part of the planning process, in line with established planning policy.

Thames Valley Police: 'Have Your Say' Open Session

Date: **Friday 2nd October**

Time: **6.30pm**

Place: **Village Hall (Small Hall)**

A **Have Your Say** session is an informal drop-in meeting where residents are able to speak directly to officers with local knowledge of the area about crime or anti-social behaviour issues affecting them.

An update on this session will be shared within the next edition of this newsletter.

If you are interested in future sessions please contact: clerk@stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk

Community Woodland and Orchard Reminder

If you would like to join the Stanford Woodlanders to help in their work conserving and enhancing our woodland and orchard, please contact:
clerk@stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk

Cottage Road Update – including Bus Shelter

The county councillor Lee Evans confirms he has committed to continue pushing Oxfordshire County Council for investment into repairs to Cottage Road.

The Parish Council will be refurbishing the existing Cottage Road bus stop in October. The bus stop will be fenced off and out of use for a few days but buses will still stop as close as possible. The Parish Council are grateful to the County Council who have agreed to fully fund these works.

Cearn Solar Farm

A leaflet about the proposed solar farm has been posted to residents (<https://cearnsolarfarm.co.uk>).

Cearn Solar Farm is a proposed new solar project on land within the Vale of White Horse District, Oxfordshire.

The site would comprise three main development areas, situated to the south of Garford, east of Charney Bassett, north of West Hanney, south of Goosey and north-east of Baulking.

If you have comments or concerns relating to this that you'd like to share with your parish council please contact:

clerk@stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk

QE11 Field

Phase 1 Site Reprofiling

A Drainage Report has been prepared to account for a second infiltration pond proposed on the left-hand side, alongside a drainage ditch. This avoids any additional encroachment of water onto the bridleway compared with the existing situation. The Report has been submitted to Vale of White Horse District Council for consideration.

Subject to agreement, and given prior approval of matters including construction traffic, archaeology and ecological management, the District Council will be in a position to issue planning permission in September/October 2026 for the Phase 1 works, as amended by the 's73' Application submitted earlier this year.

Phase 2 Planning Application

Alongside the Phase 1 work, significant progress is being made towards submitting a planning application for Phase 2 later this year. This principally comprises four buildings — the Machinery Workshop and Shed, Pavilion, Clubhouse and Equipment Store — together with access and parking:

1. Building designs are with the Project Architect for finalisation, incorporating comments on future Football Association and Lawn Tennis Association funding opportunities, energy efficiency, anti-vandalism measures and 'match-day' football overspill parking.
2. Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) has been assessed and reported on, taking account of Phase 1 ecological measures, the existing community woodland and proposed community orchard.
3. The Proposed Site Layout Plan is finalised, subject only to a slight eastward relocation of the Machinery Workshop and Shed to better accommodate the new ditch, landscaping and existing bridleway.
4. Instructions will shortly be issued for detailed access design.
5. The Planning, Design and Access Statement has been prepared in draft.
6. A detailed landscape planting proposal has been prepared.
7. The floodlighting design is complete.
8. Discussions continue on BNG and on-site provision, including potential off-site measures within Stanford in the Vale.

Scheme Implementation

Preparations for Scheme implementation are also progressing well. Initial steps include:

- submission of an Environment Agency permit application for material importation; and
- meetings with the District Council regarding the release of funds held by them under the River Meadows s106 Planning Obligation, provided by Barratt David Wilson Homes.

Parish Council Meetings

Your Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of each month (except for August) and all parishioners are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Date: **1st Weds of each month (except August)**

Venue: **SITV Village Hall**

Time: **1930 – 2200 hrs**

Agendas can be found at: <https://stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk/next-meeting-agenda/>

Previous minutes can be located at: <https://stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk/minutes/>

In addition to our regular monthly meetings, you can contact any councillor directly to provide feedback, make suggestions or have concerns in relation to something we manage.

If you would also like to see the return of the drop-in Monthly Parish Council Surgeries, please let the Clerk know.

Recent items provided by parishioners for discussion by the parish council include:

- QE11 feedback
- Prescription collection service provision
- Waste and street cleaning
- Roadworks and road closures
- Parking
- Pot holes
- Footpaths
- Noise and speeding
- Recycling booking system

If you are unable to attend the meetings you are welcome to email them to us for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Contact details for the parish clerk and all councillors can be found on the website and in the section at the end of this newsletter.

Additional Information

Your member of parliament is Olly Glover (Lib Dem):
olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk

Your county councillor is Lee Evans (Con):
lee.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Your county council is responsible for schools, roads and footpaths, transport and travel, recycling facilities, children's services and adult social care; see: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Your district councillor is Lee Evans (Con)
lee.evans@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Your district council is responsible for collection of council tax, planning, rubbish & waste services, leisure facilities, housing, benefit management and elections; see: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

The parish council lobbies district & county councils over issues in the parish and scrutinises and comments on planning applications and local plans. The district council decides most planning applications.

Your parish council by convention does not operate along party political lines. All councillors are unpaid volunteers. Our parish clerk is employed for 20 hours per week (normally Monday, Wednesday & Friday). Contact Details are: clerk@stanfordinthevale-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council is responsible for:

- Church Green, Upper Green & Jubilee Green
- The play areas next to the village hall, on Nursery End and the aerial ropeway
- The QEII field
- The Skate Park and MUGA
- The Millennium Green
- The Community Woodland, Community Orchard & on Nursery End, both the willow tree park & strip woodland.
- Mowing some areas of the village on behalf of the County Council
- Litter picking – we employ a litter picker for several hours per week
- Setting the Village Precept (which is part of the Council Tax).
- Managing the budget for expenditure by the Parish Council in the village. The Parish Council spends substantially more than the Precept but raises all the rest of the money that it spends, on specific projects, through (non-domestic) rent, grants and similar applications. It has no debt.

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