

STANTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting of Stanton St John Parish Council on Monday 19 February 2024 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Present: Andrew Clark (Chair) (AC), Michiel Stofferis (MS), David Elliott (DE), Dina Cooper (DC) Greta Shepherd (GS) (until 8:55pm) Anita James (Clerk) (AJ), and 2 members of the public.

148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: received from Christopher Khiara

149. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none declared.

150. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Resident 1: asked why the footpath lighting review had been removed from the agenda as initiated under agenda item 146 in January's meeting. The resident had previously written in to the parish council in May 2023. The chair explained that he had now undertaken a review of the footpath lighting and it will be discussed under agenda item 159 at this meeting.

Resident 1: reported that a resident had not been able to use the car charging unit in the Village Hall due to the bollards at the entrance; the car was large and wide and the bollards fairly narrow to prevent unwanted vehicles entering the car park.

Resident 2: asked for clarification of the amount of subsidy that Oxfordshire County Council provides to Oxford Bus Company to run the 108 buses. The chair advised that councillor Tim Bearder will be able to clarify.

Public forum commenced at 7.35pm and finished at 7.50pm

151. TO RECEIVE MINUTES from the parish council meeting on 19 January 2024. The parish council approved, and they were signed by the chair.

152. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON OUSTANDING ACTIONS: from parish council meeting on 19 January 2024.

- i. **New dog bin:** the clerk had chased up.
- ii. **Playground wall repair:** the clerk had received no reply to an email sent to the property owner. **Action:** clerk to write a letter to the property owner asking for the wall to be repaired.
- iii. **Clerks pension:** parish council approved Stanton St John Parish Council becoming a Scheme Employer of Oxfordshire Local Government Pension Scheme and the clerk joining the scheme. The pension payments will not be retrospective and will commence as soon as the signed minutes are received by the scheme administrators.
- iv. **BT defibrillator:** the clerk had emailed BT and SODC. Hopefully the parish council will still be able to receive the grant form SODC.

- v. **Councillors planning training:** clerk advised that OALC were hoping to hold some training in November.
- vi. **Open Spaces Society:** the parish council were now members.
- vii. **EV second grant instalment:** received the sum of £934.
- viii. Unity Trust application form for **savings account** – signed by signatories and will replace the Scottish Widows Account which will be closed.

153. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

- I. Article in the **Four Parishes Newsletter**- completed by the clerk.
- II. Parishioner has volunteered to lead the **litter picking day**.
- III. **Stanton St John Annual Parish Meeting** 22 April 2024.
- IV. The previous **deep clean** had not been satisfactory and there is a new date 15 April 2024.
Action: clerk to see if there is an earlier date.
- V. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant fund:** Clerk had previously sent out information suggesting Shepherds Pit (traffic calming measure) may be eligible for this grant. After a brief discussion it was agreed that an expression of interest should be submitted for traffic calming measures. **Action:** clerk to submit an expression of interest.

154. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SODC DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

OCC Budget 2024- 2025: Tim Bearder (cabinet member for Adult Social Care) reported that budgets for adult and children’s social care will increase in real terms, but they are still failing to meet demand necessitating further cuts and operational savings (last year the cut in Adult Social Care were in the region of £19m)

The budget was based on 4.99 per cent council tax rise in 2024/2025, with 2 per cent being earmarked for adult social care.

After extensive lobbying from the County Council Network (advising that many councils face bankruptcy) an extra £4.8m was given for social care and £1.3m general funds; last minute funding decisions by central government make it very difficult for local government to plan and make costing decisions.

Funding for new **SEND school in Didcot:** projected to open in 2027/2027. With an investment of 14.4 million, the intention is to have places for up to 120 children with SEN’s related to autism and/or social, emotional, and mental health.

Improvements in **Fix My Street:** improvements in the reporting process which should hopefully speed up responses.

Mobility Hubs: Oxfordshire County Council has a budget of £1.5 m over three years to develop mobility hubs, which could be large or small and as simple as a bus shelter, bicycle rack.

Planned capital highway maintenance map: a map of planned highway maintenance is available.

https://oxfordshire.highway-iams.uk/Live/PBLC_ANON/PIP/?cg=scheme

Household Waste and recycling: no longer charge for small amounts of DIY waste but need to book in advance.

The 108 buses: going well and residents delighted to have their bus back. TB confirmed that the OCC subsidy was £262,000 over 18 months.

155. PLANNING

155.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS:

P24/S0133/O Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for up to 121 dwellings and a care home, including green open space. Land at Bayswater Farm Road near Barton OX3 8EB. *End Consultation Period* 29 February 2024. The parish council discussed and voted to object. **Action:** AC to write the objection and send to the clerk to update the planning portal.

155.2 PLANNING DECISIONS:

P23/S4042/HH **The Paddock 6 Church Street, Stanton St John, OX33 1DN.** Single storey side extension to provide utility/WC accommodation. End consultation period 4 January 2024. Parish council objected to the exterior materials.

Planning permission granted with exterior materials to be used only as permitted by Local Planning Authority.

155.3 PLANNING DECISIONS PENDING:

P22/S4596/FUL Amendment 5 **dated 3 January 2024 Land North of Bayswater Brook:** detailed access arrangements including bridges. After a detailed discussion, the Parish Council voted to object to this amendment.

P22/S4618/O Amendment 5 **dated 3 January 2024 Land North of Bayswater Brook:** application for main dwellings. After a detailed discussion, the parish council voted to object to this amendment.

P23/S4233/FUL Holly Cottage, Mill Street, Stanton St John, OX33 1HJ Retention of existing barn. After a detailed discussion the parish council approved this application for the removal of the non-agriculture items.

P22/S4550/LB, Wick Farm Buildings; listed building. Linked to P22/S4618/0 Land North of Bayswater Brook.

155.4 PLANNING APPEALS IN PROGRESS: none.

155.5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: none.

156. FINANCES

156.1 PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED

Administration for the Parish Council (1 -29 February 2024)	£703.02
HMRC (NI & PAYE Feb 2024)	£168.00
Clerk expenses (virus protector & printer cartridge)	£79.18

TFM (dog bin Jan 2024)	£38.66
Andrew Clark (Parish Hall car park light)	£83.80

156.2 BALANCES AT BANK & DECEMBER 2023 RECONCILIATION

Current Account (31/01/24)	£26,533.87
Deposit Account (31/01/24)	£9,541.17

All payments approved by the parish council.

The December 2023 bank reconciliation (previously circulated) was approved by the parish council and signed by the chair.

Income: Second instalment of EV grant from SODC received £934.00 26/01/24.

Application to open a Unity savings account, MS and AC signed as signatories.

157.TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (Andrew Clark)

A second public meeting has been planned for Friday 15 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

158.TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY (Christopher Khiara/Andrew Clark)

Action: AC to write to Jon Beale re moving the 30 MPH VAS sign.

159.TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FOOTPATH LIGHTING (Andrew Clark)

Completed by AC and previously circulated to councillors.

AC advised councillors to review it and send in comments.

160. CORRESPONDENCE (previously circulated)

- i. Parishioner re solar panels
- ii. District & County update Tim Bearder
- iii. Oxfordshire Councils Charter- survey
- iv. OALC January update
- v. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant fund

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 18 March 2024.