

MINUTES OF STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2015 AT 7.00pm
AT STANDISH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Sue Oppenheimer (chair), Graham Stevens, Stanley Dicker, Rachel Stafford and Drew Montague, Stroud District Council officers Mark Russell and Kate Russell, Homes and Communities Agency representative Adam Frontczak, seven members of the public, the clerk.

15/37: **Apologies:** Stroud District Cllr Ken Stephens.

15/38: **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Oppenheimer, member Glos VAIN, CAB volunteer, Cllr Dicker, member Village Hall Committee.

15/39: **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, March 12th, 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed.

15/40: **Public questions:** There were none.

15/41: **Draft Planning Concept Statement for Standish House:** Stroud District Council head of planning strategy Mark Russell, SDC conservation officer Kate Russell, and Adam Frontczak from the Homes and Communities Agency were in attendance. The district was currently consulting on the concept statement, copies of which were offered to all present. Mr Russell stressed that specific comments from the public on the content of the document were being welcomed via e-mails or letters by a deadline of May 13th, 2015. The document was to help determine any future planning applications for the site, which was the former, now derelict, Standish Hospital. The site was owned by the HCA. Mr Russell said adoption of the statement by the district was scheduled for June 18th, 2015. A two stage process for marketing the site had been agreed. Firstly it would be offered for sale to a single purchaser who would restore but not develop the site. If that was not achievable enabling development would be considered to ensure the restoration of the listed buildings. An earlier Enquiry By Design process had established key principles reproduced in the planning concept statement. Emphasis on residential development had been reduced and more ecological details added. A question and answer session and discussion involving members of the public followed. It was agreed to offer residents a further chance to express their views to councillors at a specially called meeting and coffee morning on Sunday May 10th from 11am-12noon. Cllr Oppenheimer would produce a notice to go out with Span. Standish Parish Council would then at its May meeting receive further public feedback on the issue before agreeing its response.

15/42: **Progress reports:** a) Website – the clerk was continuing to progress uploading information to the site; b) Oxlynch Lane speeding – there had been no further progress; c) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Oppenheimer reported there had been a good meeting with Keystone Environmental. A constraints map was still being compiled with waterways a serious constraint. Overall work was progressing although the timescale had slipped ; d) West of Stonehouse- Cllr Stevens reported that the Strategic Planning Alliance opposing this potential housing development had submitted its response to consultation prior to the resumption on May 28th, 2015 of the Examination in Public of the Stroud District Council Local Plan. About 250 similar

responses had also been submitted; e) Standish Hospital Partnership Board - there had been no further meeting.

15/43: **County and district councillors' reports:** An e-mail had been circulated informing members of Stroud District Cllr Ken Stephens resignation. Cllr Stephens had thanked Standish Parish Council for all their help. In return Standish members agreed to write to Cllr Stephens wishing him well in the future and expressing similar thanks. Cllr Oppenheimer said she would stand down as Standish chair if she was successful in fighting for Cllr Stephens' district seat.

15/44: **Annual Parish Meeting arrangements:** Agenda items for this meeting on May 21st, 2015, would include the chair's report by Cllr Oppenheimer, consideration of a possible Community Governance Review/merger of Standish with another parish to be led by Cllr Stafford, consideration of a Section 106 wish list, and organisation of a parish footpaths survey. Notification of the meeting would be included in Span.

15/45: **Organisation of a footpaths survey:** This was dealt with by inclusion on the Annual Parish Meeting agenda.

15/46: **Finance report:** a) Receipt of year end accounts – these were not yet available; b) Council payments: The list of payments as follows was approved – CPRE £36, Post Office (tax NI) £25.60, J. Barber £149.08, N. Bowen (bus shelter repair) £75; c) Correspondence from Pensions Regulator and actions arising – the clerk reported she had become the council's nominated member of staff for receipt of communications about the new compulsory workplace pensions. After information received from the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils the council formally resolved to seek membership of the Gloucestershire Local Government Pension Scheme.

15/47: **Clerk's report/correspondence:** The get-together with Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl had been adjourned until after the elections.

The GAPTC was calling for resolutions before a deadline of May 8th, 2015, for its Annual General Meeting on Friday, 8th May, 2015.

Builder Nigel Bowen had been engaged to repair the Oxlynch Lane bus shelter rear guttering following the council's decision taken on December 11th, 2014, to do this work.

Correspondence:

Confirmation from GCC Rights of Way contactor Amey that the public footpaths EST58 and EST29 at Pidgmore Farm were to be diverted as the council had been previously advised. (This council on October 8th, 2014, unanimously supported these diversions).

The CPRE's "Countryside Voice" and "Fieldwork" magazines.

15/48: **Planning matters:** a) Javelin Park incinerator – An invitation to join a meeting about setting up a Community Liaison Group had been received from the incinerator company UBB. Although Cllr Oppenheimer felt this was premature until the outcome of the Stroud District Council's Judicial Review of the development's planning permission it was agreed Cllrs Stafford and Dicker would attend the meeting depending where and on what date it was held; b) Application S.15/0586 – this application for side and rear extensions to 2 Arlebrook Cottages led to a response of no comment from the council.

15/49: **Councillors' items for future discussion/date of next meeting:** Cllr Stevens drew attention to a dangerously overhanging hedge in Oxlynch Lane. Cllr Dicker reported his latest litter pick beside the B4008. The next meeting would be on May 14th, 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed: Date: