

# **MINUTES OF STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2016 AT 7.00pm  
AT STANDISH VILLAGE HALL

**16/1: Present:** Cllrs G. Stevens (vice-chair), S. Dicker, D. Montague, the clerk.

**16/2: Apologies:** Cllrs S. Oppenheimer, S. Hartley, Stroud District Councillor S. Davies.

**16/3: Declarations of interest:** Cllr Dicker member Village Hall Committee.

**16/4: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on December 0th, 2015, were approved and signed.

**16/5: Public questions/participation:** There were none.

**16/6: Reports from county and district councillors:** This item was adjourned to await the arrival of Cllr Williams.

**16/7: Actions following Village Green trees survey:** Cllr Stevens introduced the subject of possible works to the trees after an arboricultural survey completed in 2012 and re-circulated prior to the meeting. He proposed works to trees against The Court wall to create a two metre margin, and further works to trees identified as T8 and T14 in the survey that were overhanging road(s). A further tree on the signpost triangle was obscuring the signpost. Following discussion it was agreed the clerk would obtain quotations for the work, in liaison with Cllr Stevens, from three firms and from The Conservation Volunteers who had written seeking felling and similar work.

**16/8: County councillor's report:** Cllr Williams, who had arrived during the last item, had attended the Stroud District Council meeting which had been asked to defer a decision on a proposal for 1,350 homes West of Stonehouse in order to work further with the developer. Cllr Williams said the scheme had however gone through The Gloucestershire County Council was currently consulting on its budget.

**16/9: Budget and precept 2016-17:** The budget was increased for maintenance and grass cutting to cover potential works to trees on the Village Green, to cover potential elections expenses in May, and in preparation for the clerk gaining her Certificate in Local Council Administration. The clerk's salary would be increased from SCP 19 to SCP 23 upon attaining this qualification. It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Montague and unanimously agreed that budget

expenditure (attached) should total £7,250 for 2016-17 with the precept to Stroud District Council in the same amount.

**16/10: Updates on: a) Neighbourhood Development Plan** – A request for additional help with the plan had been included in the council’s new newsletter; **b) West of Stonehouse** – Cllr Stevens said outline planning permission had been granted. Two lane traffic was now proposed on the approach to the roundabouts. It was agreed that the Jamie Mattock from county highways be invited to a future meeting to discuss traffic flows; **c) Standish House/Partnership Board** – there were no updates; **d) Multi user B4008 trail** – Stonehouse Town Cllr Carol Kambities had replied that funding for the trail had failed to be secured in her council’s planning committee budget but that didn’t entirely preclude Stonehouse putting some money in from another budget or from reserves; **d) Newsletter** – Cllr Hartley was congratulated on an excellent pre-production proof. Minor amendments relating to the council’s view of the Standish House consultation and to the forthcoming visit to council by a representative of Hitchins’ developers were put forward by the clerk Arrangements were made for councillors’ to voluntarily deliver the newsletter to all parish households.

**16/11: Response to the draft Local Transport Plan:** Cllr Oppenheimer had arranged a meeting with the relevant Gloucestershire County Council officer about this consultation. It was agreed to delegate writing the response to Standish Parish councillors at this meeting, with final agreement via e-mail prior to submission by the deadline of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**16/12: Council payments:** The below list of payments of the council was approved:

K. Isaaks (20 is Plenty stickers)	£70.00	(10/12/15)
HMRC	£26.80	(28/9/11)
J. A. Barber	£136.86	(28/9/11)

A payment of £177.83 to Glasdon UK Ltd for a grit bin was adjourned until the next meeting.

N.B. The dates expenditure was incurred are in brackets.

**16/13: Clerk’s report/correspondence:** The clerk had attended two trainings. The first was an afternoon on pensions auto-enrolment run by GAPTC at Highnam and the other an all day SLCC roadshow/conference in Cheltenham. The six roadshow sessions included an especially interesting discussion about how communities can work in partnership to protect and preserve the historic environment. This was led by the national policing and crime advisor to Historic England.

As requested the provision of a new grit/salt bin for Oxlynch Lane has been investigated. On advice of Mr Yakub Muller from the highways' department a Glasdon slimline lidded bin in a variety of colours is recommended at a cost of £148.19 (£177.83 including VAT).

Correspondence:

SDC advising of the appointment of Andy Murray as north area Neighbourhood Warden which includes Standish.

Brodie Manning of Cheltenham offering Neighbourhood Plan assistance.

Stroud Commonwealth stating it will bid in Stage Two for Standish House and asking council to suggest influential individuals who might join its Advisory Board.

Forwarded previously via e-mail:

GAPTC re: future audit arrangements

MP Mr Carmichael re: Education Select Committee and cultural opportunities

Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group e-bulletin

Neighbourhood Warden update

The Door monthly update/volunteer appeal

GCC Councils Connected January issue

SDC Town and Parish Council forum agenda

**16/14: Planning matters: a) Strategic Assessment of Land Availability –**

Cllrs felt that with the Horsemarling Farm development, Standish House, and the potential for further housing at Stagholt that Standish had made sufficient land available for future development. The clerk would so advise the Stroud District Council in response to its request for SALA sites; **b) Application S.15/2034/COU** council noted that these alterations to form an annexe at Homeward in Oxlynch Lane had gained permission; **c) Application S.15/2860/FUL** horse exercise area adjacent to 5 Standish Park cottages. Council had no comment to make.

**16/15: Councillors' items/date of next meeting:** Cllr Stevens asked that an annual check of the council's assets should be placed on the next agenda. The next meeting would be on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....