

# MINUTES OF STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2015 AT 7.00pm  
AT STANDISH VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Sue Oppenheimer (chairman), Graham Stevens, Stan Dicker, Drew Montague, the clerk.

15/26: **Apologies:** Cllr Rachel Stafford, Stroud District Cllr Ken Stephens.

15/27: **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Oppenheimer member GlosVAIN, CAB volunteer; Cllr Dicker, member Village Hall Committee.

15/28: **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on February 12th, 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed.

15/29: **Public questions:** There were none.

15/30: **Progress reports:** a) Website – the clerk reported the site was now up and running, although information on it was minimal and further work to load it still lay ahead. Photos of Cllrs would be added shortly, alongside their brief biographies; b) Oxlynch Lane speeding – Cllr Montague had obtained “20 is plenty” signs from Gloucestershire County Council highways department and showed a sample to the meeting. Traffic was currently travelling more slowly on the lane due to recent resurfacing works. The clerk was instructed to write to highways thanking them for the works that had included infilling potholes; c) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Oppenheimer said there had been no further meeting of the group conducting the plan. A baseline map had however been produced with the parish’s listed buildings identified on it. Further information was to be added to form a constraints map. She had submitted the report required by the monitors of the grant that had been secured to carry out the NDP. A new grant round was likely to be available. The Stroud District Council had a supportive officer newly in charge of offering assistance with NDPs; d) West of Stonehouse - Cllr Stevens highlighted the Stroud District Council consultation on its post submission proposed changes to the Stroud District Local Plan. The deadline for representation was March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, with phase one of the following inquiry due on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and expected to last about four days. Cllr Stevens’ view that the consultation document was user unfriendly was supported. Copies had however been printed for circulation around the village to encourage residents to comment on the likely allocation of as many as 3,500 homes West of Stonehouse. It was agreed Cllrs Stevens and Oppenheimer would meet to complete Standish Parish Council’s strong objection to West of Stonehouse in time to meet the deadline; e) Standish Hospital Partnership Board – there had been no progress during the past month. The concept plan for the former hospital site was shortly due to be presented to Stroud District Council.

15/31: **County and district councillors’ reports:** There were none.

15/32: **Possible merger or grouping with neighbouring parish council:** This would be discussed at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

15/33: **Finance report:** Standish Parish Council had been notified by the Pensions Regulator of its new legal duty to provide a workplace pension for all members of staff. After discussion the clerk was nominated as the contact for receipt of information; a) Appointment of internal auditor for 2014-15 – The clerk would renew efforts to contact last year’s appointee Martin Scott and, if unsuccessful, a new service offered by the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils would be employed; b) Council payments – the list as follows was approved:

GAPTC (membership)	£70.45
PATA (payroll)	£19.50
J. A. Barber	£121.66
Post Office (PAYE)	£25.80
Standish Village Hall	£131.25

c) Quarterly budget comparison – the fourth quarterly comparison of spending to budget was received and is attached; d) Year end charity donations – a request from the Cheltenham Cobalt Unit was declined.

15/34: **Clerk’s report/correspondence:** Council agreed 7pm for 7.30pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, as the date for the Annual Parish Meeting, for which agenda items already proposed included the Section 106 “wish list” and the amalgamation/merger with another parish. The agenda would be finalised at the April meeting but it was possible a display might also be mounted of the Standish Hospital site proposals.

Correspondence;

An invitation to a parish and town councils get together on April 21st with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire;

A GCC local bus survey, deadline for responses April 24<sup>th</sup>;

A consultation on the proposed post-submission changes to the Stroud District Local Plan, deadline March 26<sup>th</sup>;

Consultation on the Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations for changes to SDC wards/boundaries, deadline April 6<sup>th</sup> – this prompted discussion which led to a consensus that Standish was unhappy with its inclusion with Hardwicke, and would prefer either Randwick or Severn wards where there were more issues in common. The clerk would submit a consultation response.

A GCC consultation on its Local Transport Plan, deadline March 27<sup>th</sup>;

The “Cotswold Lion” newspaper from the Cotswold AONB;

Invitation to Gloucestershire CPRE agm on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Elmore Court with speaker Sir Simon Jenkins, deadline March 16<sup>th</sup> which Cllr Stevens would attend.

GCC’s new Waterside Living leaflet to encourage maintenance and mitigate flood risk which it was agreed would be made available to attendees at the Annual Parish Meeting.

A GRCC “Affordable Rural Housing” booklet about exception sites, with an offer that a GRCC officer could attend a future council meeting;

15/35: **Planning matters:** a) Javelin Park – Cllrs expressed disappointment that the incinerator contract had not been cancelled despite an 8,000 petition of opposition. A legal challenge remained which was being brought by the Stroud District Council. Protestors from GlosVAIN were pressing Gloucestershire County Council for details of the incinerator contract; b) Application

S.15/0428/LBC to replace Welsh slate roof tiles on dormers with Cotswold stone tiles at Brook Cottage, Standish Court, were supported; c) the clerk reported that previously considered applications S.13/1387/FUL and S.13/1388/LBC for housing at Horsemarling Farm had gained permission and consent respectively.

15/36: **Items for future discussion/date of next meeting:** Cllr Dicker inquired about progress to repair of the gutter on the Oxlynch Lane bus shelter. Since the builder asked to undertake the work had not completed it an alternative person was suggested and would be approached by the clerk. Concern about rubbish dumping opposite Horsemarling Farm would be passed to the Neighbourhood Warden and/or Police Community Support Officer. The footpaths survey would be placed on the next agenda. The next meeting would be on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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