

MINUTES OF STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL

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

15/116: Present: Cllrs S. Oppenheimer (chair), S. Dicker, S .Hartley, G. Stephens, Stroud District Cllr S. Davies, Mr John Bloxsom, the clerk.

15/117: Apologies: Cllr D. Montague, Gloucestershire County Cllr L. Williams.

15/118: Declarations of interest: Cllr Oppenheimer member GlosVAIN, volunteer Stroud CAB, director Revolution R4C, and personal interest in planning application S.15/2034/COU; Cllr Dicker member Village Hall Committee; Cllr Hartley member GlosVAIN.

15/119: Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on October 8th, 2015, were approved and prompted a report of a meeting with UBB mentioned in them which had inadvertently been omitted from the current agenda. Cllr Oppenheimer said five parish councils had been present at the session which discussed proposals for a combined Community Liaison Group and a Community Fund Group, both associated with the new Javelin Park incinerator. Standish delegates had requested air and soil monitoring to begin before the plant was built in order to establish a baseline against which any potential future contaminates could be measured. They have been tasked with putting forward proposals to UBB. The minutes of the session would be circulated for members' information.

15/120: Public questions: There were none.

15/121: NDP report: Mr Bloxsom spoke to his submitted paper which listed the risks and dependencies of objectives of an NDP, and discussed the scope for the achievement of those objectives either through an NDP or by other routes. He was thanked for his work by the chair. After debate, and questions and answers, Cllr Oppenheimer suggested the biggest problem was the council's capacity to continue its NDP. It was agreed a final attempt would be made to engage residents with the process. Cllr Oppenheimer would contact previous NDP group members, and other councillors would approach residents to find volunteers. The situation would be discussed again at the next meeting.

15/122: Walkabout with highways' manager: Many issues including those of speeding traffic, signage and incorrectly routed HGVs had been discussed during a tour of the parish with Mr Andrew Middlecote from Gloucestershire County Council highways department. Cllr Hartley believed Mr Middlecote had been receptive to Standish problems. The clerk would contact him to thank him and say that his report was awaited. The clerk read a message from PCSO Debbie Campbell who had also looked at speeding issues but who had concluded that the national 60mph speed limit on Horsemarling, Standish and other lanes was a difficulty. She had suggested highways action was required to action change. The clerk was instructed to inquire of Stroud District Council whether Section 106 money could be put towards speed limit reductions. A

proposal was made by Cllr Hartley for 100 "20 is Plenty" sticky signs for residents' wheelie bins. The clerk would investigate the cost and arrange purchase if costs allow under Standing Orders.

15/123: County and district councillors' reports: Cllr Davies reported the Stroud District Local Plan was the big topic. The inspector's report of the plan had changed nothing substantial and had confirmed inclusion of 1,350 homes West of Stonehouse.

15/124: Updates on: a) West of Stonehouse liaison meeting - Cllr Stevens had circulated a report of his meeting with Stroud District Council strategic planner David Lowin. Cllr Stevens believed West of Stonehouse had improved in that it was no longer considered a bolt-on to Stonehouse but was viewed as a community with its own primary school, some shops and discussions over a doctor's surgery. Access would be via a spine road from Chipman's Platt roundabout. Cllr Davies urged further engagement by Standish in the process. Additional traffic from the development remained a key concern, particularly along the B4008, as well as employment development within Standish, and any possible benefit from S106. Cllr Stevens agreed to arrange a further meeting with Mr Lowin; **b) Standish House/Partnership Board** – there had been no further meetings/information. The clerk reported that Stroud Commonwealth had indicated their interest was a Stage One bid for the site. Council agreed to write in support of that bid to Stroud Commonwealth; **c) Footpaths survey** – Cllr Dicker remained disappointed at the poor response but would leave matters now until the spring; **d) B408 multi-user trail** – Cllr Hartley reported there had been discussion of the Mid Glos Tracks and Trails Group idea by the planning committee of Stonehouse Town Council. It had proposed money in its budget towards a feasibility study but had also warned there might be more pressing matters in need of funding. Funding from Standish itself was also likely to be limited. Cllr Hartley said MGTTG had been advised Standish wished to see the trail from Stonehouse extended beyond Oxlynch to Little Haresfield. MGTTG were willing to speak to many interested parties, including landowners and once a route or routes were established hoped to gather £5,000 from many sources for the feasibility report. Cllr Stevens was concerned the use of the trail by horse riders could be in conflict with walkers, cyclists and similar other users. Cllr Oppenheimer believed multi-users had been accommodated elsewhere and pointed out that concern could be looked at during the study. Members would attempt to get the trail flagged up during the current Gloucestershire County Council draft Local Transport Plan consultation.

15/125: Village Hall Committee meeting: Difficulties of liaison between the council and the Village Hall had been raised. Cllr Dicker, as the council's Village Hall representative, would be asked to feed more information both ways. The clerk had not received an invoice from the hall for the council's use of it for the entire financial year so far and would contact the hall's new treasurer with usage information.

15/126: Newsletter: Cllr Hartley's proposal to launch a council newsletter to its community was supported. It might be produced twice yearly in January and June. The best price found for printing one edition was £88 for copies for all 105 households. Cllr Hartley agreed to become its volunteer editor. Councillors agreed to help contribute newsletter articles. It was agreed to go ahead with a pilot issue in January 2016, with the budget for layout and printing limited to £200.

15/127: Finance report: PATA had notified a small rise in their payroll charge from £85.20 per annum to £90.00 per annum.

a) Budget 2016-17 – Initial discussions based upon the current year's figures included a potential £1,000 reduction in the planning/NDP budgets, the addition of £200 for the newsletter and potential additional staff costs if the clerk gained her CILCA qualification. The clerk would present amended figures to the December meeting; **b) Council payments** – the following list was approved (figures in brackets are the dates expenditure was incurred) –

Post Office (tax, NI)	£26.80 (28/9/11)
J. Barber	£126.88 (28/9/11)
Hardwicke RBL (poppy wreath)	£16.00 (11/11/15)

15/128: Clerk's report/correspondence:

At this point it became necessary for councillors to vote to extend the as yet unfinished meeting beyond the end time of 9.30pm as prescribed in Standing Orders.

Stroud Commonwealth had replied it considered its interest in Standish House to be a Stage One bid. (This was in answer to members' query at the October meeting).

Green Square would be holding a public consultation event at Standish Village Hall in early December about their Stagholt housing development. They declined a further meeting with this council, preferring instead to update members at their event.

SDC officer Krista Harris (i/c Section 106 matters) had noted the multi-user trail proposal and awaited a more formal submission of this idea in due course.

Gloucestershire Records Office would be happy to take Standish correspondence/paperwork. The chair had conducted the clerk's annual appraisal.

Correspondence:

GCC consultation on its draft Local Transport Plan

CPRE Gloucestershire Autumn magazine

SDC seeking views on the Neighbourhood Warden service

Forwarded via e-mail:

Museum in the Park Big Draw invitation

GAPTC x four

NHS Glos Clinical Commissioning Group info sessions

GCC funded public transport consultation

GRCC Stroud district newsletter

GCC "Councils Connected"

Fire and Rescue Service operational response consultation

The Door monthly update

MP bulletins x two

Stroud Ambitions November 11th at Stratford Park

SDC review of polling districts and places

SDC e-news October and November

GCC notice of sale of Horsemarl Farm

NHS/GCC workshops re: integrated community teams

Stroud CAB new branding

SDC re: new garden waste scheme

Glos Wildlife Trust re: hedgehogs

GAPTC re: assistance to refugees

Cllr Oppenheimer would attend the GCC funded public transport consultation. Cllr Hartley would attend the NHS/GCC workshops re: integrated community teams.

15/129: Planning matters: a) Application S.15/2034/COU, alterations to existing outbuildings to form a self-contained annexe at first floor and change of use of ground floor level to create a commercial kitchen, at Homeward, Oxlynch Lane, Standish, GL10 3DE; No comment.

b) Application S.15/2322/HHOLD, replace existing conservatory with new conservatory, Box Cottage, Oxlynch Lane, Standish, GL10 3DE; No comment

c) S.15/2304/TPO, various works as per application form Westridge Assessment and Treatment Unit, Standish, GL10 3HA. Noted.**d)** Notification of the Stroud District Council Local Plan inspector's report (circulated).

15/130: Councillors' items/date of next meeting: Cllr Dicker would investigate Standish Lane being in Moreton Valence for postal purposes. Next meeting December 10th, 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: Date: