

# MINUTES OF STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2016 AT 7.00pm  
AT STANDISH VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Stevens began by welcoming everyone.

**16/124: Present:** Cllrs G. Stevens (chair), S. Dicker, S. Hartley, R. Kellie, S. Oppenheimer, Stroud District Cllr T. Skinner, the clerk.

**16/125: Apologies:** There were none.

**16/126: Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Dicker, member Standish Village Hall Committee, Cllr Hartley, member GlosVAIn, Cllr Oppenheimer, director Revolution R4C.

**16/127: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed.

**16/128: Public questions:** There were none.

**16/129: County and district councillors' reports:** Cllr Skinner reported that Stroud District Council had begun adopting Local Plans which gave communities more control over local development. Cllr Hartley inquired of him whether Section 106 money from the Horsemarling Farm redevelopment remained available to the council. The clerk had, however, in the past week received a reassurance from the SDC about the continuing availability of this funding, some £26,086 plus indexation for off-site public open space facilities for youths and adults in the parish of Standish, which would be payable by the developer prior to occupation of any dwelling on the site. Discussion about the reorganised SDC refuse and recycling collections followed.

There was no report, as previously requested, from Gloucestershire County Cllr Lesley Williams. The clerk was instructed to ask her to submit a report to the council's December meeting should she be unable to attend. Cllr Williams would also be asked by the clerk to report on the highways walk-about issues previously forwarded to her by Cllr Kellie.

**16/130: Addition to Standing Orders:** Following a complaint against a member of the council, a previous meeting had agreed there should be an addition to Standing Orders to ensure members made clear whether they were speaking as a councillor or as a private individual when dealing with the public or other partner agencies. This was so that any corporate decision of the council would be supported by councillors in public, even though they might disagree with that decision in a private capacity. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Kellie, seconded by Cllr Oppenheimer and agreed that an extra paragraph should be added so that Standing Order 17 a) now read: "Unless authorised by a resolution, no individual councillor shall in the name or on behalf of the council ... iii) speak or act against the council's corporate decision unless he/she makes clear he/she is speaking in a private capacity and not as a councillor".

**16/131: Financial matters:** a) Council payments - The below list of council payments was approved. The dates expenditure was incurred are also listed.

The Post Office (tax, ins)	£28.00	28/9/11
J. A. Barber	£128.70	28/9/11

b) RFO's report - The Mid-Cotswold Tracks and Trails Group had sent a £300 cheque (comprising their £200 contribution towards the B4008 trail feasibility study and £100 returned that the council had granted them for the same).

Minchinhampton Parish Council had written thanking the council for its £50 towards the (shared) clerk's recent trainings.

Cllr Hartley had earlier queried whether members might be reimbursed for their expenses, for example for mileage and phone call costs, incurred while on council business. Advice was offered by the clerk that the payment by the council of the standard, tax free 45p per mile was a relatively straight forward matter although administration of telephone calls payments would be more complex since they would be subject to taxation. Discussion ensued and it was agreed the clerk should create a suitable form for members' mileage claims but that reimbursement of telephone call costs would not be made.

c) Budget 2017-18 considerations - Last year's budget and the latest quarterly comparison of spending to budget had been circulated as a basis for discussion. Further works that might be required as part of ongoing maintenance of the Village Green trees would be discussed at the December meeting. Potential costs related to the B4008 trail project might be included. An invoice would be requested from the Village Green grass cutting contractor. The budget should include £400 next year for production of the newsletter.

**16/132: Clerk's report/correspondence:** a) War memorial plaque – Cllr Stevens said the lettering on the War Memorial was now virtually illegible due to erosion of the limestone over the past 100 years. There had been a suggestion, some years ago, that a plaque might be inscribed and mounted to make clear the names of the fallen. Cllr Stevens proposed, and it was agreed, that a site meeting be arranged with the Diocese to discuss the matter. A reply was received from the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner's office that for reasons of confidentiality it was not possible for them to say whether or not they received any correspondence, other than from the council, about the successful B4008 feasibility study bid.

Cllrs drew attention to litter picks that were needed along Standish Lane, particularly concentrating on refuse thrown into its deep roadside ditches, and the B4008 between the Village Hall and Little Haresfield. The clerk would contact Stroud District Council with the requests

The CPRE "Gloucestershire Views" pamphlet and a leaflet about an NEC event publicising grounds maintenance companies had been received.

Forwarded earlier via e-mail:

Severn Tunnel upgrade newsletter

GCC re: on-street parking order amendment

MP Neil Carmichael re: Out and About in Constituency; STEM subjects; Social Work and mental health of looked after children;

SDC October newsletter

SDC Joint Cluster Group minutes

The Door AGM invitation

Cotswold Conservation Board rural skills courses

Museum in Park private view invitation

Chartered Parish and Town Councils meeting notes

SDC planning re: phone kiosk adoptions

GCC re: schools admission policies

Highways England M5 bridgeworks update

Launch of Road Safety hub in Gloucestershire

GCC Councils Connected October

Glos Wildlife Trust re: autumn colours

GRCC trustees' week and halls networking.

STC on fracking – Cllr Oppenheimer highlighted the Gloucestershire County Council's Draft Minerals Local Plan which included permission for unconventional techniques including fracking, about which Stroud Town Council had written. She drew attention to the draft plan's lack of mention of climate change targets, about its proposed use of potentially toxic incinerator bottom ash as aggregate, and its permission for coal mining, as well as its positivity towards fracking. Cllr Oppenheimer's proposed response to the draft plan, on behalf of the council, was discussed. It was agreed by four votes for, and one against, that she would draft a response for circulation to members before its submission to the GCC.

**16/133: Planning matters:** a) Revised consultation on S16/0043/OUT, Ecotricity Eco Park at Junction 13 M5. The council had previously submitted a detailed objection to the original scheme. Key changes to the proposal were new traffic lights for Junction 13, stadium car parking increased to 886 spaces, a footbridge over the A419, access for buses, cyclists and pedestrians from Grove Lane, improvements to cycle route to Stonehouse, the cycle route and footpath moved to the south end of A419, reduced flood lighting, provision of lights along a proposed dual

carriageway and Junction 13, and a revised community sports facility to include a multi-sport all weather pitch. Cllr Stevens believed the changes didn't alter the fact that the site was not in the Stroud Local Plan, and that the likely extra pressure on the B4008 through Standish had been ignored. Council agreed to maintain its strong opposition to the scheme. The clerk would draft a response for circulation to members before submission to the planning authority; b) S.16/2160/T5DAY – council noted SDC approval of various tree works/fellings at Standish House; c) The SDC Draft CIL charging schedule had been circulated for information; d) S.16/1882/DISCON- SDC had given permission for the discharge of conditions (fire hydrants and bat roost details) at Horsemarling Farm.

A further application S.16/2388/DISCON at Horsemarling Farm had been received but not in time for discussion at the meeting. The clerk was instructed to apply for an extension of the November 29<sup>th</sup> deadline for responses. Members would in the meantime arrange a site meeting and, if an extension was denied, would submit a response that would be formalised at the next council.

**16/134: Updates on:** a) Neighbourhood Development Plan – A meeting to resume the plan process was arranged for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016; b) Standish House Partnership Board - The next meeting was on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. An open afternoon with a guided tour of the site was being offered by developers P J Livesey from 12noon until 3pm on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The occasion would be publicised including via village websites, its e-mail list and parish noticeboards as it was hoped as many local people as possible would attend. More formal consultation was expected in the New Year, including over a weekend so as many people as possible could participate; c) UBB Community Liaison Group – Cllr Hartley reported that minutes from the group would in future be made publicly available more speedily. A request had been made for earth from the incinerator site to be used to create a bund beside the motorway. UBB were investigating this. It would need planning permission. Bailey Bridges were being constructed to access the site. A schedule of works at the site over the next six months had been circulated. Protracted negotiations over the planting of trees to screen the views of the incinerator from Standish were being finalised; d) Multi-user B4008 trail – Cllr Oppenheimer reported a good steering group meeting with the feasibility study consultant. Cllr Hartley was present and the Mid-Cotswolds Tracks and Trails Group was represented. Legal processes required to create paths had been explained, as had liaison with the occupiers of lands involved. Benefits to the local economy and links to other path routes were highlighted. Fund raising and grant applications would be required. A further meeting would precede the consultant's presentation to the December council meeting; e) Public Rights of Way inspection walks – The first walk had taken place from Oxlynch through Arlebrook. Brambles and nettles had been removed. It had proved difficult to follow some paths, even with a map. Free way markers were understood to be available from the Public Rights of Way department and would be requested by the clerk. More help with clearance was needed, perhaps from the volunteer Cotswold Wardens. The next walk would be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am; f) New council website - The clerk's second session with the trainer was on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 when she would try and clarify the issue of back up of council information on the new shared site with the Village Hall. It was agreed the Village Hall would invoice the council for the shared costs of £50 for set-up and £30 annual hosting.

**16/135: Councillors' items for future discussion/date of next meeting:** Cllr Stevens was assured a Remembrance Day wreath for the council was being provided by the local Royal British Legion. It was agreed the legion would invoice the council for its cost. Articles for the next newsletter, and adoption of a press protocol (as agreed at the October meeting), would both be items on the December agenda. The next meeting would be on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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

