**MINUTES OF STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2017 AT 7.00pm

AT STANDISH VILLAGE HALL

**17/186: Present:** Cllrs S Hartley (Chair)¸ R. Kellie, S Dicker, S Oppenheimer (Minutes)

**In Attendance**: 3 members of the public, P. Jukes and L. Binnie from Smiths

**Absent:** District Cllr T Skinner

**17/187: Apologies:** J Knights, County Cllr Williams

**17/188: Declarations of interest:** None

**17/189: Chair’s announcements:** The newly appointed clerk had decided this afternoon not to take up the position. The Chair announced that a speaker was coming to the meeting from Smith’s to talk to their planning application.

**17/190:** **To approve and sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on July 13th, 2017 and the Extra Ordinary meeting on July 27th 2017 as a true and correct record:**

July 13th: amend 17/166to read ‘N. Riglar’ and to delete reference to Cllr Oppenheimer. Amend 17/169 to read ‘Gloucestershire Rural Community Council’. Amend 17/171 to delete ‘which is against the licence conditions’ and add ‘additional’ to the previous phrase to read ‘which may lead to the incinerator importing additional waste’. It was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes with the amendments as a true and correct record. July 27th: It was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes as a true and correct record.

**17/191:** **To note matters arising from the Minutes and not covered by agenda items, for information only:** 17/166 Lengthsman scheme. Cllr Hartley had requested clearing the sign on the motorway bridge in Standish Lane, which has happened; that the path along the B4008 to Little Haresfield be cleared; that the Hospital sign be removed on Oxlynch Lane. The latter two items have not been actioned. 17/167d. The Village Hall committee has agreed a £20 contribution towards each grass cut. 17/171. It was clarified that the invitation to visit the incinerator at Hartlebury is not an open invitation to all. 17/178. The July newsletter has been completed and circulated. Councillors congratulated Cllr Hartley on an excellent newsletter.

**17/192:** **To receive public questions, submissions, or statements:** There was a question from a member of the public regarding the Council minutes. The Chair explained that because of the clerking situation, the minutes had been delayed, but would be posted as soon as possible, though they wouldn’t be on the website until we have a new clerk. The Chair reassured the member of the public that the Parish Council will be asking Stroud District Council to consider the Standish House application at Development Control Committee.

**17/193:** **To receive county and district councillors’ reports:** The Chair had discussed the cable issue with Cllr Lesley Williams who is still trying to get the decision to go through Stonehouse High Street changed, but it seems the decision is made. Stonehouse Town Council is meeting with Nigel Riglar, Strategic Director for Gloucestershire County Council, on Monday and the Chair will attend on Standish PC’s behalf.

The Chair had complained to District Councillors that the allotted councillor had not attended meetings. As a result, Cllr David Mossman will now be attending Standish PC as from the next meeting.

**17/194: Finance report. a. To agree to payment of invoices (as per attached schedule).** Without the chequebook Councillors were unable to make payments. Payments to A. Durn, Ethical Internet and Abbotsbury Stonework were all agreed. 3 outstanding invoices to GAPTC for training need processing. It was RESOLVED to pay these and for Cllr Hartley to action.

**b. To discuss the membership of CPRE and agree actions**. Councillors discussed continuing membership. After a vote of 3:1 it was RESOLVED to no longer pay membership as there was little direct value to the Parish Council.

**c. To discuss the application for a grant of £398 from Stroud CAB as a contribution for services to Standish residents and agree actions.** It was RESOLVED to give the CAB a grant of £50.

**d. To discuss training and agree actions.** It was RESOLVED that training for the new clerk be delegated to the Chair to agree. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Hartley should attend the Planning Applications training to be paid for by the PC.

**17/195: To receive the invitation to Stroud CAB AGM at Stroud DC Offices on 20th September 2017 and agree attendance.** No councillors will attend

**17/196: Planning: a. To discuss new planning applications in the parish and agree observations:**

**S.17/1134/LBC Standish House Standish, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire**

**Conversion and refurbishment of the former Standish Hospital complex, including Standish House (building A), Stable Block (building B), Ward Blocks**

**(Buildings C & G), Standish Lodge (Building L), Building I, and demolition and works to associated out-buildings and gatehouse to form 50 dwellings; demolition of Westridge Hospital and associated buildings; and development of 98 new build homes within the grounds; conversion; associated surface vehicle and cycle car parking, pedestrian and vehicular access and associated ancillary development, landscaping, ancillary storage and plant and ecological bat housing; and all associated engineering works and operations.**

**S.17/1133/FUL Former Standish Hospital And Former Westridge Hospital Standish, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire,**

**Conversion and refurbishment of the former Standish Hospital complex, including Standish House (Building A), Stable Block (Building B), Ward Blocks (Buildings C & G), Standish Lodge (Building L), Building I, and demolition and works to associated out-buildings and gatehouse to form 50 dwellings; demolition of Westridge Hospital and associated building. Development of 98 new build homes within the grounds; conversion; associated surface vehicle and cycle car parking, pedestrian and vehicular access and associated ancillary development, landscaping, ancillary storage and plant and ecological bat housing; and all associated engineering works and operations**

A draft response that had been discussed by a sub-group of the PC and prepared by Cllr Oppenheimer was discussed. It was RESOLVED to send the objection as drafted. Action Cllr Oppenheimer.

**S.17/1829/FUL Cherry Fair, Standish Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and replace with self build eco-home.** It wasRESOLVED to generally support the Cherry Fair application and to submit a question to Stroud District Council regarding drainage from the driveway and parking area. Action Cllr Oppenheimer.

**17/0008/STMAJW Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd, The Old Airfield, Moreton Valence Variation of conditions 2(Approved plans), 3(Throughput), 6(Architectural drawings),**

**8(Vehicle manoeuvring & parking), 15(Noise) and 17(Drainage) relating to planning Consent 11/0017/STMAJW dated 27/09/2011.**

Peter Jukes (Divisional Manager) and Lucy Binnie (planning consultant) provided information on their planning application, which is to increase the existing permission for an Energy from Waste plant to process 35,000 tonnes of waste per annum, to 65,000 tpa. They are permitted to process approx. 300,000 tpa of waste on site, much of which is sorted and recycled. They are currently receiving 130,000 tpa but expect it to increase. At present they are sending un-recyclable material to landfill and they have an aspiration to treat all waste on site rather than transporting it elsewhere. They selected gasification as they believe it is the best solution. About 10% of waste processed in the EfW would remain as incinerator bottom ash, which would be processed on site as aggregate. Fly ash would be treated as hazardous waste and treated at an appropriate site, possibly Grundons in Bishops Cleeve.

Councillors and the public asked many questions, which were answered as follows:

* Smiths believe that they are not bound by the definition of need in Gloucestershire’s Waste Core Strategy, which would indicate that there is no need for this facility. They generate sufficient feedstock themselves to warrant the application and would not bring in third party waste.
* They are applying for planning permission before applying for a permit from the Environment Agency, because technology is changing very quickly, so the permit needs to be secured at the end of the process.
* A sub station would be built on site and cable taken down the side of the A38 to Fromebridge to export generated electricity. Alternatively they are exploring battery technology as a way to capture energy. They would also supply local industrial units and the neighbouring caravan site, plus meeting their own needs, replacing 3 generators.
* There are similar plants to the one proposed in the Netherlands and in Tyrone. Mr Jukes will check whether there is like for like in the UK and come back to us.
* The main construction is a concrete base, and concrete will come from the plant next door. Other movements will be some steel deliveries coming from the motorway, so traffic movements during the construction phase will be relatively minimal.
* The business model is for 20 years, and they would be looking to increase waste processed by the plant over next few years.
* At present they process woodchip, which is exported. This will be blended into the waste stream providing 14% and ensuring high calorific value. They said that the wood chip is not contaminated by paint etc. They believe they have the correct feedstock to suit the process and achieve feedstock balance.
* Modelling for fall out from chimney shows that most of it will be concentrated very locally with minimum fallout in Standish.

The Chair thanked Peter Jukes and Lucy Binnie for their presentation and they then left the meeting. Councillors then RESOLVED to object to the Smith’s planning application. Cllrs Hartley and Oppenheimer to put together an objection with support from GlosVAIN.

**S.17/0095/REM Land West Of Stonehouse Nastend Lane, Nastend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Development of areas H1 H6 and H7 as identified in S.14/0810/OUT for 106 new dwellings comprising 73 open market units and 30 affordable units with associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping.** West of Stonehouse. RESOLVED to object to the reserved matters application on the grounds of: access onto Grove Lane; the disregard of Eastington’s Neighbourhood Development Plan; the lack of a strategic landscape buffer. Action Cllr Oppenheimer.

It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to complete the agenda.

**S.16/0043/OUT Land At M5 Junction 13 West Of Stonehouse Eastington, Gloucestershire. 5,000 capacity football stadium and other ancillary uses (Use Class D2); up to 41,300m2 of B1 floor space; up to 22,800m2 of B2 / B8 floor space; indoor football playing pitch (Use Class D2), other recreational uses (Use Class D2); leisure facilities (Use Class D2), Transport Hub (including ancillary parking for cars and coaches, and a drop off point for buses and taxis), with all matters reserved save for access.** RESOLVED to object to the Ecopark traffic proposals because of:

- the diversion of the bus route 66S and 66E which may exclude Standish

- the impact on the B4008 because of the traffic lights and additional traffic on the A419.

Action Cllr Oppenheimer

**b. To note the consultation programme for Stroud District Council’s Strategic Assessment of Land Availability and agree any actions** [**https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/evidence-base/housing-evidence/strategic-assessment-of-land-availability-sala**](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/evidence-base/housing-evidence/strategic-assessment-of-land-availability-sala)**.** Item deferred until next meeting

**c. To discuss the GAPTC AGM resolution on retrospective planning application supplementary fees and agree actions.** Noted

**d. To note the decisions on the following planning applications:**

S17/1618 DISCON – Horsemarling Farm – Discharge Conditions 5 and 7 – Permission

S17/1855 DISCON – Horsemarling Farm – Discharge Condition 8 – Permission

S17/1610/TPO – Westridge Treatment Unit – Mature Oak root pruning – Consent

All items noted.

**17/197: Safe and Sustainable Travel in Standish Project: a. To receive an update on the consultation and agree actions.** Gloucestershire Rural Community Council had amended the questionnaire to ensure impartiality and the consultation with residents was underway. It wasRESOLVED that Cllrs Knights and Oppenheimer continue to take around the questionnaire and to extend timescales for completion. Cllr Hartley raised the matter of the telegraph poles that have been installed in the area of Crowcumpill, which will impact on the multi-user path that the PC aspires to. The PC has not been able to ascertain the purpose of the poles.

RESOLVED: Cllr Kellie to submit an objection to the placement of the poles (Cllr Hartley to provide details of where to send the objection).

**17/198: Standish House: a. To receive an update and agree actions:** No further information apart from that at 17/196.

**17/199: UBB Community Liaison Group a. To receive an update and agree actions. b. To discuss the cable route and agree actions. c. To discuss HGV usage of the B4008 and agree actions.** There had not been a meeting since the last PC meeting. Western Power Distribution are attending the forthcoming liaison group meeting. RESOLVED that Standish PC representatives would raise questions regarding the cable and the ‘passing the buck’ between UBB/WPD and GCC. Cllr Hartley had asked UBB about HGV traffic from the site and subsequently signs have gone up at the site. Since HGV traffic on the B4008 is still an issue, it was agreed to put HGV traffic onto next agenda.

**17/200: Public Rights of Way:** The September walk was cancelled because of bad weather. Next walks 10am on Sunday 12th November and Sunday 14th January.

**17/201: To receive a report on the Broadband project for the parish and agree any actions:** Nothing to report.

**17/202: To receive a report on the war memorial restoration and agree actions:** The recutting of letters has now been completed. The Parish Council can now apply for a grant from the War Memorials Trust who require proof of payment and a completion of works form. RESOLVED: Cllr Hartley to pursue.

**17/203: To receive an update on the rural Sustainable Drainage Scheme (SuDS) in the parish and agree any actions:** It wasRESOLVED that Cllr Oppenheimer set up meeting between Chris Uttley and Standish Park owners.

**17/204: To agree a response to the consultation on the draft Heritage Strategy to Stroud District Council.** It was RESOLVED to make no response

**17/205: To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded during Agenda Item 22 due to the confidential nature of the discussion relating to terms and conditions of employment:** Agreed

**17/206: To receive an update on the recruitment of the new Clerk and agree any actions:** RESOLVED that Cllr Hartley should enter into a dialogue with the potential new clerk.Councillors discussed changing meetings to the first Thursday of the month to accommodate the potential new clerk. RESOLVED to consider changing the meeting to the first Thursday of the month pending confirmation from Cllr Knights. Cllr Hartley to action.

**17/207: To reconvene the meeting:** Reconvened.

**17/208: To note any items for referral to future meetings or information only:** Cllr Dicker informed members that the sign on the railway bridge had been changed from ‘Whitminster Road’ to ‘Gloucester Road’.

**17/209: To note the SPAN deadline is 15th September 2017.** Cllr Oppenheimer to submit brief report if possible.

**17/210: To note the date of the next meeting, October 12th, 2017.** Noted

**The meeting closed at 22.10hrs.**

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