

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday September 2005 in the URC Millennium Hall.**

There were no questions /comments from Parishioners

Before the meeting opened the Council's Internal Auditor M/s C.White briefed the Council regarding situation regarding the accounts 1997 – 2001 and the meeting , accompanied by the Chairman, with T Commission. There had been a problems due to lack of filing, missing invoices and missing minutes especially 1998/99. Accounts will be or have been reworked and will be submitted for approval. Audit Commission will issue " Limitation of Scope" for 1998/99, 2000 accounts are OK and 2001 will be left with the auditors. The Senior Auditor has been informed of the four Parish Councillors voted for the audit of the original accounts despite the errors in compilation. The Audit Commission are not concerned about VAT and are not concerned with apportioning blame She felt that Councillors should inspect and be satisfied with the new accounts and to this end suggested a meeting of Council to inspect the new accounts. This was set for 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 7.30pm Millennium Hall.

On a sad note M/s White felt that she should resign as Internal Auditor. There was a conflict of interest she should not be preparing and auditing the same accounts. The Council was very sorry to lose her and an entire Council offered the very grateful thanks for all the extremely hard work which she had done on behalf of the villages

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair)</b>	<b>Cllr.S.Bambury(Deputy Chair)</b>
	<b>Cllr.G.Hughes(Snr.Cllr)</b>	<b>Cllr.P.Gill</b>
	<b>Cllr.B.Burles</b>	<b>Cllr.M.Isaacs</b>
	<b>Cllr.Mrs.G.McMorrow</b>	<b>Cllr.Mrs.F.Shires</b>
	<b>Cllr.M.Tilley( County Councillor</b>	<b>Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor)</b>
	<b>D.M.Dew (Clerk)</b>	<b>1 Parishioner</b>

**1/09/05 Apologies:** Cllr.M.Mullen( Family) Cllr.L Miles( Ill)

**2/09/05 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any Agenda Item**

Nil

**3/09/05 Minutes of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005 to be received and signed as a true record**

Add C to Council in title Following this addition

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Mrs McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

**4/09/05 Report of Clerk**

3 Earth Anchors litter bins have been ordered and it is hoped that this will stop bin dan Mowing grant, cleaning grant and PPC play area grant have been received and banked There had been several complaints regarding an aggressive dog in Huntersfield – Distr

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Council environmental had issued a written warning – there have been no further complaints Further to the Ransomes Mower which had been sold when the Clerk enquired – Clerk looking. R.Sharp also still looking.

**5/09/05 Report of Chairman**

Chairman related details of the fire Church Green thatched cottages. He described the actions of Sgt. E. Young who raised the alarm and rescued people from the burning cottages. The agreed that the Clerk should write to Sgt. Young's commanding officer at Dalton Barra commending his bravery, leadership and resolve. It was also agreed that letters of thanks were sent to Fire and Ambulance Authority, Thames Valley Police and Red Cross. Cllr. Shirwe should not forget village youth who moved furniture and debris. Rainbow have collected removed furniture for renovation. Chairman said that local MP Ed Vaizey had offered support he could give and this was echoed by the County and District Councillors. The possibility that building renovation could take a year and this caused Council concern over a closed road. Cllr. Gill said that turning buses were damaging the green, especially the roots and drivers were removing the protective barriers. Cllr. Isaacs thought that this was an ideal time to introduce a weight limit as an emergency measure. The road was closed with a scaffold across half the road. Clerk to follow up this suggestion – Council to consider this on this corner. Thanks were recorded to the Chair for his continued success in obtaining grant aid. Chairman had talked to Rev Wenham regarding trees in the churchyard and he had asked for support in principle for grant aid.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. HUGHES  
 SECONDED BY Cllr. Mrs. McMORROW  
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported in principle

#### 6/09/05 Correspondence

- Public Purposes Charity – Grant 3/2005 – Received with thanks
- Public Purposes Charity - Documents held by PC
- Vale of WHDC – Licensing application - Noted
- VWHDC - Cleaning grant and next years forecast - Noted
- VWHDC - Parish review – Noted
- ORCC – Rural social and community programme – Noted
- OCC – Scrutiny programme – County councillor explained why they had powers to scrutinise subjects which they did not normally control
- Wiltshire CC – Regional spatial strategy – Noted
- Young parishioner - funding to floral decorate traffic roundabouts – Clerk to reply

#### 7/09/05 County Councillor – District Councillor

**Cllr. Tilley** said she was happy to be here for her first meeting with the PC and hoped to attend all meetings when available. She further explained the scrutiny duties LGA 200 giving them the power to scrutinise anything they wanted to but no resources. She took note of the weight limit request and would talk to highways. Chairman said that he was delighted to see the County Councillor.

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**Cllr. Sharp** said that the west area had been given a larger proportion of money for grants so there was a possibility that a cleaning grant might be available. He had received a complaint about the new wireway noise but took the chairman's point that the noise was less than a passing car

#### 8/09/05 Planning applications

STA/19247 40 Van Diemens. Demolish side extension and outbuildings. Erection of 2 Storey side extension

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections but that the issue of garage access the lay-by be given consideration.

**9/09/05 To approve monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. Mrs. SHIRES

SECONDED BY Cllr.BURLS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

**10/09/05 To authorise accounts for payment**

D.M.Dew	Salary & expenses	786.49
J.Northcote	Salary	124.80
D.Rolls	Salary	219.38
Playground Management	RoSPA Inspection	191.53
Buildbase	Materials	48.20

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BURLS

SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs.SHIRES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

**11/09/05 To receive and approve minutes of Planning and Finance(Bills) Committee 17/08/ (Att)**

The Chairman commended the minutes to Council

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.BURLS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and approved

**12/09/05 Recreation and Leisure**

- Dog Fouling and Dog Warden. The new Act-The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 will give this Parish Council powers to take addresses and fine parishioners for dog fouling

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and dropping litter. *It was agreed an item in the next newsletter inviting people to offer themselves as wardens would be a good start.*

- Recreation Ground is in good condition at present and the perimeter of the MUGA was cleaned and weeded by Councillors Burls and Gill in July. Some more cutting / weeding will be needed this September Bolts on fence still need attention.
- Regular checks by all councillors to ensure all areas of the village are in good order.
- Tennis and tennis nets. A thank you to Jim Thornicroft for putting up the tennis nets during August. Mike Mullen will continue again in September.
- The Skate Ramps have been painted by a group of young people and we should be very appreciative of their efforts. *The Chair commented that in future the Clerk could arrange paint sponsored by Abingdon Paint Finishes and this certainly would help with maintenance costs.*
- Fearless Ramps have been contacted and will be sending us further quotes for another ramp.
- The floodlights would be functioning again for evening activities.
- One other activity we could consider for next year could be Petanque. Perhaps we

could construct gravelled areas in both the Village Hall Play Area and the Recreation Ground.

#### Comments from Parishioners

Mrs J.Greenwood thanked the Council for nominating her for “Community Champion” .She was pleased to say that she had received a certificate from the organisers. She mentioned the village flower boxes which had not been planted with bulbs although they had been provided. She also asked that the litter bin be removed from the village hall boiler room