

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Stanford in the Vale Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st May 2013 in Stanford Village Hall

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr.Gill nominated by Cllr Bambury seconded by Cllr Warren. There being no further nominations Cllr Gill was elected Chairman for 2013/2014 by unanimous decision and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Parishioners questions/comments

Regarding the URC chapel – would it stop development if it was listed. The History Society are prepared to apply for it to become a listed building but this would not stop *change of use*. The URC Trustees want to sell the building rather than lease it. If the village were to purchase the building it is hoped for a favourable deal considering the grant aid that had been given to the URC in previous years.

Cllr Gill referred to the recent planting of snowdrop bulbs in the village.

Present:

Cllr Gill Cllr Bambury Cllr Isaacs Cllr Monahan Smith Cllr.P.Lewis Cllr Warren

Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr Jackson D.M.Dew (Clerk) Cllr Tilley (OCC) Cllr R Sharp (VWHDC)

12 parishioners

2. Apologies and reason (if Offered)

Cllr.Williams Cuss – Still recovering from her recent accident. Council wished her a speedy recovery

3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

4. Election of Officers

- a) Deputy Chair – **Cllr.Warren** – Proposed **Cllr Jackson** Seconded **Cllr.N.Lewis** - Carried
- b) Hon Secretary – **Cllr Bambury** – Proposed **Cllr Gill** Seconded **Cllr Warren** – Carried
- c) Senior Cllr – **Cllr Bambury** – Proposed **Cllr Isaacs** Seconded **Cllr Warren** – Carried

5. Election of Committees

Planning & Finance – Full Council

Environmental – Cllrs Isaacs, Bambury, P.Lewis, Gill

Recreation & Leisure – Cllrs Williams Cuss, Warren, Monahan Smith, N.Lewis, Jackson

Village Hall management – Cllrs Warren,Gill,P.Lewis,Jackson

6. Minutes of previous meeting 6th March 2013 to be received and signed as a true record

05/03/13 Cllr.Isaacs stated that the trees had not yet been approved

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS

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

7. Minutes of previous meeting 3rd April 2013 to be received and signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAMBURY

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

8. Report of County Councillor

Due to the election next day this could be her last meeting. If re-elected was glad to report that the £10,000 fund she had would continue. Stressed that all potholes should be reported. Council thanked the Councillor for all that she had done for the village.

9. Report of District Councillor

Spoke of the Local Plan and responses

10. Report of Clerk

Presented Annual Finance Return ended 31st March 2013 for approval and signature

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MONAHAN SMITH

SECONDED BY Cllr BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that section 1 Accounting Statements be approved and signed

At this point the Chairman read a letter from the proposed Internal Auditor who stated that he was not happy with the Governance of the accounts by Council ie budget controls and was not recommending signature of this section. He also stated that he had not yet been officially appointed as internal auditor.. Clerk reminded Council that he had to work to time schedules set by the Government Auditors and with this in mind it was decided that the Clerk would send all Councillors a copy of the said letter and a meeting would be held on 15th May to discuss the Internal Auditors proposals and way forward. Clerk also provided Councillors with the relevant audit website address

11. Report of Chairman

Chairman linked his report with items shared at Annual Parish Meeting 3rd April 2013

He commented on the **Fair** in June 24th – 30th sitting on the children's football pitch. He was assured by Cllr Jackson and the Clerk that Scarrotts had been told that the ground must be "made good" on leaving.

The usual **Flower Display** was again to be held at the **Summer Festival** and it was decided that the usual £25 be allocated towards the Parish Council display which hopefully would be arranged by Mrs.Lewis (wife of Cllr P.Lewis)

Correspondence received from Public Purposes Charity regarding Trustees and that previously there had been a PC representative.

Letter from J.Hardcastle(Accountant) proposed Finance Committee meeting in June (Altered to 15th May)

Notification received from VWHDC regarding the appeal by DW Homes (Faringdon Road site) and it was resolved that Cllr P.Lewis be asked to attend the planning appeal meeting on 22nd May

Oak Meadow Bow Road . Application refused after objection from residents of Bow Farm.have spoken to Planning Officer

URC – No formal application made to VWHDC re change of use. VWHDC not at liberty to share with us if they have been approached informally. History Society is applying to have the building listed.

Dog Bins – 2 bins on Cottage Road and Horsecroft will be replaced with Litter bins. Labels will be placed on all bins stating that dog dirt can be deposited in all bins. We have been given permission to change bins on Church Green. We will also replace Parish Council bins that are broken or missing.

Maintenance – Have asked for quotes re-Steam Cleaning all Play Areas – replacing dirt and stone runway on Zip Wire in Recreation Ground with wood chips – painting Skate park and removal of offensive graffiti. Skate Park ramps have been re-screwed. Jubilee Garden to be refurbished

Highways – The 30mph signs are partially in place. The placement on the A417 is not where your Councillors expected and a resident is rather concerned. I am arranging an appointment with the resident and Highways Officer for an explanation. If either of the other Councillors initially involved wish to be there let me know. At the same time the Officer will look at the Horsecroft/High St. junction as discussed at our previous meeting.Have also asked another Officer to look at overgrown shrubs on pavement from Stones Farm to the Mill on A417

We have accomplished many things in the last year but there is much to improve particularly in planning the way forward. Starting with Finance and agreeing a budget would help

12. Correspondence

Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind – Thanks for donation of £75

South & Vale Carers – Thanks for donation of £75

ORCC – Details of new membership scheme and membership fee £65

Local Govt Boundary Commission – Final recommendations for Vale of White Horse DC – Noted

13. Planning applications

P13/V0766/HH – 47 Van Diemans – Erection of single storey front extension

No objections but the following should be taken into account – Setting of precedent/loss of neighbours light

P13/V0678/FUL – Dixie Down Meadows Faringdon Rd. – Proposed foaling & dentistry boxes for the treatment of ponies

No objections but the following should be taken into account - Future use with services connected and

expansion of on site buildings

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr JACKSON

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that following these comments there were no objections

14. Old Nursery Site & Local Plan

Following a discussion as to whether the Old Nursery site should be discussed regarding actions taken at the previous meeting (awaiting decision on Faringdon Road application) it was decided to discuss this at the 5th June meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the newly issued draft Local Plan shaping the future of the Vale of White Horse

15. Monthly Statement of Accounts

Monthly Statement of Accounts

(As at 3rd April 2013)

Treasurers a/c	7,869.56
30 day Interest a/c	8,101.52
Petty Cash	68.72
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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

16. Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment & approval

22 March	M.Dew	Salary & Exp	661.52
22 March	HMRC	PAYE & NI	167.82
31 March	P.Goddard	Skate park repair	80.00
3 April	ORCC	Membership	65.00
3 April	I.Astell	Flower bulbs	83.25
16 April	Trotter Treeworks	Stump grinding	45.00
16 April	Broker Network	Mower insurance	228.34
26 April	D M Dew	Salary & Casual	778.24
26 April	HMRC(Post Office)	PAYE & NI	219.15

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the payment of accounts be approved

17. Committee Reports

Recreation & Leisure

Playarea inspection roster list now compiled
It was decided that 6 NO DOGS signs should be purchased Action Cllr Warren
Bow Road verges need cutting. We have done this in the past although OCC do cut as well

Environmental

Cllr. Isaacs reported nothing further received regarding new recreation area Cottage road. He suggested arranging a meeting with OCC to sort out the problems regarding any found pollution. He asked that possibly 2 or 3 Councillors should be present

17. Date of next meeting

3rd July 2013

Questions/comments from Parishioners

DWH application planning meeting – Faringdon Road Residents asked that they liaise with Cllr P. Lewis before the meeting

Coop delivery vehicles – Recently hit wall of house opposite and is increasingly dangerous to pedestrians and property. Despite past requests to use a banksman the danger still exists. Clerk to write to Coop Head Office requesting their Risk Assessment and Method Statement