

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday September 2007 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

There were no questions from Parishioners

Present: Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury(Dep.Chair) Cllr
 Cllr.B.Burls(Snr.Cllr) Cllr.P.Gill Cllr.M.Isaacs
 Cllr.Mrs.G.McMorrow Cllr.M.Vallis
 Cllr.M.Tilley(County Cllr) Cllr.R.Sharp(District Cllr) M.Dew(Clerk)
 Rev.Michael Wenham

1/09/07 .Apologies Nil

2/09/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item Nil

3/09/07 Minutes of previous meeting 4th July 2007 to be received and signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

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

4/09/07 Report of County Councillor

Cllr Tilley asked that thanks be passed to the people of Stanford in the Vale for the message of condolence that had received following the recent family bereavement, thank you to you all.

GCSE and A level results were again better – Everyone who suffered from flooding was eligible for a £250 grant, a list is being prepared for a meeting 12th Sept. A new bridge being discussed for Newbridge but there are restrictions due to being an historical site.

Cllr.Gill asked about situation regarding weed control – Cllr to investigate

Chairman asked about land promised by OCC 26 years ago for recreational purposes asked that any land for sale could be offered to the Parish Council – Cllr to enquire

5/09/07 Report of Clerk

- Reminded Council there was still a vacancy for 1 Councillor
- Following damage to the recreation field after the fair top soil (cost £92) had been used to fill dangerous holes in kiddies football pitch. It was decided that in future a surcharge would be levied upon Scarrotts Fair to cover damage if necessary
- Trailer – had arrived as a flat pack and needs to be assembled asap

6/09/07 Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

- Apologies for Ms C.White internal auditor who had been due to explain accounts. Chairman said she was using the accruals system which she recommended as being safer and Chair explained the system. Councillors accepted this but the Clerk stated that the Government's "Lighter Touch" considered that "Receipts & Payments system was sufficient for a parish of this size and that was what the external auditors were expecting. He further explained that the producers of the present finance software were no longer in business and if things went wrong then maybe that would be time for change
- The new Honours Board was shown to Council – Cllr Bambury declared an interest. The board to be erected in the village hall. The cost was £550 and a vote of thanks was given to Cllr Bam

for arranging the board.

- Re-charging fire ext. following playarea arson £20
- The village hall has lost its broadband access – Clerk to enquire about cheapest finance from PPC or PC ?
- Flooding Hatford/Frogmore Brooks – concern shown by authorities regarding no access to village even in emergencies although they would not finance a solution. It was resolved that the brooks be cleared in Bow Road by the Council handymen And that the owner be contacted regarding payment for the work carried out and future maintenance
- Skatepark – a potential explosive situation had arisen regarding the preferred Contractor, Maverick and their previous Company GBH which resulted in legal action into which an attempt was made to involve the Council. The injunction was found in favour of Maverick and the work had now been almost completed. It was stressed that the contract was with the Youth Club not the PC and Maverick was selected as GBH could not provide equipment and siting as reported by Cllr.Gill Confusion over VAT arose when the Clerk discovered that Maverick were not VAT registered, which subsequently they have now done. Regarding a plaque , Chairman pointed out that there had been villagers disquiet reported by a Cllr. At a previous meeting and ruled that the six month rule (Non discussion for 6 Months) should apply dated from January's 2007 meeting.

7/09/07 Financial Provision for Bad Debts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs.McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that £1000 be placed in reserve to cover potential bad debts

8/09/07 Correspondence

- a) Various letters from Youth Club re Skatepark as discussed at 7/09/07
- b) Rev. Michael Wenham regarding Church attitude to suicide following reports to PC that some villagers were unhappy that the Church condoned suicide. Rev Wenham states that the Church regards suicide “ ..as more akin to sickness” and he regards his involvement as an expression of friendship rather than a celebration, a way of achieving something out of a horrible negative event
- c) Parishioner – Congratulations regarding the flower boxes on village edges
- d) Village Hall Management Committee Stanford Forum 3rd Nov 07 – Noted
- e) Vale of White Horse DC Review of Polling Districts and Places – Noted
- f) RoSPA Play area Safety Inspection Report – Noted

9/08/07 Planning applications

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