

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4th January 2012 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale

Questions/Comments from parishioners

A group of parishioners asked for any further information regarding the future of “The Anchor” PH which had now closed and had been for sale by Greene King Brewers for some time. They felt that it was an asset which should not be lost and that the facility should not be lost to the village and community. They sought advice and help from the council to help retain the old building as a public house. The clerk explained that he had spoken to Greene King who had only sold the building that morning to a local person and that the license was being transferred to that person who it was understood had not decided to carry on as a PH or to convert to a private dwelling. Contrary to rumours at no time had Greene King stated that the building was not to be used as a public house. Planning permission was needed for change of use and there are opportunities for objections to be submitted when any such plans are notified. The group waited until the District Councillor R.Sharp arrived at the meeting and he confirmed that objections could be made and in fact the District Council looked hard and long at plans to de-license public houses, considering them part of the rural community. Clerk stated that there were facilities for parish councils to take over threatened public houses , post offices etc. and this was in fact being encouraged by the Government. It remains to be seen what the present owners decide for the building

Present:

Cllr.P.Gill(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury Cllr.M.Isaacs Cllr.P.Lewis
Cllr.S.Jackson Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.K.Williams-Cuss

Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor) D.M.Dew(Clerk) 6 Parishioners

01/01/12 Apologies

Cllr.Monahan Smith(Business) Cllr.Hughes(III) Cllr.Warren(Personal)
Cllr.Tilley(County Councillor)

02/01/12 Declarations of Interest by councillors on any agenda item

Nil

03/01/12 Minutes of previous meeting 30th November 2011 to be received and signed as a true record

Amendments: 05/11/11 Village Housing Survey

Page 1 last paragraph to read “The Chairman suggested that a housing *NEEDS* survey..

Page 2 Amendment to the resolution:

IT WAS RESOLVED that a village housing needs survey *of all housing to be surveyed* and to be carried out.....

Page 2 Cllr.Isaacs stated that he did not think that it would be advisable for ORCC to involve themselves in any survey *as they have a reputation as a pro-housing lobby group*

Page 2 Cllr Warren *and Cllr.N.Lewis* said *they* had no idea what ORCC did.....
Following these alterations and additions

Page 3 Cllr.Williams-Cuss reported that another date would be necessary for the Youth Council meeting which had been reported as 24th Jan or 16th Jan **Action Cllr Williams-Cuss**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

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

04/01/12 Report of County Councillor

Nil

05/01/12 Report of Clerk

Internal audit – Still position not filled.Council must make an appointment. Do we use

IAC or continue to try to fill vacancy locally ? Several councillors to make enquiries

Pre-school playgroup – Lease rental now paid

Benches – Cllr.Isaacs had been asked about a donated memory bench for Millennium Green and was given a suitable brochure. **Action Cllr.Isaacs**

Litter Bins – Several destroyed or disappeared over the holiday period and repeated throughout the Vale area. District Council have not any spare replacements and they are costed at £500 each. Cllr Isaacs to investigate Chinese connections for prices.

Action Cllr Isaacs

Recreational/Fitness equipment for adults – **Action Recreation & leisure**

Moving of parish office and ancillary equipment – Costings to be obtained **Action Clerk**

06/01/12 Report of Chairman

Hedge Trimming- In my last report I mentioned the voluntary efforts of the residents of Bow Road in clearing debris from the brook after a contractor had trimmed hedging on the land owned by Mrs Champion. I have also now been told the contractor has been given more time to trim the hedging on her property. The residents have also been given permission to clear some of the woodland in her field and make use of the wood.

Also a local contractor, Peter Kerr, has started trimming on Bow Road past the brook and up to The Stanford in the Vale entrance sign. He also will trim the hedge and verge from Hunters Piece to Mrs Champions Land.

The hedging from the Forest Grove roundabout up to the allotments has also been done. His next task is to trim the perimeter of The Millennium Green. His estimate was 6 hours @ £30 an hour.

Ocado- I expect Robert Sharpe to be reporting on his meeting with the company in December.

Snow/Bad Weather Plans- As mentioned in November Salt has been stored in the Council's Fire Engine (F.E.) Shed. A 400 litre salt bin has been placed by the Rubbish Bin (by pedestrian gate) on The Millennium Green and ten bags of salt locked in. A salt spreader has been purchased and stored in the F.E. Shed. This means we now have 1 bin at Cottage Road by the Football Club Path, 1 on Millennium Green and I am proposing a further bin to be placed on Church Green as near as possible to F.E. Shed to store all the salt at present stored in the shed and blocking the entrance to the diesel drums.

Since the salt arrival we have had one salting on a very slippery Saturday morning in December. Although I eventually managed to get Darren to assist by opening the shed it became clear we need more than one key holder. So at present we have a new lock and keys held by Darren, The Clerk and myself. This means any one of us could get salt and start spreading as necessary. It would also be good if we could ask for volunteers to assist. (January Newsletter)

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.N.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS-CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that a further salt bin be purchased

Housing Needs Survey- As suggested at our last meeting we have been sent some information from Shrivenham P.C. re their Survey and the support they had received and the collation of replies. Chairman gave details of their report and would be providing all councillors with a copy

ORCC- As requested I have a date when representatives from ORCC would be able to chat to us. Wednesday 1st February. This will be part of the Environmental, Recreation & Leisure and Planning Committee meeting at 7.30pm

Tree Planting at the Woodland - Many thanks to Mark Isaacs for co-ordinating further tree planting on December 10th. Mark will comment in his report as necessary.

War Memorial Progress- The Public Purposes Charity is now able to proceed with this project having gained all permissions the latest from the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Oxford.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)- It is Stanford's turn to host this group meeting. This means covering the cost of room hire. Any of you would be welcome to attend.

Monday 16th January at 7 pm- Millennium Hall or Small Village Hall.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the cost of NAG meeting room hire be met by Council

07/01/12 Correspondence

Scottish Power – change of electricity supplier. This was now in place thanks to Cllr.P.Lewis who had made all the arrangements at a cheaper tariff.

Oxfordshire C.C. – Temporary footpath closure due to bridge repairs for 2 weeks from 31st January 2012 Horsecroft and south eastwards

Oxfordshire C.C. – Recommended cutting of hedgegrowth rec field entrance. **Action Cllr.Gill**

Vale of White Horse DC – Parish not to be invoiced for recent election ballot papers or postal packs – Noted

CPRE – request examples of developers showing interest in local greenfield sites – None to report

08/01/12 Planning applications

11/02764/FUL Stanford Mill - Repairs , demolition of a building rebuilding to provide lounge,bedroom and bathroom

Cllr.Isaacs asked if the nearby roman villa remains had been taken into account.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS-CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections but that the comments regarding the villa be taken into consideration

Oxfordshire C.C. STA/SHE/8554/11 –CM and 12-CM Ref: MW.061/11 & MW.062/11 Shellingford Quarry Working & restoration . Internet links to be provided for councillors **Action Clerk**

09/01/12 Report of District Councillor

I visited the Hatfield headquarters of Ocado at the beginning of December. They are aiming to start operations from Stanford at the end of January. Initially they are hoping to do 2000 home deliveries a week from the Stanford spoke mostly to existing customers in this area, that covers from Newbury to Gloucester and includes Oxford and Swindon. The deliveries will come already bagged, in reusable biodegradable bags, and in tote bins for transfer from the large lorries onto the delivery vans for distribution.

Although I rarely see the parish council newsletter I did see the December issue at the garage and it would seem that I might have given the wrong impression to you about Grove airfield. This area is designated as a development area in the local plan of 2006 but as of now no planning application has come in for this area and so no planning permission has been granted.

I have looked at the minutes of the granting of permission for Forest Grove and I can find no evidence of any moratorium regarding future building in Stanford. Neither the planning officers nor the legal

department are aware of any moratorium and there is no correspondence to suggest one. The 2006-2011 local plan and now extended plan puts Stanford under policy H11 which allows for development of up to 15 dwellings on about 0.5ha sites within the built up area.

I have also had a word with the planning officers about ORCC and a village housing survey. The District Council or perhaps an inspector have the final say over when, where and if an exception site would be allowed. The enabling officer from the ORCC is there to guide and help the village to do a survey.

Following a question from Cllr.Isaacs it was stated that Ocado would meet with the council if there were any problems. Cllr.Sharp explained the shift system to be operated and most of the staff seemed to be from the Swindon area thus not affecting the village with staff vehicle movements. It was thought that several artic lorry deliveries at about 4am would be carried out. A further progress report will be presented by the environmental committee in March

10/01/12 Monthly statement of accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.N.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

11/01/12 Accounts for payment

P.Gill	Salt,salt bin ,spreader, snow shovel & locks	550.30
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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JACKSON

SECONDED BY Cllr. WILLIAMS-CUSS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the account payment be approved

12/01/12 Report of Recreational & Leisure Committee

Due to a confusion of dates the Youth Council will meet at a future date to be decided

At this point ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be closed in order that the parishioners present could talk to Cllr.R.Sharp regarding the "Anchor"PH. This is as reported previously in these minutes.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.JACKSON

SECONDED BY Cllr.N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be opened

13/01/12 Report of Environmental Committee

Angle of new floodlights had been changed and we are still waiting for the floodlight completion certificate. Further tree planting had been carried out although there were still about 100 left and volunteers would be welcome to contact Cllr.Isaacs. It was reported that many had been blown down in the recent high winds. **Action Cllr.Isaacs**

Talks were still ongoing regarding the field off cottage road where it is admitted by a previous county official that agreements had been made to transfer the land

14/01/12 Date for Annual Parish Meeting

18th April 2012 7.30pm *Subject to availability*

15/01/12 Date for Annual Meeting of Parish Council

2nd May 2012 7.30pm

16/01/12 Date of next council meeting

7th March 2012

The parishioners in attendance thanked the council for the information regarding the Anchor PH. In return the Chairman thanked them for their attendance and to contact the council for any future information.