

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 30th November 2011 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

There were no questions/comments from parishioners

**Present: Cllr.P.Gill(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury Cllr.G.Hughes Cllr.M.Isaacs
Cllr.D.Monahan Smith Cllr.P.Lewis Cllr.N.Lewis Cllr.J.Warren
Cllr.K.Williams-Cuss**

**Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor) D.M.Dew(Clerk)
1 Parishioner**

01/11/11 Apologies: Cllr.S.Jackson(Business)

02/11/11 Declarations of Interest by councillors on any agenda item

Item 9 – Budget item included accounts for payment and request for funding by PCC – Cllrs Gill , Warren and Bambury

03/11/11 Minutes of previous meeting 2nd November 2011 to be received and signed as true record

Following several alterations of typo errors

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

04/11/11 Planning applications

Nil

05/11/11 To discuss a village housing survey

Cllrs Gill and Williams-Cuss had attended a District Council organised seminar where it was the idea that each village discuss housing and the implications and further that the village should be in control. It was proposed that building should be “affordable housing” to accommodate local people who cannot afford to live in their own village. The Chairman suggested that a housing survey of every household in Stanford be carried out and he presented an example of a survey carried out by a local village

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.N.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that a village housing survey be carried out conducted by Parish Council

There was 1 vote against the resolution

It was also agreed that the Chairman would contact Shrivenham PC and Kingston Bagpuize PC who had carried out similar surveys

The Chairman spoke of his contact with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and their support for “affordable housing”. Cllrs.Isaacs and Hughes said that the previous building of this type of housing at Forest Grove had produced not one village based applicant and people from other areas were moved in. Chairman felt it would be advantageous to have a spokesperson from ORCC to meet with council. Cllr.Warren said that she had no idea what ORCC did and would like to know more about them. Cllr.Isaacs stated that he did not think that it would be advisable for ORCC to involve themselves in any survey

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.N.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that ORCC be invited to talk about their work

This resolution was carried by 5 votes to 4. Cllr.Isaacs asked that those for and against be recorded

For: Cllrs Gill, Williams-Cuss, Warren , N.Lewis , P.Lewis

Against: Cllrs Isaacs , Hughes , Bambury , Monahan Smith

06/11/11 To discuss proposal of council meeting each month including the increase in hall rental and clerk’s hours

Council felt that alternate months meetings e.g. Full Council followed next month by a committee meeting would suffice. It was also suggested that to save hall hire fees , committee meetings could be held in Councillors houses.

NB Clerks note: Councillors should be aware that all meetings are open to the public.

The proposal would mean January - full meeting, Feb – Recreation & Leisure, March – Full, April – Environment

With regard to clerks hours this was to be discussed at item 9

07/11/11 Recreation & Leisure Committee report inc proposed purchase of kissing gate and “Dogs on Leads” signs

Cllr. Williams – Cuss reported on Youth Council progress and had 6 volunteers with a “way forward” meeting scheduled for 23rd January 2012

Cllr. Isaacs had been contacted by a volunteer to paint skate ramps if we provide the paint.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that a kissing gate cost £230 and dog signs cost £20 be purchased.

To celebrate the work completed on footpaths it was suggested that a village walk be organised. Cllr. Monahan Smith to organise

08/11/11 Environmental Committee report

Cllr. Isaacs reported the progress regarding bridge over the Ock at Horsecroft was subject to Environmental Agency approval. Tree planting was due to take place on 10 Dec. A strategy policy would be discussed at a future committee meeting. He was due to meet OCC to discuss the 19 acres off cottage road. Chairman reported that winter salt from OCC had arrived and thanked Robert Sharp for his help in moving the 1 ton bag. Chairman had also ordered a 400 ltr. bin which is to be placed in a central village position.

09/11/11 Budget – setting of precept 2012/2013

After consideration of the accounts the Chairman pointed out the shortfall and the 30 day account which held our reserves mainly being held for recreation land purchase. For a number of years we had used that reserve to cover the average £30,000 spend (£4000 year overspend approx) and to continue in that way we would have to eventually increase the precept At this point the clerk stated that if he worked hours of 0900 – 1200 on 5 days per week this would save 7 hours per week which as Cllr. Isaacs calculated with PAYE and NI reductions would amount to savings of approx. £7000 pa. Clerk said that if this was to be confirmed it would be necessary to inform the village that these were the only hours that he would be available so in real terms would be cut with a reduction in the clerk’s hours . With this saving in mind

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAMBURY
SECONDED BY Cllr. ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept be unchanged at £20,300

During this discussion Cllr.P.Lewis spoke to council regarding change of electricity supply to Scottish Electricity

10/11/12 Approval and acceptance of audit of annual return

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MONAHAM SMITH
SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the audited annual return be accepted and approved

11/11/12 Accounts for payment

Alvescot Fencing	Gate	139.70
SEB	Floodlights elec	103.99
Mellors	Fuel	40.00
Buildbase	Cement	19.80
M.Dew	Salary	1098.60
HMRC	PAYE	321.97
M.Dew	Salary	1098.60
Pete Witney Signs	Honours Board	35.00
BT	Telephone	98.17
BDO	Audit	342.00
Buildbase	Postcrete	17.10
Royal British Legion	Wreath	30.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Royal British Legion invoice be paid as £30 and that the accounts be paid

12/11/11 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4th January 2011