

Minutes of a Meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5th July 2006 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

Present: Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury (Dep Chair)
Cllr. P. Gill Cllr.Mrs G.McMorrow
Cllr.M.Isaacs Cllr.Mrs.L.Miles
Cllr.M.Mullen

R.Sharp(District Councillor) D.M.Dew (Clerk)

1/07/06 Apologies

Cllr.B.Burls (Family) Cllr.G.Hughes Cllr.F.Shires Mrs M.Tilley (County Councillor)

2/07/06 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

3/07/06 Minutes of Meeting 10th May to be received and signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs McMORROW

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

4/07/06 Report of County Councillor

Nil received – Councillor attending Local Government Conference

5/07/06 Report of Clerk

- Fairtrade – The Council resolved that it supported Fairtrade and would endorse, purchase and serve these products. It also resolved to promote Fairtrade in the Newsletter.
- Church Green damage – OCC Highways had been contacted and their opinion was that the builders insurers should be responsible. Clerk to draft letter which the Chairman would present at his next meeting with the damaged cottages agents.
- Mowing – Reported that several senior citizens had asked about front lawn mowing as a local contractor had been charging about £20 per cut which they could not afford. While the Council were sympathetic they felt that they were unable to take on this task legally or morally. Clerk said that there was someone in the village who cuts grass for a fraction of this price and he would contact them.
- Reported a visit to a mower supplier to view refurbished machines (See Chairmans report)
- DEFRA had contacted Clerk regarding government changes to LGA s137 Powers to spend money. They were looking for cases where the “wellbeing “ of this community was being affected by government restrictions on spending powers. Clerk quoted ability to support clubs but not scouts trip to World Jamboree and the lack of a Village War Memorial which we are not allowed to erect although if we had one we could maintain it. DEFRA commented that this was just the examples they were looking for.

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6/07/06 Report of Chairman

- Reported on the future retirement of PC Holder and how regrettable it was
- New Playarea/Playground equipment – Cllr Gill has looked at costings and applied for a grant

from the PPC, a possible 75%. The Leisure and Recreation Committee will be discussing choice of equipment and costs.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MILES

SECONDED BY Cllr. BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees the first two pieces of equipment as proposed by the R & L Committee

- Dog fouling and broken glass Hatford footpath – Item to newsletter
- Detailed visit to mower supplier – Favoured machine a “Ransomes” 3 cutters giving a greater cut. Refurbished would cost £10596 inc a 1 ½ cutting season warranty. . A grant application to be made to the PPC for financial aid for this vital piece of machinery.

Cllr.Miles reported that Honour Grylls had volunteered to act as Parish Footpath Officer and would report direct to the Council.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MILES

SECONDED BY Cllr.MULLEN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the offer be accepted with the Council’s thanks

Cllr.Mullen informed Council of letters he had received from a parishioner regarding another accident in Bow Road which was now part of the “school travel plan”. Council agreed with the Parishioner and the endorsing comments from PC Holder that if this situation was allowed to continue there would be a fatality. Council were also shown a photograph of the latest accident

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MULLEN

SECONDED BY Cllr GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the O.C.C. Highways be informed of the Council’s concern and ask for their suggestions and comments to alleviate the problem.

7/07/06 Correspondence

- King Alfreds School – Proposed Foundation school – Noted
- Thames Valley police – Personell changes
Retirement of PC Holder
- PC Holder – Informing Council of retirement – Regretted
- OPFA – Details of roadshows – Noted
- OCC – “Wild Animal” signs to be placed on A417 between village and refuse tip
 - Drought Report – Noted
 - Confirmation of verge cutting contract – Noted
 - Bus strategy papers – Noted
 - Possible reduction in service 67 due to loss of funding from Abingdon

College

- Scouts of 1st Stanford Scouts – Request for donation towards costs of World Jamboree expenses – Clerk to contact group to explain situation re LGA s137
All donations must be made to county scout associations

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- Stanford Relief in Need Charity – New Parish Council trustee required As Mr.Bungay had asked not to be considered for re- election there were two positions to be filled.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that Mrs VA Dew and Mrs S Johnson be asked to stand as Parish Council Trustees to the above charity

Council also passed their thanks to the ladies for volunteering.

8/07/06 Planning

STA/7904/33 Unit 14 White Horse Business Park – Erection of Industrial Unit with car park and hardstanding for manufacturing and storage(B2, B1 and B8 Uses)

There were no objections but Council voiced concerns about vehicle movements

Following the comments

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the application be supported with the added comments

9/07/06 To Approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.MILES

SECONDED BY Cllr G.McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved (Att)

10/07/06 To Authorise Accounts for Payment

DM Dew	Salary & Expenses	932.47
J Northcote	Salary	132.00
Handy Garden Machinery	Mower Spares	179.13
TVE Hire	Cement Mixer Hire	9.52
Buildbase	Building Materials	30.60
P.Gerring	Mowing & Hedging	129.25

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr MILES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

11/07/06 To Receive and Approve Decisions of Planning and Finance(Bills) Committee June 06

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MILES

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

12/07/06 Report of District Councillor

There had been consultation regarding bus service 67/67a which was as reported threatens by cut backs.

The conservative group had objected to the District Local Plan which called for expansion of Grove and also to the proposal to build 100 houses in Letcombe.

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13/07/06 Recreation and Leisure Report

Leisure and Recreation Report July 2006

Projects:

Estimates have been received for The Swings in the main Village Hall Area and Play equipment for the Toddlers.

The average costing for this will be in the region of £8000.

I have placed an application for a Grant to the PPC and we can expect 75% of the cost.

I propose we agree to spend that amount and let the Sub Committee finally decide on the contractors and equipment so that items could be in place by September.

I have also told the PPC that costings for The Skate Park (£11,000) and Climbing Rock (£15-20,000) will be items for them to consider for the autumn.

As these are more expensive we will have to apply to other Grant Agencies as well.

Maintenance:

Although we have had a difficult grass cutting time we appear to be in control at the moment. This will also be even better when we have purchased another larger machine soon.

The gate in Village Hall Playground has been renovated and the concreted entrance is in place. The other gates need attention to ensure good closure and safe entry.

Repairs have been made to the tunnelled piece of Toddler's equipment. Cotswold playground have repined the edging of the black safety surface around the Bouncy Bongo.

- **We need to reseal edging of wet pour as well.**

The Youth Shelter is at last back in place but

- **A hook is fixed to the top for transporting purposes and should be removed.**
- The Aerial Runway has been repaired. All done by Cotswold Playgrounds.

Grimshaw contractors have replaced bolts in MUGA fencing but still have to-

- **Replace metal strips.**
- **We need now to have a good look at the Perimeter Fence where wire has loosened and concrete posts are cracked and some welding needed on one of the gates.**
- **Paint the Skate Park Ramps.**

Another request has been made for Dog Bins on the corner of Cottage Road and Chapel Road and Joyces Road and the A417.

- **I propose we ask the District Council to place as soon as possible.**
- **The Village Hall needs a bin in the Car Park Area. I propose we erect one of our spare ones or purchase another.**