

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 in Stanford Village Hall

Present: Cllr.P.Lewis(Chair) Cllr.Gill Cllr.Isaacs Cllr.Warren Cllr.Jackson Cllr.Bailey
Cllr.Jenkins D.M.Dew(Clerk) 3 Parishioners

01/05/17 Election of Chairman & Signing of Declaration of acceptance of Office

Following discussion and asking if Cllr.P.Lewis was willing to serve another term as Chairman

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr.P.Lewis be appointed Chairman for 2017/2018

Cllr.Lewis thanked the Council but stated that maybe next annual meeting should consider someone else

02/05/17 To receive apologies and reason (If offered)

Cllr Williams Cuss (Business) Cllr.N.Lewis(Business)

03/05/17 To receive Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda items

Cllr.P.Lewis Item 15 correspondence (Trees on Church Green)
Cllr.Jackson Item 12 Clerks report –(Renewal of Stanford FC lease)

04/05/17 To Discuss applicants for Parish Council Casual vacancy

There being one applicant present he was asked if he was aware of the time that was spent being a Councillor. He replied that he was. As stated in previous minutes there were two applicants and both had provided information about themselves. A secret written vote was held , with one abstention the result was that the new Councillor was:

Dr.Simon Howes

The Chairman congratulated Dr.Howes and invited him to join the Council table where Cllr.Howes signed both the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Register of Members Interests It was also thought that there should be an increase in the number of Councillors representing the village and that District Council should be contacted. Item to next agenda. It was also thought that the unsuccessful candidate should be encouraged to hold his interest until the parish elections in May 2018

05/05/17 Election of Officers and Committees

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the following appointments be made:

Deputy Chair – Cllr Warren Hon Secretary – Cllr Jenkins

Senior Councillor – Cllr Gill

Planning & Finance Committee - Full Council

Environmental Committee – Cllrs P.Lewis, Gill, Isaacs, Bailey, Jackson, Jenkins

Recreation & Leisure Committee – Cllrs P.Lewis, Warren, Jackson, Gill, Howes, Williams-Cuss

Speedwatch – All those who have completed training with Police

Public Works of Art Liaison Working Party – Cllrs Bailey, Jenkins, Williams-Cuss

06/05/17 Appointment of PC Members to Village Hall Management Committee

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr P.LEWIS
IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllrs P.Lewis, Gill and Warren be appointed

07/05/17 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of previous meeting 5 April 2017

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

08/05/17 To receive, approve & sign as a true record minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 26 April 2017

Additions/alterations:

Item 3 1st line delete *..a member of the Speed watch* insert *as liaison for NAG*
3rd line deleted *..a local constable* insert *PC Robert Maris of the local policing team*

Following these changes

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

09/05/17 To receive report of County Councillor

Nil

10/05/17 To receive report of District Councillor

Nil

11/05/17 Questions/comments from Parishioners

Concerns about provision of new/extended school. Would council accept the OCC proposals? What would their proposals be? Chairman stated that Council were still awaiting feedback from OCC, however OCC have previously indicated that they don't have funding to build a new

school, and given the recent budget cuts throughout OCC it is likely that they will be seeking the lowest cost option. There was also discussion regarding using Millennium Green as an extension – Chairman stated that, again, no detailed information had come back from OCC, and any significant changes could only go ahead following a public meeting and a vote supporting any such change. Equally, with regards to suggestions of using part of the QEII field for a new build school, County Council funding would seem to be the most significant issue at the present time.

12/05/17 To receive report of Clerk

litter – Clerk stated that he was amazed at the amount of litter being collected on a daily basis. It was decided to place an item in the Newsletter, purchase more robust anti-litter signs and get the school involved with maybe a prize winning poster design. Cllr Warren to speak with Head Teacher. Item to next agenda

festival flowers - ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISSACS

SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that £25 be allocated towards the display

Charity donations – Item to next agenda no applications as yet received

Renewal of Football Club lease - New rental connected to RPI and fee should be in relation/comparison to costs to other village organizations. It was also agreed that there will be no legal fees to either party

Grass cutting contract with OCC - legal document received which states what is expected and requires the council seal. Chairman is reading at present. Item to next agenda

13/05/17 To approve & sign external Audit “Annual Governance Statement”

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr JACKSON

SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Statement be signed

14/05/17 To receive report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

I have had the opportunity to discuss parking arrangements with one of the landlords of the Co-op, and have clarified that the advertised parking from the salon in the business park is not by arrangement. I shared our desire to see some improvements in the vicinity, potentially to include marked bays and improving arrangements at the rear of the store. Naturally this would need to be in conjunction with the co-op. The landlord was amenable in principal and advised that he would need to discuss further.

Cllr. Bailey and I met with representatives from OCC, Thames Travel and Thames Valley Police in relation to the bus stop on High Street, and have agreed that relocating it just a few metres further west would improve the visibility, remove the bus from the area of the pedestrian crossing and should be a better solution. There is some work required to remove a well established ivy (stemming from the BT exchange) which overhangs the location for the stop sign, that we need to address. We also took the opportunity to discuss parking along Hunters Field, immediately outside the entrance to the school, and the suggestion regarding reinforcing the grass verge in the vicinity. OCC Highways advised that we would need to contact another section of the Highways team to be sure, but in principal there were no objections to this being undertaken.

I am still attempting to resolve the query around a disabled parking bay for a Perrys Road resident, although don't believe that this is something that Highways will deal with as it appears to be private land.

Finally, as recently reported, the hedgerow around the QEII field has been cut directly instead of a quote provided for the work. Unfortunately, the section cut doesn't match to that we discussed and it has been noted that ideally the work should not have taken place until after August. I can only apologise for the breakdown in communication that led to this.

15/05/17 To receive correspondence

Complaint regarding tree on Church Green blocking light from dwelling and requesting *severe pruning*. Item passed to Environmental Committee for further investigation with tree surgeon and costings

Village Summer Festival – use of Church Green and Recreation Field fun run –
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that these events be approved

Nursery End problems newly fitted gate being blocked by residents car parking
Axis – Electricity charges – Noted

16/05/17 To discuss Planning Applications

Nil

17/05/17 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

CASH AT BANK

Beginning balance		22,678.78
Cleared transactions	-2,317.40	
Registered balance as at 29/3/17		<u>20,361.38</u>

30 DAY NOTICE BUSINESS

Beginning balance		7,901.56
Cleared transactions	0.30	
Registered balance as at 9/3/17		<u>7,901.86</u>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

3,462.20

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WARREN
SECONDED BY Cllr BAILEY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

18/05/17 To approve Accounts for Payment

31/3	Stanford Village Hall	Hall hire	12.80
5/4	CPN Gill	Strimming petrol	22.24
7/4	Came & Co	Mower insurance	271.02
7/4	Community First	Membership	70.00
7/4	OPFA	Membership	50.00
26/4	Alvescot Fencing	Post & Rails Village hall	102.96
28/4	D.M.Dew	Salary	772.80
28/4	C.Stallard	Litter picking	60.00
28/4	Post Office (HMRC)	PAYE & NI	232.67

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAILEY
SECONDED BY Cllr JENKINS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved/paid

19/05/17 To receive report of Environmental Committee

Nil

20/05/17 To receive report of Recreation & Leisure Committee

Nil

21/05/17 To receive report of neighbourhood Plan

As per previous minutes

22/05/17 Date of next meeting

7th June 2017

Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil