

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.**

**Present:**      **Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair)**                      **Cllr.S.Bambury(Dep.Chair)**                      **Cllr.P.Gill**  
                    **Cllr.G.Hughes**    **Cllr.Mrs.G.McMorrow**                      **Cllr.M.Isaacs**  
                    **Cllr.D.Monahan Smith**                                      **Cllr.M.Vallis**

**Cllr.M.Tilley(County Councillor)**    **Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor)**    **D.M.Dew(Clerk)**  
**Mr.C.Blackwell(County Environmental Officer)**                      **M/s C.White(Internal Auditor)**  
**1 Parishioner**

Questions/Comments from Parishioners

A Parishioner asked Council to consider concerns from those living close to the Grange and around Church Green when considering the planning application STA/7828/10 – 11CA extensions to the Grange. She pointed out that several people had not received notification of proposed planning. The application comprised a 20% increase, loading bays , a wider entrance plus three others an increase in vehicle movements and noise.. Council advised the Parishioner that her comments would be taken into account when discussing the application.

Craig Blackwell ( OCC Ecologist) talked to council leading on from Rob Dance’s discussion with council at the previous meeting. He talked of his suggestion for a Community Woodland in area previously discussed and areas to be fenced and hedged. Suggested involvement with children during planting (School?) and that work would be carried out by a contractor under OCC supervision including two year maintenance by contractor. Suggested a meeting of all involved in the Summer to discuss design, paths and trees. Planting would begin in November. Following a question he said that the trees would need some maintenance eg destroying foliage around base of trees to ensure tree growth – not strimming .

The council resolved that the scheme be accepted and that during the Summer months the Chairman would contact CB to arrange an inspection and a design meeting.

M/s C.White informed council on progress made with previous years accounts , now working on 2006/07. Talked about new accounts systems and value for money packages. The purchase of a new package has already been agreed by council and clerk and auditor would decide which package meets the needs of council.

**1/03/09 Apologies**

Cllr.B.Burls (Personal)

**2/03/09 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr.G.Hughes 5/03/09 Charitable donations

Cllr.D.Monahan Smith 6/03/09 Millennium Green transfer

**3/03/09 Minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to be received and signed as a true record**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.G.HUGHES

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

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**4/03/09 Report of County Councillor**

No further developments on A420 diversion plans. Had spoken to Hatford landowner regarding use of field as footpath but not in favour due to horses in field. Council thanked the Councillor for her efforts .

## 5/03/09 Report of Clerk

- a) Accounts software – as previously discussed
- b) Parking on Greens – Situation had improved. Letters sent to occupants of Manor Green
- c) Charitable donations – Detailed applications received

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.D.MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following donations be made

Stanford United Reformed Chapel (New Heaters)	£200	
South & Vale Carers Centre	£125	
Community Responders		£125
Independent Advice Centre	£ 50	

## 6/03/09 Report of Chairman

The Millennium Green transfer has been completed from our end and the documents are with the other side's solicitors. Cllr.Isaacs distributed maps and details of gates etc on footpaths as proposed by him and County Footpaths Officer Mark Sumner at a cost of £4666 plus labour. OCC would ask for a contribution of 50% after a grant from TOE. The Parish Footpaths Officer will be contacting landowners regarding the gates and Cllr.Isaacs will be discussing with M.Sumner tendering for installation. Chairman to apply for grant when further details are known

## 7/03/09 To consider purchase of Heavy Duty Mower

A demonstration by ARC of a mower that can cope with wet and longer grass had been held and had impressed both lengthsman and the Chairman. It was not new but had been used very little. The purchase of the mower would save the money being spent on contracting out the areas that are unable to be cut by our present machines. PPC had been approached regarding a grant towards the purchase of the mower and as will be seen from correspondence a max. grant of 50% of cost had been approved by them .

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.G.McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.D.MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that the mower be purchased

## 8/03/09 Correspondence

- Public Purposes Charity – Confirmation of grant for mower – Noted with thanks
- OPFA – Roadshow 10 June 2009 Request permission to use children's playarea – Approved. Village Hall booking to be their responsibility
- Parishioner – Copy of letter to Planning Auth re dwelling at 22 Horsecroft – Noted

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## 9/03/09 Report of District Councillor

Shared management team now in place. Savings of £280,000 for Vale. Community charge increase by 4.8% Band D £1417.40

Proposed reservoir suggested putting back 5 years and a decrease to 2/3rds capacity.

Following recent tarmac of village roads had requested that surplus grit be collected.

Cllr.Isaacs asked about cycle routes – This was probably a county issue

## 10/03/09 Planning applications

**STA/7828/10 – 11CA The Grange Nursing Home Church Green** – Not supported. It was felt that this application was not in keeping with the village and would affect the view of the Church and Green. Other objections included increase vehicle movements (Loading Bay) and noise. Parishioners objections were also noted.

**STA/8827/6 Stanford Park Cottage Park Lane** – Supported

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr S.BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr.P.GILL  
IT WAS RESOLVED that these decisions be approved

**11/03/09 Power of Wellbeing**

The Clerk explained the principles of wellbeing powers and four conditions that it involved. Some Councillors were not happy with having to be “trained” in the use or understanding of the power although they accepted that it was an aid to helping the community and an improvement on s137 which limited their expenditure by statute. Clerk explained that he had been selected to tutor councils in the power of wellbeing but needed to pass an “examination” himself before he could carry out this function. Once he had completed this task he was willing to impart this information, one of the conditions, to the council and would waive the fee set by Government. Council noted that there were no extra Government funding for wellbeing and any finance would have to be met from the precept.

**12/03/09 Monthly Statement of Accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.G.McMORROW  
SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs.G.McMORROW  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

**13/03/09 To Approve Accounts for Payment**

D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	1244.69
C.J.Rolls	Mowing	529.25
CPRE	Membership	29.00
Sweetfuels	Mower Diesel	214.14
ARC	Mower Service	1516.63

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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. G.McMORROW  
SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs,G.McMORROW  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

**14/03/09 To approve Planning and General Purposes Committee decisions Jan/Feb 2009**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cll.Mrs.G.McMORROW  
SECONDED BY Cllr.G.McMORROW  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

**15/03/09 Environmental Sustainability**

Cllr.Isaacs presented his report to Council. It was agreed that from this planned future report that the words Wind Turbines and Solar Panels be deleted and replaced by Micro- Regeneration.

Council thanked Cllr.Isaacs for his work on the report and that it would be used in any future parish planning . It would be ideal to share views at the forthcoming Parish Meeting.

## **16/03/09 Recreation and Leisure Report**

### **Projects: -**

- *Higher fence at Football Club to assist residents at Perrys Road. Formal Planning Permission awaited.*
- *Have other costings for Lockable steel vault- to house tennis nets , netball posts etc. This will improve the accessibility and safety of our equipment.*
- *Also costings for cricket nets and surfaces, football posts wheel-away etc.*

### **Maintenance**

- *Fencing still needs fixing at Recreation Ground*
- *Weed control issue for this Spring?*
- *The Jubilee Garden and area has been cleared and hedge trimmed in Toddlers Area.*
- *Grass cutting has started again*

Apparently our “kick wall” is now an official graffiti area amongst street artists.

There was discussion regarding the damaged fencing at the football field. Council had repaired this several times and felt that this was being caused by the football club not unlocking a gate during matches and were loathe to repair it yet again. Due to other gates being left open and dogs being allowed on the pitch this had caused a game to be delayed while dog mess was cleared

## **17/03/09 Dates of Next Meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

Annual Meeting of Parish Council Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009