

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL h
Wednesday 14th May 2008 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale**

There were no questions from Parishioners

Present: Cllr.P.G.McMorrow Cllr. B.Burls Cllr. Mrs. G.McMorrow
Cllr.M.Vallis Cllr.P.Gill ((@ 7.45)

Cllr.M.Tilley (County Council) Cllr.R.Sharp (District Council) D.M.De

1/05/08 Apologies

Cllr.M.Isaacs(Business) Cllr.S.Bambury(Personal) Cllr.D.Monahan Smith
Cllr.P.Gill(Personal to 7.45) Cllr. G.Hughes (Medical) Ms.C.White(Internal Audi

2/05/08 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Nil

3/05/08 Election of Officers

Chairman – Cllr.P.G.McMorrow
Proposed Cllr.Burls Seconded Cllr Mrs.McMorrow

Dep Chair – Cllr.S.Bambury
Proposed Cllr.Mrs.McMorrow Seconded Cllr.Burls

Hon Sec. - Cllr.S.Bambury
Proposed Cllr.Mrs McMorrow Seconded Cllr.Vallis

Senior Cllrs. – Cllr.G.Hughes/Cllr.B.Burls
Proposed Cllr Mrs McMorrow Seconded Cllr Vallis

4/05/08 Election of Trustees as required

Village Hall - Cllr P.Gill and Cllr.B.Burls will continue as Trustees

5/05/08 Election of Committees

It was proposed by Cllr.Mrs McMorrow and seconded by Cllr Burls that the Committee l
the General Purposes (Planning & Finance) and Recreation & Leisure Committees be as
previous year – Carried

6/05/08 Minutes of previous meeting 12th March 2008 to be received and signed as a true re

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs G.McMorrow
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

7/05/08 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 16th April 2008 to be received and signed as a

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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW
SECONDED BY Cllr. P.GILL

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

8/05/08 Report of County Councillor

Councillor will ask for 20mph limit in Van Diemens and will also follow up the the County promised land at the old quarry

9/05/08 Report of Clerk

There had been no reported vandalism since last meeting although the Police had been School playground on a Sunday evening .

No end of year accounts were presented due to the internal auditor working on and bringing up to date years and there was little point in approving accounts that would be altered
Environmental Sustainability to next agenda

10/05/08 Report of Chairman

- The local elections of 2007 saw the present council returned unopposed. Councillors thank the parishioners for this vote of confidence. We welcomed Mr.M.Vallis as one of the UK's youngest councillors.
- The July floods brought concerns over isolation of our village with the A417, Bow Road, Shellingford, Hatford and the A420 flooded at important locations. The Parish Council contacted all relevant authorities who sent representatives to our village within days – we continue to pursue action to attempt to prevent re-occurrence of the isolation with those authorities and the riparian at Bow Road, Horsecroft and the A417.
- Vandalism to property was costing some £80 per week at one stage this year. Fortunately the situation improved and one young person was successfully prosecuted for setting fire to safety surfacing on the junior play area. We are grateful and appreciative of the speedy action by villagers then and also again this week when the school fencing was again set ablaze for the second time in a year.
- Our community received two awards in the Village of the Year Competition, for conservation and for community and youth activities. The Best Kept Village Competition has been discontinued having run for fifty years. We commissioned an Honours Board listing the twelve awards gained from 2000 and the previous Best Kept Large Village Award from 1982.
- On behalf of the Parish Council and our Community we offer our thanks to the following benefactors: The Public Purposes Charity, Oxfordshire Youth Organisation, WREN, Sweet Fuels, M.J.Cox, Cobra Pumps and Pump Parts. The PPC financed our purchase of the John Deere mowing machine, the new footpath across Church Green, the repair of the damaged corner of that green and are providing the kick start to £10,000 of external funding from WREN in addition to covering the cost of access to the proposed new equipment. Fuel for our grass cutting comes from Sweet Fuel,M.J.Cox and Cobra Pumps and Pump Parts.

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With the expertise and painstaking thoroughness of application to the chaotic condition of financial accounts that we have inherited our Internal Auditor has satisfied the Audit Commission that the revised accounts she has compiled are beyond reproach. Not only has Ms Cheryl White completed these financial reports from 1997 – 2001 but has clearly defined the repercussions from these years to the satisfaction of our latest appointed auditors BDO Hayward the fourth set of auditors dealing with post accounts back to 1983. Accounts in respect of 2001- 2003 have also been submitted.

- Thanks are extended , as usual , to our staff who continue to donate hours to this community and forgo due entitlements as do all Parish Councillors
- Following recommendations from Internal Audit all minutes will be bound yearly

11/05/08 Correspondence

Vale of White Horse DC - Info Sheet 3 – Noted and Grants info to newsletter
 Declaration of Interest Flow Chart – Copied to Cllrs.
 Thames Water – Consultation plan notification available on web (800 pages long)
 Crowdy & Rose – Village Hall Lease

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Mrs.McMORROW
 SECONDED BY Cllr BURLS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the lease be renewed as per existing

OALC – Notification of Thames Water consultation – Noted
 OALC – Notification of AGM – Noted Chair to attend if possible
 Henmans LLP – Re Bow Road Brook and Mrs Champion – Mrs Champion refuses to
 land to PC and produced an engineers report allegedly absolving her of
 refusal to pay any monies and requiring Council reinstate bridge. £500
 towards costs if bridge is repaired and no further dialogue.
 Council consider that in living memory the brook has never been dredged
 bridge was rotten and dangerous, the owner did not heed the specialist advice regard
 her land and regardless of the engineers report the road has
 not flooded since the Council's work. Statements in the report supposedly
 attributed to County Council Officers have been denied by those Officers.
 Council decided that this item should be placed on the next agenda (July) for
 further consideration. Henmans to be notified
 Environmental Agency/Agents – Maps showing historical flooding in Stanford and surrounding
 flooding areas plus questionnaire re flooding – Chair
 at next meeting,

12/05/08 Report of District Councillor

Has tabled motions regarding the 9.30 am bus pass start-time for the Vale which affect
 and use/closure of pharmacies in Doctors/Health Centres depending on distance from centre

13/05/08 Planning applications

STA/2053 9 Cowderoy Place – Proposed conservatory – Supported

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STA/20502 – X 42 Joyces Road – Erection of a single dwelling – Not Supported

14/05/08 Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BURLS
 SECONDED BY Cllr GILL
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

15/05/08 Accounts for Payment

Buildbase	Fencing Paint	123.57
Peter Gerring	Mowing	99.88
OALC	Membership Fees	368.40
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	235.18
Allianz Ins PLC	Liability Ins.	1641.67
BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit	705.00
TVE Hire	Tool Hire	22.50
H J Webb & Son	Fencing Wood	3.38

ORCC Membership Fees 20.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
 SECONDED BY Cllr BURLS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

16/05/08 To approve Planning and Finance (Bills) Committee Decisions March/April/May

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr VALLIS
 SECONDED BY Cllr GILL
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

17/05/08 Minutes of General Purposes/ Finance Committee 31st March 2008 to be received record.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Mrs McMORROW
 SECONDED BY Cllr BURLS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

18/05/08 Recreation and Leisure Report

The John Deere mower needs various repairs and has been booked in at ARC.

Recreation Ground – Stronger ties needed for Chain-Link fence
 Strimming/Weed Killer around MUGA
 Strimming around perimeter especially along Perrys Road
 Play Area fence still being painted
 Fencing behind goal still ongoing. Estimates still awaited
 The Village is still looking well cared for