

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL h
Wednesday 16th May 2007 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale**

There were no Questions from Parishioners but Mrs J.Greenwood through Cllr Gill, on behalf of the V Hall Management Committee asked if they could erect an events board at the hall in order that people aware of coming events. The Council had no disagreement with this request but asked that the board be tidy.

Present: Cllr.P.G.McMorrow Cllr.S.Bambury Cllr.G.Hughes
Cllr.P.Gill Cllr.B.Burls Cllr.Mrs G.McMorrow
Cllr.M.Isaacs Cllr.D.Monahan Smith D.M.Dew (Clerk)

1/05/06 Apologies Nil

2/05/07 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Item 16 Accounts for payment – Cllr Gill – Cllr Hughes

3/05/07 Election of Officers

Chairman Cllr.P.G.McMorrow
Proposed Cllr S.Bambury Seconded Cllr M.Isaacs

Deputy Chair Cllr.S.Bambury
Proposed Cllr.Mrs McMorrow Seconded Cllr.M.Isaacs

Hon.Secretary Cllr.S.Bambury
Proposed Cllr Mrs McMorrow Seconded Cllr Isaacs

Senior Councillor Cllr.B.Burls
Proposed Cllr.P.G. McMorrow Seconded Cllr.S.Bambury

4/05/07 Election of Trustees as required

Village Hall Management Committee - Cllr Gill – Cllr Burls

Stanford Relief in Need – Cllr.M.Isaacs – Cllr.D.Monahan-Smith

5/05/07 Election of Working Parties/Committees

Recreation & Leisure
Cllr Gill (Chair) Cllr P.G.McMorrow, Cllr Mrs McMorrow, Cllr Bambury, Cllr Burls
Cllr Monahan Smith

Disputes
Cllr.P.G.McMorrow, Cllr.Mrs McMorrow, Cllr.Bambury,Cllr Isaacs, Cllr.Burls

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Delegation

Cllr.McMorrow, Cllr Bambury, Cllr Hughes D.M.Dew (Clerk)

Planning and Finance(Bills)

All Councillors

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES
IT WAS RESOLVED that these be elected

At this point Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Registered Members Interest Declaration

6/05/07 Minutes of previous meeting 7th March 2007 to be received and signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

7/05/07 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2007 to be received and signed as a true record

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

8/05/07 Report of County Councillor

Nil

9/05/07 Report of Clerk

- **Vandalism** There has been an increase in vandalism including damage to the newly repaired rec field fence, some notice boards and setting fire to the wetpour surf playarea. A person has been charged by the police for the fire damage and will pay for repairs including approx £87 for fire extinguisher refill. Vandalism is a lot of money that could be used for the benefit of the village.
- **Diesel** There have been difficulties in obtaining diesel for the mowers as part of the arrangement with M.Cox. Clerk has agreed that following discussion with Fuels that they would supply diesel at cost in exchange for acknowledgement in newsletter. It was agreed that Coxs, Cobra and Sweets be thanked for their past future co-operation and generosity.
- **Conferences** There are several conferences due to be held and Clerk will detail these under correspondence as there are some that might be of interest
- **IT Admin** A message had been received from Microsoft that the Windows programme being used was not official and has to be changed. It is possible through the trade to obtain a new programme at 50% discount

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- **Council Vacancies** at about £100. Our IT expert also informs me that the graphics card needs replacing. Council agreed that Clerk should proceed as necessary. Following the non-contested election there remained two vacancies on the Council which should be filled by co-option. Chairman asked if **Cooption** Councillors would canvas for interested persons.
- **Mower** The John Deere mower had not been serviced as per purchase guarantee and there was a hydraulic problem. ARC had visited but had not cured the fault (tools) Following "words" from the Chairman this will be remedied and also an of the old mower with view to selling to ARC
- **Local** Complaints have been received regarding the confusing use of

Elections two polling stations in the hall and also the attitude of the polling
Polling staff. Clerk has written to the MP, District Councillor and Chief Executive District Council. Council are also concerned about the cost which due to new regulations were due to rise anyway but could have less if fewer staff had been employed as they knew there would be no Parish elections.

10/05/07 Report of Chairman

Reported that the Best Kept Village competition had changed to a Village of the Year : all the counties that took part in 2006, Oxfordshire had the most entries which made the prizes that Stanford won all the more significant.
 Cllr. Isaacs showed Council the environmental DVD “ Instant Truth” by Al Gore which that all Councillors view. He also asked that with a view to an environmental policy if development in the parish be “Carbon Friendly”. Clerk to inform Planning Team at Council

11/05/07 Correspondence

- Earthline – Speeding A417 Drivers had been warned. Observation vehicle monitoring
Cllr. Isaacs asked at what frequency
- Dept of Communities & Local Govt – Increase S137 to £5.64
- CPRE – Newsletter and Events
- VWHDC – Response Local Elections complaints
- VWHDC – Appraisal Scoping Report – Committee to be informed of our situation re lack of recreation land
- VWHDC – copies of letters sent to various Govt agencies re Upper Thames resources Development (Reservoir)
- Standards Board – New “Code of Conduct”
- Thames Valley Police – Stakeholder Forum 5 June – Cllr Gill to attend
- Public Purposes Charity – Approval of grants Church Green path and Road Sweeper
- OALC – Notification of various training courses – Councillors showed interest in “How Local Councils Fit Into The Planning System – Effective Responses to Planning Applications’ to attend Cllrs. Isaacs, Gill, Monahan Smith and the Clerk

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12/05/07 Report of District Councillor

Nil

13/05/07 Planning Applications

Nil

14/05/07 Annual Accounts 2006/2007

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS
 SECONDED BY Cllr. HUGHES
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts 2006/2007 be approved and signed

15/05/07 Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES
 SECONDED BY Cllr. ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

16/05/07 Accounts for Payment

Stanford URC	Hall Hire	16.00
D.Rolls	Salary and Goods	720.99
P.Gerring	Mowing	94.00
P.Gill	Diesel	22.39
Handy	Spares	85.66
Cotswold Playgrounds	Footpath	4494.38
ORCC	Membership	20.00
TVE Hire	Shredder	31.73
Challow Station Garage	Mower Service	125.60
P.Gill	Diesel	21.55
Allianz Cornhill	Indemnity Ins	1237.21
OALC	Membership	366.04
D.M.Dew	Salary Expenses Casual Wages	1256.59
Allianz Cornhill	Mower Ins	364.02

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
 SECONDED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

17/05/07 To Approve Planning and Finance (Bills) Committee Decisions April/May

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES
 SECONDED BY Cllr.BURLS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

18/05/07 To Discuss and Adopt The Local Authorities(Model Code Of Conduct)Order 2007

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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL
 SECONDED BY Cllr.MONAHAN SMITH
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Model Code of Conduct be adopted inc para 12(2)

19/05/07 Recreation and Leisure Report

Projects:

- Contractor has replaced the Spring Duck and will erect seat in the train as soon as possible.
- Some timber pieces to be non-slip by the addition of surface textures or cross-cutting.
D.R. or P.G to do.
- **Weed and cut back hedge in Toddlers Area-** This has been done as well as the Jubilee Garden and all is now looking well maintained.
- We still have quotations for other items to be considered for the Play Areas into the future.(Pyramid climbing frames and Rocks)
- The group of young people we were supporting in their bid to build a mini ramp have successfully obtained monies through The Youth Opportunities Fund. We are now in a position to erect the Mini Ramp. Having talked to the Playing Fields Officer and to residents nearest to the proposed siting it is now clear we need to erect in between the

Skate Park and the MUGA In doing this we will build a Ramp that will be smaller but will meet ROSPA guidelines. *Contractors will submit costings which will now be less than the original costs.*

- *Place Picnic Tables in Village Hall Play Area. Need to get costings.*

Maintenance:

- Two gates on the Recreation Ground do need fixing (wire has been kicked loose). Also have locked one of the gates nearest to the Bungalows as a temporary measure to see if this lessens the amount of noise disturbance. Have given a key to the nearest bungalow and to the Chair of the Football Club. *Perhaps we should consider a different type of gate- one that does not so much noise on closing. Need to get some costings.*
- Also have discussed the higher fence issue with the above Chair and suggested a different type of fence being erected (different to below) to stop balls flying into the Bungalow area (will share this idea).
- Gate and timber rails have been placed (*Some still to complete*) at Huntersfield side of Village Park Fencing to improve entrance / exit from park and Village Hall. The intention to discourage climbing and further breakages.(D.Rolls)
- Tarmac around Youth Shelter has been laid and grass seed sown on areas affected by contractor's vehicles.
- A second hand John Deer cylinder cut, a replacement to the Ransom we were trialling in October, and is being put to good use and proving more acceptable to our needs.
- The diesel Toro mower still to be serviced. Servicing to be done at Challow Station Garage at lower rate than other places.

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We have purchased Grass / Leaf Blower to be used after strimming and cutting.

- **We still await the County Council Village Maintenance Team to clear footpaths and grass in road verges.**
- Church Green- damaged corner by the tree has been renovated and a new tarmac path laid across the Green.

20/05/07 Date of next meeting

4th July 2007

