

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 27 July 2007 held in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.**

There were no questions from Parishioners

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

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

**1/07/07 Apologies** Cllr.M.Tilley ( County Cllr) - Attending Local Govt. Conference

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

Nil

**3/07/07 Minutes of previous meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to be received and signed as a true record**

Page 1 5/05/07 Disputes Committee *Add Cllr Hughes*

Page 3 Council Vacancies first line *Delete the remained Add There remained two vac*

Page 3 Local Elections Polling line 6 *Add been less if fewer staff*

After these amendments

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

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

**4.07.07 Report of County Councillor**

Nil

**5/07/07 Report of Clerk**

- Vandalism – Following the fire damage in the playarea, the culprit was charged and fined £100 by the court. This left a shortfall of the repair costs, again a case of vandalism costing the village. At this time the Chairman detailed a meeting organised by the Police to be held in Shefford at which they ask that attendees list the three main complaints that they would like prioritising
- John Deere Mower - Due to leaking hydro liquid the mower had caught fire. It was repaired by under guarantee but subsequently leaked again. A new tank and exhaust was fitted labour free but cost over £100. The supplier agreed to take the derelict mower which was estimated at over £500 repair and valued at £1 for asset purposes, in exchange for the parts. The Chairman and several Councillors of the relevant committee were aware of this transaction.
- Council Vacancies – Clerk has received an application from Mr.M.Vallis for consideration to be co-opted to fill a vacancy. After hearing the application  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW

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SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that M.Vallis be co-opted as a Councillor to fill the vacancy

- Local Elections - No invoice received yet for election costs
- Earthline – Following Cllr.Isaac's request for regularity of Earthline speeding self monitoring appears that this is carried out twice a week for 8 hour periods. Chairman detailed recent accident involving Earthline when a rock went through a windscreen hitting the driver in the chest – he

him on the head it would have resulted in a fatality. Subsequently all loads from the quarries are to be sheeted and police to be informed if this is seen not to be carried out. Clerk has also had word from Hills operating Bowling Green quarry regarding the unacceptable state of road approaches.

- Recreation Land – Representations have been made to O.C.C. regarding their promises to provide for recreation. This is ongoing.
- Accounts to 2001 – These accounts have finally been signed off by the Audit Commission. Due to accruals this has caused the following years opening and closing balances to differ although the figures are correct. Ms C. White who was largely involved in reworking the figures for audit is to be involved at the later accounts

## **6/07/07 Report of Chairman**

- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stanford Community Bus. Chairman has been invited to attend celebration and has previously engaged. Cllr. Burls to represent Chairman.
- Previously mentioned Police Liaison meeting at Shellingford. Cllr Gill reported that he had attended a similar meeting at Drayton and detailed what had been said and proposed. With this in mind Clerk has raised several points three main ones being Anti-Social behaviour, Police presence, and policing rather than paperwork
- Fair – ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr. BAMBURY  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the rental for the annual fair be increased to £80 next year
- Picnic Tables – A quote of £600 had been received and it was resolved that further costings be obtained and that initially one table should be purchased. During discussions regarding the purchase of a frame/wire it was resolved on the resolution of Cllr.Mrs.McMorrow that the financial budget should be £12000 – carried
- Tree Lopping - 10 trees on Church Green need attention plus some in the skatepark. Goodwood have quoted £1500 to attend.  
ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES  
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the quote be accepted
- Honours Board – Cllr.Bambury reported that it is under construction
- Letter Heading – Cllr.Bambury to rework
- Auditors – The auditors had issued a warning that investments should not exceed 2 x the precept. Clerk had explained the need for future purchase of recreation land
- Cllr.Gill gave details of the new skatepark equipment.

## **7/07/07 Provision of Parking Layby Horsecroft**

Chairman reported that there were parking problems in Horsecroft and agricultural vehicles had

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trouble passing parked cars and lorries. A resident had offered to level the bank to create a layby but the land are to be contacted to establish absolute ownership.

## **8/07/07 Correspondence**

- a) O.C.C – various letters regarding land adjacent A417 promised to the community – noted
- b) O.C.C. – Review of external transport posts – Agreed continuation
- c) County Councillor – SIV school not accepting rising 5's - Replies noted. It was resolved that District Planners be asked their proposals for expansion in the village when the school is full and a room to expand.
- d) VoWHDC – Councils concerns non use of matching materials – not considered harmful
- e) CPRE – AGM 14 July – Noted
- f) Parishioner(Email) – Grass cutting Forest Grove – Responsibility of District Council

- g) P.P.C. – Grants Recreation Youth area and Church Green footpath - received with thanks
- h) P.P.C. – Contribution towards cost of audit – received with thanks
- i) Clerk – Requesting payment for hours worked and expenses in producing reworked figures for 2001. The actual figure was in excess of what he was claiming and he had brought the sum minimum of £897.60.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that the amount of £897.60 be paid

**9/07/07 Planning Applications**

**STA/14707/5 5 Church Green** - Insertion of eyebrow dormer – Not supported

**STA/18854/1 26 Church Green** – Creation of a Garden Room – Supported

**STA//3878/4 Horse & Jockey** – Erection of canopy structure – Supported

**STA/6532/3 Manor Farm Cottage** – Erection of a garage – Not supported insufficient

**10/07/07 Report of District Councillor**

Had noted discussion regarding grass cutting Forest Grove and contract given to ISIS  
Stated that Public Houses were not allowed to let customers stand outside ( for smoking) after 11pm

**11/07/07 To approve monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Monthly Statement of Accounts be approved

**12/07/07 To authorise accounts for payment**

D.M.Dew	Salary, expenses, Casual wages	1236.35
D.Rolls	Salary & expenses	806.74
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P.Gerring	Mowing	94.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MONAHAN SMITH

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

**13/07/07 To approve Planning and Finance(Bills) Committee decisions June 2007**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

**14/07/07 Recreation and Leisure Report**

As at App.A

