



reconsider the objection – this assurance was refused.

6/11/01 The grant applied for by the Scout(Jamboree) should not be from the Chairman's allowance(Univ of Glos recommendation).Any grant should go to the County assoc.for future jamborees(in 3 years time)

Mr.Bungay apologised for not attending the OPFA AGM.Mr.Gill attended and details of the discussions on the 6 acre standard.Council decide not to purchase the latest publication(£45)

Transco – Item to next agenda – letter boxes to be placed at P.O. and Alldays and reply box to be inserted into newsletter again.

11/11/01 A vote of thanks to Mr.Hughes for repairing the village hall notice board.It was also noted that glass panels were broken in Cottage road bus shelter and the shelter on Church Green was covered in graffiti.

13/11/01 Estimates for wetpour 15m x 15m £9000 plus £2000 for permi colour.A whirlybird £1600 Fencing £2800.What type of path ? concrete or tarmac – concrete edging to help cutting.The original wetpour would be repaired by the new contractor.Mr.Williams was concerned about older children wrecking the equipment.Chairman said that it was only baby type seats and we should not be hemmed in by vandalism.Mrs.Packer enquired if there was any other equipt. Chairman has brochures and will meet Councillors at the playarea on Sat 8/12 for discussions.Chairman asked for authority to pay Fencing contractor as this was to be completed before Christmas – approved.

15/11/01 Mr.Bungay asked why it was necessary to consult a lawyer.This was to cover the Council legally.

1. Recycling Mobile Phones – The battery contains toxic metals. There are collection boxes in Abbey House, Abingdon: Local Service Point Wantage & Faringdon Corn Exchange. Proceeds will go to the Children's A & E service at the J.R. Hospital.
2. Any European coins will be worthless after January 2002. The District Council is collecting them & forwarding them to Age Concern Fight the Freeze Appeal. Any coins can be given to me & I will give them to the appropriate department.
3. There is an additional Bank Holiday in 2002 – Bank Holidays are now Mon 3 June and Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June.
4. The number of noise complaints to Councils have been rising steadily for the last 20 years. A Vale Officer has completed a special course, so that the problems can continue to be properly addressed.
5. Several departments within the Corporate Resources department have been recommended for the ISO 9001:2000 status.
6. The Best Value Regulations apply to the District Council and large Town Councils. In this area only Abingdon comes under this heading. Normal Local Government rules apply to this parish.
7. A new Model Code of Conduct for Councils came into operation on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2001. There is a special code for Parish Councils. The District Council will probably be initiating training for Parish Councillors.

**5/12/01**

**Report of County Councillor (Read by Chairman)**

Apologies for not being able to attend, but I have to be in London for a Chamber of Commerce dinner.

**WIND FARM**

One of the main topics which has been discussed around this County Council Division is the proposed application to build five huge wind turbines at

Watchfield.on the other side of the A420.The proposal is for the construction of 5 turbines of a hub height of 164 feet,with a tip height of 266 feet.Turbines of such height haqve never been constructed before on a mainland site and if the project were to go ahead,they would be visible for many miles radius.It is believed that they would also be very noisy.The majority of the surrounding villages have objected,as has the military college(safety factor).Although everyone is in favour of renewable energy,such huge turbines are far more efficient out at sea.An action group has been formed and it is requesting that an Environmental Impact Assessment be done prior to a formal application being heard.At the time of writing,a decision is still awaited in the EIA.

**RUBBISH**

Newly released performance indicators for recycling and waste management show that Oxfordshire's residents produce the least amount of rubbish in England.Figures show that in 2000/01 each of Oxfordshire's residents produced 460 Kg of rubbish.This is 13% below the national average and the lowest figure for the UK,along with Gloucestershire and Cambridgeshire.However,our waste managers are pledging to reduce this even further.So,we are all urged to carry on composting,this being an excellent way to start reducing household waste.Advice on composting is available from the County Council's Compost Hotline – 01865 815499.

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As always,please do ring me on 01367 710719 if there is anything I can do and  
Happy Christmas everyone.

**6/12/01**

**Report of Clerk**

As the school governor was due to be discussed the Chairman declared an interest and left the meeting.In the absence of the Vice- Chairman it was proposed

by Mr.Bungay seconded by Mr.Williams that Mrs.Packer take the Chair – approved.It was further proposed by Mr.Williams seconded by Mr.Bungay that the meeting be confidential due to the presence of persons named in the relevant correspondence – Approved.The item was discussed and Council were disappointed that as the largest authority their nomination had not been accepted.It was proposed by Mr.Gill seconded by Mr.Bungay that the Governors be informed of this – approved.Proposed by Mr.Bungay seconded by Mr.Gill that the meeting be opened publicly – approved.The Chairman returned to the meeting,taking over from Mrs.Packer.

Further details were given regarding the “New Ethical Framework” Clerk stated that was now law and Councillors would be asked to make declarations but was waiting for guidance,hopefully,from District Council.

Various grants had been received throughout the year.Chairman asked Mr.Gill if there would be any interest in a Youth Council as grants were available through the Living & Learning scheme.Mr.Gill to persue Youth Club also an item for the Newsletter.

**7/12/01**

**Correspondence**

- a)Parishioner – Request check of Apostle trees – Done all OK
- b)V.W.H.D.C. – Approval of fencing grant £3500 – to be used by 22/3/02
- c)Parishioner – Statements on Traffic,Parking & Roads – Chairman stated  
works in the pipeline included the provision hopefully of a zebra crossing at the schools,7 1/2 ton.weight restriction Bow Road/High St Cottage Road footpath to be completed(a complete village link after 47 years)  
Parking – very limited what Police can do.P.C.Holder to be invited to next meeting for discussions.Jubilee Green to be refurbished in Jubilee year
- d)The Independent Advice Centre – Grant application

e)Robert Jackson MP – Confirmation not seeking re-election

f)Audit Commission – Apologies and confirmation of receipt of letter.

g)DTLR(through District Council) - Statutory Instrument re Accounts &  
Audit

h)DEFRA – Consultation papers Quality Councils

i)Standards Board – Guides to Part 3 LGA 2000

j)NALC – Training strategy for Parish & Town Councils

k)Governors of Stanford School – Decision of Governors regarding vacancy

**8/12/01      Planning**

Nil

**9/12/01      Monthly Statement of Accounts**

Mr.Williams and Mrs.Packer objected to the accounts.Proposed by Mr.  
Hughes seconded by Mr.Bungay accounts be approved – carried.

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**10/12/01      Accounts for payment**

D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses x 2	
J.Northcote	Salary x 2	
Vale of WHDC	Litter Bins	£518.47
Handy	Mower service	£674.38 *
Soc.of Local Clerks	Membership & Manual	£ 65.00
Stanford Village Hall	Meeting rental	£ 50.00

\*Reduced from £842.95

Proposed by Mr.Bungay seconded by Mr.Hughes accounts be paid –

Carried.It was further proposed by Mr.Bungay seconded by Mr.Hughes that Cheques be signed if required during the January break – approved.

**11/12/01          Precept 2002/03**

After much discussion and inspecting budgets prepared by Councillors and very detailed discussions on recreation projects,it was proposed by Mr.Bungay seconded by Mr.Hughes that a precept of £19250 be set.There were three votes for the proposal,three votes against.The Chairman used his casting vote for the proposal which was therefore carried.Chairman thanked those Councillors who produced figures for a budget.This was a reduction of £1500 on the previous year and the Clerk had reported adverse comments from auditors regarding carrying over unspent monies.

**12/12/01          Newsletter**

Nil

**13/12/01          Playarea**

This had been covered in the Matters Arising

**14/12/01          Recreation and Leisure**

Mr.Gill reported that there were still brambles on the fence line.Youth Club had been picking litter.Proposed by Mr.Williams seconded by Mrs.Packer that a donation of £50 be made to the Youth club chargeable to Street Cleaning Grant approved.Mr.Gill declared an interest and thanked the Council.

**15/12/01          Other Urgent Business**

Clerk stated that his computer had become unreliable.Porposed by Mr.

Williams seconded by Mr.Bungay that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a computer up to a value of £1000 – approved.

Proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr.Bungay the meeting be closed.

## Questions/comments

Mr.Wentworth said that re the Audit Commission he had received a letter from them in error.

He also said that he would also carry on grass cutting but there would be diesel costs.Council thanked him for all his efforts.

