

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanford in the Vale Parish Council *Recreation & Leisure committee, Environmental committee and Planning committee* held on 1st February 2012 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

Present: Cllr.P.Gill, Cllr.S.Bambury, Cllr.M.Isaacs, Cllr.J.Warren, Cllr.P.Lewis, Cllr.N.Lewis, Cllr.K.Williams Cuss

T.McCullouch(ORCC), M.Eaglestone (ORCC), 4 Parishioners, M.Dew (Clerk)

The two representatives from ORCC addressed the meeting outlining their work and remit which included help and advice for planning, transport, village halls and heating. As far as *Affordable Housing* went they acted as liaison and a community voice. They explained *Exceptional sites* as sites for affordable housing , sites that normally would not be available for planning purposes, although these sites are still subject to Local Plan restrictions. They detailed the *Parish Housing Needs survey* which questioned 1) Parishioners were interested or not and 2) those classified as being in housing need. The criteria for qualification for affordable housing :

- Lived in parish for 5 out of 8 years
- Parents resident in parish for past 10 years
- Worked fulltime in parish previous 2 years

They then explained the *shared ownership* system and the outcomes. The 2 reps then answered questions from both parishioners and councillors which included occupiers from other areas, treatment of armed forces, houses left empty and future development once a site had been approved. The 2 enablers were thanked for their attendance and input.

Parishioners comments/questions

The new owners of the Anchor PH talked to council about the state of the building and that a trading feasibility study showed that the PH had been losing £400 per week and it was not considered feasible to continue as a PH. There had been interest from the village as per previous meeting to keep the PH open. A parishioner said that the PH had been going down for the past 10 years and was no longer considered the “village pub” whereas previously due to its location etc. it was considered the main meeting place. It was decided that this item should be discussed again at the next council meeting.

1. Apologies and reasons (if offered)

Cllr.S.Jackson (Personal)

Cllr.G.Hughes (Personal)

Cllr.D.Monahan Smith

2. Declarations of Interest by councillors on any agenda item

Item 9 Planning – Cllr.P.Gill – Cllr.K.Williams Cuss

3. To discuss Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Cllrs. Williams Cuss and J.Warren detailed suggestions:

Big Lunch – Bring your own food – Pig roast ?

Date Sunday 3rd June 2012 12 noon – 4pm at Football field – FC Bar ?

Arrangements to be made for tables etc

Various games to be organised

Decorations required

It was decided to recommend to council that a budget of £250 be approved

ACTION – Council

4. To define term “Recreation & Leisure”

It was agreed that areas of R & L intermixed with Environmental. It was decided that maintenance and H & S in playareas was not environmental including Jubilee Gardens.and that R & L needed to cost plans for future equipment and repair **ACTION – R & L**

It was further agreed that Cllr.Isaacs should continue dealing with the proposed ownership of the field off Cottage Road. **ACTION – Cllr.Isaacs**

Councillors roles and responsibilities item to next agenda. **ACTION – Clerk**

5. To formulate a maintenance plan for playarea including costs

A maintenance plan to be available at next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk is able to authorise repairs that are considered to be a H & S hazard.

6. Possible future projects inc equipment for adults

Costings to be determined by R & L Committee. **ACTION – R & L**

7. Environmental report

Cllr.Isaacs presented an *Environmental Strategic Plan* and amendments were made. New agreed plan to be presented at a future meeting.

8. Planning

11/02963/FUL – 4 Chapel Road - Supported

12/00027/FUL – 24 Chapel Road – Supported

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that these applications be supported

VWHDC to be informed that the plans 12/00027/FUL state 24 High St

9. Clerk

VWHDC informed council that the cost of the May election would be £813.32 this despite previously suggesting that there would be no charge.

The notice board outside the old newsagents needs to be moved. Sites were discussed. Item to next agenda

VWHDC GO ACTIVE Activator (A.Chapman) considering tennis exercise in Stanford and requires costs. £10 ph day £15 ph night (Lights) to be recommended to council for approval **ACTION – Clerk**

Next meeting 7th March 2012