



SEPTEMBER 2002

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2002 AT STANFORD VILLAGE HALL.

Before the meeting Council and Parishioners stood in silence in remembrance of John Webb

Chairman of Stanford FC, who passed away earlier in the day

Questions/comments from Parishioners

There was a large attendance by Parishioners(110) due to the ‘notice to quit’ served upon the football by the Council solicitor. There was much discussion and heated exchanges both from the parishioners amongst the councillors themselves. The Clerk had received advice from the OALC and a copy of LC 1972 General Disposals Consents. Mrs.Packer stated that the District Council solicitor disagreed with OALC and his opinion was contrary to the Parish Council’s advice. The Parish Council solicitor was present. Chairman read a statement prepared by himself which he hoped would clarify the Council’s position.(Att.Apendix A). After over an hour the Chairman said that there was still a monthly council meeting to complete, and asked that the questions ceased, adding that further negotiation was needed and would be at a time and place convenient to all parties. There followed a 10 minute recess.

Present:

Mr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair)

Mr.S.Bambury

Mr.A.Bungay

Mr.M.Williams

Mrs.R.Packer

Mr.G.Hughes

Mr.P.Gill

Mr.B.Burls

Mr.G.Sandels

1/09/02 Apologies:Nil

2/09/02 Minutes of meeting 3 July 2002

4/07/02consultations with the Parish Council – Reply *add no not yet*

3/07/02*add shared ownership*

Following these amendments it was proposed Mr. Williams seconded Mr. Gill minutes be approved – carried

3/09/02 Matters arising : Nil

4/09/02 Minutes of Planning/Finance meeting 7 August 2002

Add discussion took place regarding spraying of weed. Clerk to investigate the certification requirements.

Following this addition it was proposed Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Burls minutes be approved - carried

5/09/02 Matters arising

Mr. Williams asked who had been spraying in the village – nobody knew, Clerk to ask Oxon CC.

6/09/02 Report of District Councillor

1. There were no ordinary meetings during August.
2. Tomorrow evening there is a special Council meeting to push forward the draft Local Plan which will function to 2011.

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There is now a tentative timetable & there will be a 6 week period of consultation. An exhibition will visit various venues around the Vale.

3. At present New Abbey House in Abingdon is having big alterations to create a “One Stop Shop” (There should also be one in Faringdon so that we all have access to the same level of service.)

4.Electric blanket testing.Appointments only.Grove 13 Sept.Abingdon 20 Sept.

Tel: 01865 815000

7/09/02 Report of County Councillor

Developing partnerships for rural Oxfordshire – The South East Rural Towns Partnership(SERTP)is sponsoring a seminar and a series of workshops during Sept.and October.The aim is to both spread good practice from work in Faringdon and to offer practical support and information on a range of issues relating to working in partnership.The workshops will be hosted by the four District Councils in Oxfordshire and by Oxfordshire CC.

Last month I had the pleasure of presenting two prizes – a dinner for two at the Rose & Crown in Ashbury and a bicycle voucher for £50 to winners of a draw selected from those responding to a questionnaire sent to households around Uffington,Childrey,Ashbury etc.This is a “hands on” project to improve facilities for pedestrians,cyclists,horse riders and car drivers in the White Horse area.

Almost a quarter of residents responded and when asked about their local road safety and traffic problems,almost half cited HGV’s using unsuitable roads as a particular problem.

Exams update – While detailed figures on Oxfordshire’s overall GCSE and A level results are not yet available,we do know that some excellent results have been achieved thanks to the hard work and commitment of pupils and teachers and the support of parents.In relation to GCSE’s it is likely that Oxfordshire’s overall results will reflect the national picture of improving performance and early indications are that the year’s A level results are amongst the best ever.

Top Planning Role – The South East England Regional Assembly Regional Planning Committee recently elected the leader of the Council,Keith Mitchell as Chairman.The Committee comprises 14 Councillors from local authorities across

the South East, three representatives of economic interests in the region and three representatives of social and environmental interests. The Committee is charged with advising the Regional Executive and Regional Assembly on many of the key issues facing the whole of the South East today. These include the allocation of housing numbers across the region, the provision of affordable housing, transport policy and energy policy.

8/09/02 Report of Clerk : Nil

9/09/02 Correspondence

a) Village Hall Management Committee – Complaint that PC mislead village Re: Newsletter item £300 *Waived by this Council* – To be copied to Councillors Councillors Williams, Packer & Bungay asked why item had been published despite telling the Editor it was incorrect. Mr. Bambury stated that he was assured by the author that item was correct. Mr. Bungay asked about Millennium Hall grant – it was stated at the previous meeting that the item had been deferred.

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- b) Abingdon Town Council/VWHDC – Service of Celebration for life Hon. Alderman John Jones OBE – Clerk to send note of sympathy.
- c) Oxfordshire C.C. – Ragwort Strategy – Mrs. C. Parker had agreed to become the Stanford Ragwort Co-ordinator –
- d) ORCC – Grants for Parish Plans – Noted
- e) OALC – Minutes of AGM – Noted
- f) OALC – Advice FC Lease – As previously noted
- g) Oxfordshire CC – Planning Green Paper – Continued campaign against green paper
- h) DEFRA – Planning Green Paper – Further details of parish involvement and

vital villages.- Noted

i)SERTP – Developing Partnerships for Rural Oxfordshire – Noted

j)Public Purposes Charity – Change of Officers(Chair – Mrs.Sally Barnes Clerk
Dr.David N.Axford) – Noted

l) Wantage Silver Band – Application for Grant – Deferred to March

m)Home-Start – Application for grant – Deferred to March

n)NALC – Further financial regulations and internal auditors role.

o)Vale of WHDC – Standards Board – Change of address – Noted

p)Oxfordshire CC – Gatso Speed Recorder – Offer of loan to parishes to check
speeds through village.Clerk stated conditions of loan,Mr.Sandels and Mr.Gill
expressed an interest in operating the machine.Proposed Mrs.Packer seconded
Mr.Hughes that the offer be accepted – Carried.

q)New Faringdon Health Centre – Invitation to attend opening – Mr.Williams and
Mr.Bambury to attend.

10/09/02 Planning applications

STA/7904/24 – 5 White Horse Business Park – 3 Bay extension to rear of
Existing light Indus.unit – Supported

STA/17648 – 2 Manor Cres. – Erection of 2 storey side extension – Supported
Mrs.Packer declared an interest.

11/09/02 Monthly Statement of Accounts

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

12/09/02 Accounts for payment

D.M.Dew

Salary & Expenses

512.19

D.M.Dew	Refreshments village of Year	37.08
Playground Man.Services	Playground Safety Inspection	88.71
British Telecom	Telephone	54.27
KJM Garden Services	Grass Cutting	87.59
Portwell Press	Repro	20.32
J.Northcote	Salary	103.20
D.Rolls	Salary	87.00

Proposed by Mr.Hughes seconded by Mr.Sandels accounts be paid – carried

Mr.Bambury declared an interest

13/09/02 Newsletter

Village of Year success to be reported.Mr.Williams asked about three Councillors

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objecting to the item regarding the hall(3 PC hall management committee members) and did the editor not think that the 3 were correct.Mr.Bambury had made some alterations and had assumed that the copy had been correct.

14/09/02 Playarea

Clerk reported on RoSPA report and while some items failed the new European standards which were not compulsory and were far sticter than previous UK standards.The only item of equipment that was of high risk was the tractor and the report recommended removal.The Council regretted removing this popular item it was proposed by Mr.Williams seconded Mr.Bungay tractor be removed – carried
Due to the *disappearance* of the scheduled contactor,new quotes will be obtained for refurbishment of playarea

15/09/02 Recreation & Leisure

Mr.Gill reported KickWall being built at present and the shelter metal parts were being manufactured. There would be updated cost figures for the MUGA and an electrical supply would be needed for the floodlights,these needing planning permission.He had talked to Mr.Sandels regarding siting of memorial seats which would be vandal resistant.Mr.Williams gave Clerk written details of new mowers.

16/09/02 Model Standing Orders

Item to next agenda

17/09/02 Renewal of account signatories

Much confusion caused by Lloyds Bank who after asking for Councillors to attend with proof of identity professed to know nothing about it.Clerk has hopefully sorted the matter with computer centre in Leeds

18/09/02 Any other urgent business

Chairman reported on County final of Best Village and thanked all who took part.

Questions/comments from parishioners

Mrs.Iles speaking about the village of Year final said the whole truth had not been told to the judges and there were many things that had not been said.Chairman said that the judges had been given copies of the newsletter and also a copy of the letter from the Football Club (Dean Grimes)Some councillors expressed disappointment at not being informed about the final – Chairman pointed out it was advertised in the August newsletter. Dr.Axford asked about toilet facilities in recreation field and the importance of cooperation with organisations Mrs.Williams said access to toilets was through the bar area and would limit child use – it has

been used before without problem. Mr.Gill asked about Jubilee Green and asked for discussions regarding parking and improvements - The grant application is still being processed – ownership is with the Oxon CC ? Part of the County plan is to improve drainage system to prevent flooding.Mr.Bungay asked about Jubilee Green seat – On going

