

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale**

**Present:** Cllr P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury Cllr.G.Hughes Cllr P.Gill  
Cllr.Mrs G.McMorrow Cllr.M.Isaacs Cllr.D.Monahan Smith  
Cllr.M.Tilley(County Cllr) D.M.Dew(Clerk)

There were no questions / comments from parishioners

**01/09/10 Apologies**

Cllr.M.Vallis Cllr B Burls(Business) Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor)

**02/09/10 Declarations of interest by councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr Bambury Cllr McMorrow - Agenda item 12 Committee decisions

**03/09/10 Report of County Councillor**

Budget to be revised to account for £200,000,000 cuts. Those under threat include Libraries,youth centres and preschools although our preschool funding is safe. Cllr talked about the disabled car parking space in Upper Crale and that OCC had agreed to lower the kerb at no cost and VWHDC had agreed a piece of land for parking but would not pay for gravel etc. Clerk informed Council that by law we were unable to provide financial assistance.

Cllr.Tilley stated her concerns about excessive road furniture(signs) and the need to remove them. Cllr Isaacs stated that he would not want to see money being spent to remove the signs. It appears that gangs are targeting people for robbery,GBH and sexual abuse by using baby seats left by the road side to get cars to stop. It is advised that motorists should not stop and report incidents to the police – item to newsletter

**04/09/10 Minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 to be received and signed as a true record**

Item 07/07/10 line 3 amend to read “Prince William Trust”

Line 15 insert “temporary” before electric meter”

Item 10/07/10 (b) amend to read “3 grants outstanding”

Item 14/07/10 Resolution delete Cllr Isaacs insert Cllr G.McMorrow

Item 15/07/10 line 5 delete “at the new recreation site”

Following these amendments

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

**05/09/10 Report of Clerk**

- a) Missing litter and dog bin – Manor Green and Cottage Road. VWHDC deny taking them away but will replace as soon as finance permits. Bin on Millennium Green needs replacing
- b) Weeding – in progress. Council suggests an item in newsletter asking householders to clear weeds outside their property
- c) Wasp nest rec.field – Cleared late on a Friday evening by Vale Game at no cost
- d) Following an insurance claim against Council (Mower/stone/car window) it was discovered that the registration number allocated to the mower was in fact for a m/cycle. Clerk is investigating
- e) New play equipt – Following complaints regarding use contactor proved that the hand holds would only fit one way and were designed that way. Clerk stated that RoSPA inspection would clarify or not
- f) Mower and Strimmer replacement – Discussion took place regarding replacement and while the strimmer replacement was approved there were some reservations regarding the mower. Clerk reminded Council that we always bought second hand and that the mowers got through a tremendous amount of work in a long cutting season. Clerk also reminded Council that we received over £5000 per year for cutting county owned areas. The older John Deere (Cylinder) while still working had several faults which would be expensive to repair although we will get an estimate – Item to next agenda
- g) Woodland vandalism – Following reports of disappointment by OCC Waste Project Management Group (Funders) – Clerk replied vandalism due to Deer herds in the woodland and reminded the group that it had been forcast that we would lose 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of trees anyway
- h) Audited annual accounts – Notice of conclusion of audit

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs McMORROW  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the annual return be accepted and approved

**06/09/10 Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda**

Planning applications have been submitted for change of use of area off Cottage Road and for proposed new floodlights in rec field. Grants have also been applied for. Cost £14,000 with individual controls with majority of funding from WREN.

Solicitors Benhams had been active regarding the land at the Village Hall and were in contact with the Land Registry

The Village had been awarded a Biodiversity award our 14<sup>th</sup> award and it was approved that this award be noted on the honours board.

Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to Cllr Isaacs for his photographs of Cottage Road.

### **07/09/10 Correspondence**

Parishioner – Street lighting VanDiemans – Clerk in contact with OCC Lighting team who are looking into extra light , cost etc.

VWHDC – Chairmans Community Awards Lunch – Nominations required

OCC – County Council reductions debates - Noted

VWHDC – Licensing policy – Noted

CPRE – Agenda AGM 2010 – Noted

ORCC – News bulletin – Noted

ORCC – AGM/90<sup>th</sup> Birthday conference – Noted

### **08/09/10 Report of District Councillor**

Nil

### **09/09/10 Football Club lease – Current situation**

Letter compiled by lease committee and approved by our solicitor had been delivered to the FC Chairman. This letter was read to Council highlighting the 3 options available to the club. In the meantime the solicitor had as required by law served notice to quit on the club

### **10/09/10 Planning applications**

**STA/21145/1 16 Spencers Close – Erection of 2 storey extension to rear  
Not Supported**

Clerk reported that despite Council objections the application for 3 dwellings at Stanford Mill had been approved by District planners. Various suggestions were made in order to take the DC to task but the Environmental Agency had also approved the plan (Flooding risks) and Clerk advised that there is no way forward for the Parish Council with the DC stating that they could not and would not be

held responsible for further flooding.

### **11/09/10 Monthly statement of accounts**

Due to non arrival of bank statements no up to date figures were available

### **12/09/10 Committee decisions July/Aug 2010**

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

### **13/09/10 Accounts for payment**

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|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| D.M.Dew      | Salary,casual & Exp | 1404.20 |
| D.Rolls      | Mowing              | 406.00  |
| M.Johnson    | Weeding             | 125.00  |
| Allplay      | Play equip          | 6286.25 |
| BDO          | Audit               | 334.88  |
| VWHDC        | Planning            | 167.50  |
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| Benhamlaw    | FC Lease            | 693.25  |
| P.Keen       | Gardening           | 80.00   |
| Village Hall | Meetings            | 8.10    |

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

### **14/09/10 Recreation and Leisure report**

#### **Projects-**

- New climbing equipment installed by All Play Services- Some parishioners have questioned the positioning of the handholds on the climbing wall. Need to contact All Play for their thoughts.
- Health and Safety checks on our equipment continue as normal.
- Grass cutting is under control.

- Weed control at the MUGA needs further treatment.
- Fencing needs further attention at the recreation ground alongside Joyces Road. .
- Skate ramps to be painted and hope same group can still help
- All Play Services have replaced damaged green carpet in Village Play Area
- Steel Box in recreation ground by MUGA- prone to water seepage

We may have to consider using our own operatives to tackle the above tasks or perhaps council may have other suggestions.

The new building on the Play Area is going to schedule and any refurbishment will take place when all is completed.

Date Of Next Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010