

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.**

**1. Election of Chairman:**

Cllr.Gill nominated by Cllr. Warren seconded by Cllr.N.Lewis. This being the only nomination Cllr.Gill was elected Chairman. A vote of thanks to Cllr.Gill for his work as Chairman during the past year was proposed and carried unanimously. At this point Cllr.Gill signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Parishioners questions/comments:

Cllr.Hughes asked about the drainage works being carried out on the A417 near the garage , and voiced concerns about future flow into the drainage system and the use of the ditch which would flow into the River Ock. He was advised to put his concerns and questions in writing to the Clerk.

**Present:** P.Gill(Chair)                    S.Bambury                    G.Hughes                    D.Monahan Smith                    J.Warren  
P.Lewis                    N.Lewis                    K.Williams Cuss  
M.Tilley (County Councillor)                    R.Sharp (District Councillor)                    M.Dew (Clerk)  
2 Parishioners

**2. Apologies**

M.Isaacs (Business)                    S.Jackson (Business)

**3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any Agenda Item**

Nil

**4. Election of Officers:**

**Deputy Chairman:** Current Deputy Chairman Cllr Monahan Smith declined to stand again and council thanked him for his work. Cllr.Warren was nominated by Cllr.N.Lewis and seconded by Cllr. Williams Cuss. This being the only nomination Cllr.Warren was elected Deputy Chairman

**Hon Secretary:** Cllr.Bambury was nominated by Cllr.Warren seconded by Cllr.Gill – carried

**Senior Councillor:** Cllr.Hughes was nominated by Cllr.Monahan Smith seconded by Cllr.Williams Cuss – carried

**5. Election of Committees:**

a) **Planning and Finance :** All council members

b) **Environmental:** Cllr.Isaacs , Cllr. Bambury, Cllr. Williams Cuss , Cllr.P.Lewis, Cllr.Hughes

c) **Recreation & Leisure:** Cllr.Williams Cuss, Cllr.Warren, Cllr. N.Lewis, Cllr.Monahan Smith,Cllr. Jackson

**6. Appointment of Representatives to Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr.Gill, Cllr.P.Lewis , Cllr.Warren , Cllr.Jackson

**7. Minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to be received and signed as a true record**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS CUSS

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

**8. Minutes of previous meeting 4 April 2012 to be received and signed as a true record**

Item 4 Housing needs Survey line 6 Delete *or just on a rural exception site*. Following this amendment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.WARREN

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

**9. Minutes of previous meeting 18 April 2012 to be received and signed as a true record**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

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

**10. Report of County Councillor**

New leader of county council conservative group elected and Cllr.Tilley is unsure if she will have a position or not, She has a pool of money which can be used locally in agreement with 2 other local county councillors for the benefit of local projects ie flashing road signs. This item to be discussed at next parish council meeting. Talked about flood/drainage work being carried out on A417 as noted earlier in minutes. Clerk stated that items of equipment lying in grass had possibly damaged one of our mowers. County Councillor noted the comment.

**11. Report of District Councillor**

Anchor planning waiting for independent feasibility report. Resturant/Takeaway involves further consultation. Has yet to see Local Plan Report for housing

**12. Report of Clerk**

- A) End of Year audit – due to constraints imposed by Government regulations an extra full meeting may be required in order to approve accounts
- B) Parking on Village Greens – Cllr Hughes explained his long battle to stop vehicles parking on greens. Has been in touch with Housing Association regarding residents in Van Diemens who have issued warnings, also Police not really interested.
- C) Standing Orders – No standing Order regarding objections from parishioners is in place therefore all applications will be decided at the meeting where applications are presented

**13. Report of Chairman**

Spoken to OCC Highways regarding the position of notice board, they will be checking utilities. Weeding of footpaths – OCC had stated that grants were available and also suggested using the “Community Order” system using persons working under Community Service providing there was toilet/hot drink facilities

Street cleaning was carried out as per a 40 day cycle.

A manhole cover on Upper Green needed attention although ownership was not apparent. Clerk stated that he thought that through previous trouble it belonged to Thames Water. Cllr.Williams Cuss thought it would be advantageous to list all drains/covers with owners and she was prepared to carry out this task.

Bow road ditches/hedges had been worked on by residents and some land owners.

With the Summer Festival approaching Cllr.Williams Cuss volunteered to make the flower display on behalf of the Council.. It was resolved that as in previous years £25 be allocated towards the display.

Housing survey – following paperwork provided by Cllr.Bambury it was decided that discussions on contents/makeup would be held at the next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June and prior to that comments should be sent to Cllr.Bambury .

Cllr.N.Lewis asked if the Chairman's report could be made available prior to the meeting

#### **14. Correspondence**

Nil

#### **15. Planning applications**

P12/V0896 19 Knolles Drive SIV SN7 8FD – 2 Storey side extension

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr. MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council had no strong views on this application and accepted that VWHDC will determine as it considers appropriate

#### **16. Monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.WARREN

SECONDED BY Cllr.N.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the statement of accounts be approved

#### **17. Accounts for payment inc nominated charitable donations**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

Following discussion it was resolved that the following donations be made:

Stanford in the Vale First Responders - £150 Cllr.Williams Cuss - Cllr. Bambury

The Independent Advice Centre - £50 Cllr.Warren – Cllr.Bambury

Citizens Advice Bureau - £50 Cllr.Warren – Cllr.Bambury

#### **18. Reports from Recreation & Leisure Committee**

Jubilee event 3<sup>rd</sup> June additional volunteers required to steward events and help setting up

**19. Date of next meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Finance and Housing Needs Survey discussion