

**MINUTES of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.**

**Present:** Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(C) Cllr.S.Bambury(Dep Chair) Cllr.P.Gill  
Cllr.B.Burls(Senior Cllr.) Cllr.G.Hughes Cllr.Mrs G.McMorrow  
Cllr.M.Isaacs Cllr.M.Vallis

**D.M.Dew(Clerk) 2 Parishioners**

**Questions/Comments from Parishioners**

Mr.H.Wood initiated a discussion regarding Frogmore Lane/Jubilee Green and distributed maps of the green showing the area which it was claimed was under OCC ownership. This was disputed by the Chairman who stated that it showed responsibility rather than ownership which was to be decided by law. There was a further disagreement as to what was actually said by the OCC Officers regarding the Jubilee Tree as to its current state and future renovations. It was pointed out to Mr.Wood that the fencing erected by him around part of the green was a possible hazard due to Health and Safety regulations and had been removed. He asked if it was Parish Council policy to acquire land, the reply being yes, the Council is always looking for further recreational land due to the present short fall in the village as recommended by Government. The street sign position had been objected to by both Council and residents who had asked for the sign to be replaced in its old position and not to be obscured by parked vehicles. Item to next agenda

**01/01/10 Apologies**

Cllr.D.Monahan Smith(Illness) County Cllr.M.Tilley(Illness) District Cllr.R.Sharp

**02/01/10 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr Bambury Cllr.Hughes Accounts for Payment – Item 10  
Cllr.Isaacs Stanford Relief in Need Charity – Donation – Item  
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Cllr.Vallis Football Club Lease – Item 13

**03/01/10 Minutes of previous meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to be received and  
signed as true record**

Page 2 06/11/09 Jubilee Green insert county *TREE* specialist  
Page 4 09/11/09 Planning Applications delete not insert *NO*  
Page 5 17/11/09 Recreation & Leisure Report 1<sup>st</sup> point delete repair insert *WEEDING*  
Following these amendments:

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr.VALLIS

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

**04/01/10 Report Of County Councillor**

Nil

**05/01/10 Report of Clerk**

- Dog Bins – Contacted VWHDC regarding repositioning in Cottage Road
- Coop deliveries – Insufficient room to turn in yard. P. Wentworth to look at enlarging area by removing equipt. It was pointed out that all reversing lorries should be supervised by a banksman
- Parish Seal now received and held by Clerk
- Fidelity Guarantee – New insurance company contacted. Comparative quotes will be looked at
- Cheque authorization – Government is looking at ways to combat the phasing out of cheques and use by Councils of Debit Cards. Clerk stated that he thought that this went against all the present regulations
- Earthline unsheeted loads – Clerk had contacted VOSA who had provided him with both Earthline license number and a freephone line to register complaints with VOSA
- Increase in working hours – Council agreed that the Clerk's position had become increasingly busy (OALC had classed this PC very active) and it was suggested that the hours be increased to 25 per week to include the weekly notice boards and playarea inspections

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS  
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerks working hours be 25 per week

**06/01/10 Report of Chairman**

The plans for a new Playgroup building were for a detached building. Legal costs are to be met from the OCC grant. Our solicitor and the District Valuer will determine a proposed lease rental, the valuers to invoice their fee to the PC for payment by playgroup. Cllr. Isaacs asked that the buildings be sustainable

**07/01/10 Report of District Councillor**

Nil

## **08/01/10 Correspondence**

- Came & Co – Parish Council Insurance – Clerk to compare with current insurance
- Benhams Solicitors – terms of business and engagement – Noted
- VWHDC – Additional consultation “Your Vale – Your Future” - Noted
- VWHDC – Budget proposals – Possible reduction of grants inc cleansing – Noted
- VWHDC – Referral of planning applications – further work and clarification required before the present scheme is changed – Noted
- TV Police – Faringdon East Neighbourhood update – Noted
- Stanford PPC – Further information and clarification requested regarding *improved access to countryside and creation of community woodland* – Cllr Isaacs to reply
- O.C.C. – Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework informal consultation 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2010 Stanford Village Hall – Cllr.P.G.McMorrow to attend

## **09/01/10 Planning applications**

STA/20310/2 Land adjoining Stutfield Bridge – *Retrospective application for permission for the erection of a wooden barn to store hay* – **Not supported**

STA/14312/1 Croft Cottage Faringdon Road – *Proposed side extension and 2<sup>nd</sup> storey Bathroom extension* – **Supported**

STA/19453/1 1 Warwick Close – *Erection of single storey front extension* – **Supported**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr. ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that these decisions be approved

## **10/01/10 Monthly Statement of Accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. GILL  
SECONDED BY Cllr.VALLIS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts be approved

## **11/01/10 To approve General Purposes Committee Decisions Nov/Dec 2009**

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

## **12/01/10 Accounts for Payment**

Portwell Press	Official Parish Seal Stamp	44.56
Easyspace	Domain/Web Hosting	129.28
D.M.Dew	Salary,expenses.casual wages	1265.02
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreaths	50.00

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

## **13/01/10 Football Club Lease**

A meeting between PC and FC has been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to discuss the terms of a new lease. Clerk pointed out that both the internal and external auditors were unhappy with the present system of payment for floodlight electricity. A copy of the electricity bill should be made available to council and when the invoice is prepared a council member should be present at the meter reading. Clerk to inform the FC treasurer of this requirement.

## **14/01/10 Refuse collection as from October 2010**

VWHDC intend to use “wheelie” bins as from October 2010 with a fortnightly collection plus further boxes for “food waste” and “recycling”. Council were concerned that there had been no previous consultation, Clerk to write in protest at the proposals

## **15/01/10 Stanford Relief in Need Charity – Donation**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be suspended in order that Mr.M.Williams of the Charity address the council regarding the application

Mr.Williams detailed the renovation of an historic plaque within St.Deny’s Church and it was the right time to do so due to other renovations in the Church. Estimated cost was £1746 and the charity was seeking a letter of support from council to “kick-start” further grant aid. Council supported the project in principle and Clerk to inform Charity. As regards to any donation, the matter will be discussed at the March council meeting with all other donation requests.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be reopened

## **16/01/10 “Rural Houses for RURAL Communities”**

Cllr.Gill reported on his attendance at a recent seminar. It featured affordable housing within villages for people to stay in their village where they were born or brought up. There followed a heated debate regarding the village infrastructure, previous affordable housing (Forest Grove) had not resulted in any uptake from villagers and people from outside the village had moved in. Cllr.Gill tabled a resolution that an “Enabler” be invited to the next meeting to explain more details. There was no seconder for the resolution and a counter resolution was put forward that *“when additional land is available to the council then the idea should be reviewed”*

Voting on the resolution: 5 For 1 Against 1 Abstention

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.VALLIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the decision be approved and noted

## **17/01/10 Woodland/Footpath Projects**

Cllr.Isaacs detailed grants approved - TOE £3000 woodland and £10000 footpath. Clerk to contact land lease holder regarding permission to install a culvert to alleviate flooding. Funding was in place for the footpaths and work was due to start although the new bridges will take longer.

## **18/01/10 Recreation & Leisure Report**

### **Projects-**

- The higher fence at the Recreation Ground has been completed with appreciative comments from the residents. The contractor All Play Services have raked, spread top soil and seeded. Fencing adjacent to the 417 and the football pitch have been mended.
- The Lockable steel vault- to house tennis nets, netball posts etc. has been installed and now have the keys. We need to set up system for sensible use.
- The Village Woodland and Footpaths. Mark will update further to the last plans and costings.

### PossibleFuture Projects

- More benches for Recreation Ground by Skate Park and Junior Football Pitch and picnic tables at Village Hall Play Area.
- Cricket nets and surfaces, football posts wheel-away etc.

## Maintenance

- Health and Safety checks on our equipment continue as normal.
- All Play Services have replaced damaged wetpore but have still to replace green carpet. They have also made suggestions for replacement of Log areas. Could consider if finance allows.
- Weed control needed inside/outside MUGA. Also tarmac needs scrubbing of algae as it is slippery.
- Fencing needs attention at the recreation ground alongside Joyces Road. I have an offer of help and will attempt when weather is warmer.
- Skate ramps need painting as soon as weather permits.

It was agreed that at some point the need for extending the floodlights onto the junior football area should be looked at

## **19/01/10      Questions/comments from Parishioners**

There was a further discussion regarding Jubilee Green and the tree. Mr.Wood stated that residents would like the area protected. Removal of the barrier had resulted in car tracks on the green.

Mr.Williams asked about the new playgroup building plans.Clerk stated that as yet he had not received any plans and was unaware of the area of ground that it was proposed to use