

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 27 January 2008 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

There were no questions from Parishioners

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

Cllr.M.Tilley(County Cllr.) Cllr.R.Sharp(District Cllr.) D.M.De
 Ms H.Grylls(Parish Footpaths Rep.)

1/01/08 Apologies Nil

2/01/08 Declaration of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr Gill – Correspondence, Chairmans report and items arising from Recreation and Leisure report that concerned mowing of churchyard.

3/01/08 Minutes of previous meeting 14th November 2007 to be received and signed as a t

Item 2/11/07 Delete *Cllr P.G. Mc Moorow* insert *Cllr P.G.McMorrow*
 Item 6/11/07 Point 7 Delete *Churhyard* insert *Churchyard*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY
 SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that following these changes the minutes be approved

4/01/08 Report of County Councillor

A waste incinerator is to be built at a site as yet unknown, project “Heat from Waste”
 A lorry park is to be constructed to alleviate A34 traffic again site unknown
 Budget discussions are ongoing although Govt finance for social care and highways has
 drastically cut.

5/01/08 Footpaths Representative

An extremely detailed report was received from Ms Grylls who focused at this time on
 the **River Walk – Horsecroft and Park Lane**

1. Legal Responsibility – What is the responsibility of County Council, District Council and the Local
 County are responsible for the surface but not overgrowth. It is established that the path to Goo
 “Coffin Path” and therefore the responsibility of the District Council. The names of the riparian
 should be established and the flooding of path areas must be eased by ditches being cleared to t

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2. Abuse – Motor Bikes, pushchairs, mountain bikes – vehicular traffic is not allowed
3. Improvements – 2 new stiles 1 on river walk while the other is dangerous and described as a jol
 national standard for design and materials and owners replacing stiles and conforming to these
 qualify for a 20% grant
4. River Walk – Field crossings are dangerous due to cattle making deep holes and flooding. Chai

Cllr Isaacs had inspected this area and agreed that work needed to be carried out in the interests was also considered that due to the flooding and state of stiles/gates in the Horsecroft area that priority. Clerk informed Council of the legal aspect *Highways Act 1980 s 43 & s146* which states councils may repair only if they have the owners permission and if the right of way would become inoperative without repair. The view of the OALC is the County Council should be involved. Chairman, seconded by Cllr Isaacs proposed a vote of thanks to Ms Grylls for the detailed report which presented to Council.

6/01/08 Report of Clerk

Informed Council that he had been asked to act as a locum advisor for OALC to which he Graffitti – 3 areas had been cleared by Vale Housing and County Council. Highly abusive had been informed and made enquiries

Reported meeting with Rev. Wenham regarding the mowing of churchyard (*Item 6/11/07*), letter received from the Vicar after that meeting. Not being happy to tell volunteers that it no longer needed he asked that the council reconsider their decision. Under LG Act this is no no further discussion for 6 months. Chairman suggested that Council's petrol mower could be as surplus to requirements and could be sold to the PCC for a figure of £1750 and suggest they applied to the Public Purposes Charity for a grant. Cllr Isaacs said that he would talk about this proposal, otherwise the resolution stands.

Cllr. Gill had enquiries about use of floodlit MUGA and asked about charges. Clerk said that Park in Abingdon charged £35 an hour but recommended that the charge for organisation parish be free and for outside organisations £10 per hour

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that the fee for outside organisations use of floodlights be £10 p

7/01/08 Report of Chairman

1. War Memorial – Received an offer from PPC to erect a War Memorial. Council fully in favour newsletter regarding site, design and construction
2. Bow Road ditches due to be dredged to help ease flooding problems
3. Millennium Green ownership due to be transferred to Parish Council
4. In answering District Councils assessment Chairman had pointed out Shortage of Rec Land, Water Pressure, Flooding, Grass cutting by DC, and quarry works within A417 area always a Stanford in the Vale through vehicle movements

8/01/08 Correspondence

1. Play England – Seminar – Noted
2. Vale of White Horse DC – Cleaning Grants - £980 applied for
3. Rev M. Wenham – Re Mowing as previously discussed

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9/01/08 Planning

STA/17357/1 7 Sheards Lane - Erection of removable swimming pool cover – Support

STA/20351 25 Spencers Close – Addition of front dormer window – Supported

STA/10864/1 27a Huntersfield – Erection of 6' garden fence to replace existing – Support

STA/2237/10-LB The Manor House Church Green – Single storey annex to west side provide living accommodation for staff

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr. VALLIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that these decisions be approved

10/01/08 Environment

Cllr. Isaacs to liaise with Ms Grylls regarding stiles, footpaths inc costs and Horsecroft to due to flooding problems

11/01/08 Parking Laybys

To be considered at a separate meeting

12/01/08 Report of District Councillor

Old Goal has been sold new owners not yet announced – Budget discussions were ongoing was a large deficit – Representations had been made regarding complaints of bright white the Timbet area of the business park

13/01/08 To approve monthly statement of accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs McMORROW
IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

14/01/08 To authorise accounts for payment

D.M.Dew	Salary and Expenses	1390.17
Viking Direct	Office supplies	72.17
Easyspace	Web Hosting & name	114.57

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr VALLIS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

15/01/08 To approve Planning and Finance(Bills) Committee decisions December 2007

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

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16/01/08 Recreation and Leisure report inc tenders for proposed play equip**Projects:**

- Mark Isaacs will share recommendations re Pyramid Climbing Frames and Picnic Tables

Maintenance:

- *Higher fence issue at Football Club still to be agreed*
- Gate and timber rails have been placed (*Some still to complete*) at Huntersfield side of Village Park Fencing to improve entrance / exit from park and Village Hall. The intention to discourage climbing and further breakages. (*D.Rolls*)

- *Health & Safety work needed on two concrete posts and some fencing at the recreation ground. We have a quote for the job but Darren Rolls has still to complete.*
- Is the street and litter collection still working well?
- *The Grass verges on the A417 have still to be levelled after utility work. The Inspector concerned says it will be rectified. The saga continues.*
- *It will be good to get the new trailer collecting all debris from cuttings and taken to be recycled .Darren will complete ASAP.*
- *Graffiti –issue Dec.2007*

Cllr Isaacs reported that from 12 contractors there had been 7 responses and that the favoured tender was from Cotswold Playgrounds at approx £13,000 for net, benches and surface.

The plaque will be placed at the skate park as previously agreed

Cllr Vallis reported that the climbing wall would not be available until Easter for which he will book it if possible

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr VALLIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be accepted

17/01/08 Date of next meeting

5th March 2008