

Minutes of a Meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 6th September 2006 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

Present: Cllr. P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury (Dep.Chair)
 Cllr.P.Gill Cllr. B.Burls
 Cllr.Mrs G.McMorrow Cllr. Mrs. F.Shires

(Clerk) Mrs M.Tilley (County Councillor) Mr.R.Sharp (District Councillor) M.Dew

There were no questions/comments from Parishioners

1/09/06 Apologies

Cllr.G.Hughes – Cllr. M.Mullen – Cllr. M. Isaacs

2/09/06 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.Bambury and Cllr Gill – Item 12 – Accounts for payment

3/09/06 Report of County Councillor

Due to having to attend another meeting the council agreed that the County Councillor could

speak at this time.

attending

Mrs Tilley stated that starting 16/10 was Local Democracy Week when she will be

waste

Local schools to tell pupils about democracy and usually included a mini-election. A

more

management partnership to include all Oxfordshire Councils is proposed to become

A new

efficient and meet Euro targets. Led by OCC it will include new treatment processes.

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gully emptying machine which runs on rape seed oil has been purchased by OCC, a

ups ie

machine”. OCC were were looking a “shared services” system where all service back

computers will be in one place in order to save money.

4/09/06 Minutes of Meeting 5th July 2006 to be received and signed as a true record

Item 6/07/06 Page 2 Line 13 delete Honour – Insert Honor. After this change

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

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

5/09/06 Report of Clerk

- Bow Road Speeding – Spoken to Highways who arranged to meet Chairman on site
 Clerk arranged for hedges around 30mph signs to be cut back
- New Dog Bins – Joyces Rd and Cottage Rd – Emptying contractors aware
- Pensions/PAYE – Clerk would soon be liable under PAYE system was trying to avoid this by using self assessment. Reported that he was the only employee who wanted a pension consideration.
- Trees/path adj recreation field Cottage to Joyces rds – Complaints re tree roots –

Ownership could be an issue further enquiries required

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- Clerks training – requested accountancy course which could possibly be paid by Govt bursary. It was proposed by Cllr Burls seconded by Cllr Shires that the clerk proceeds with this.
- Accounts software – Impact software had ceased to exist following death of owner. There might be a future need to change to another company if there unsolvable problems
- Budget 2007/08 – Reminded Council that next meeting would be setting precept
- Council casual vacancy – Following the resignation of Cllr. Miles the Electoral Officer at District Council has been notified and clerk will be placing out vacancy notices

6/09/06 **Audit Commission Report & Observations 4 years 1998/2001**

Following a discussion about the report which endorsed the Chairman's comments (Appendix A)

It was further proposed by Cllr.P.G.McMorrow (Chairman)
Seconded by Cllr.S.Bambury (Dep.Chairman) that:

*Audit
audit of
observations* *This Parish Council have received and support the Chairman's observations on the
Commission report (31st July 2006), and his recommendation to formally complete the
financial accounts 1997 – 2001 inclusive. Spurious points raised by Mr.S.Warren's
will be raised elsewhere, if necessary.*

This resolution was passed unanimously. This minute to be passed to Sir Michael Lyons chair of
Audit Commission and Mr S.Warren

7/09/06 **Report of Chairman**

- PC Holder retirement – Cllr's Shires and McMorrow to choose and purchase an engraved decanter or similar in appreciation.
- Bow Road – Further to Clerks report,Highways proposed gates,dragon teeth and calming Bumps and considered that the 30mph signs were not located in the best place
- A decision from the PPP regarding grant for a new grass mower is expected next week. If the decision is favourable to the Council it was agreed that Chair & Clerk would purchase the mower already viewed and discussed. Space will be made for machine at Millennium Green
- New drainage /soakaway had been completed at Chapel Road/Frogmore Lane
- Hero of Year Award – The nominations for this award had been unsuccessful although they had been presented with mobile phones (Chair wishes to record that he as a nominator had also received one)
- Damage to Church Green – OCC are involved with insurers and builders regarding repairs and restoration of this corner
- There will be a vacancy for a street cleaner as from January 2007.
- Village of Year competition – a different format involved 16 villages in 6 categories and following visits and interviews results are expected shortly

8/09/06 **Correspondence**
VWHDC Community Forum 21/9/06 – Noted
Chairs charity dinner – Noted

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Housing Strategy Forum – Noted
O.C.C. Local Transport Plan 2006 – 2011 – Noted
 Summary of pupils' journeys to school – Noted web site for hard copies

Thames Water - Major Resource Development exhibition – Noted
RoSPA – Request use of skatepark for Playsafety training – approved
PPC – Approval of £6000 grant towards replacement play equipment Toddlers area
FAP - £25 cheque paid to Cllr Gill for his talk to ECOVAST re Skatepark and donated to PC for assistance to park upkeep

1st Stanford Scouts – Following their request for funding towards World Jamboree it proposed by Cllr Bambury seconded by Cllr Gill that £100 be donated to the County Assoc to help the 4 scouts from Stanford involved – approved

University of Glos. – Addressed to Chairman – Informing Council of Clerks success in gaining a BA(Hons) degree in Local Policy and thanking Council for their support in helping the Clerk. Council showed their appreciation for the Clerk gaining this award

SEERA – Review of SE Plan provision for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites – Noted

9/09/06 **Planning applications**

STA/8837/11 White Horse Business Park (at Independent Distillers Site) for Timbmet Ltd
Demolition of 3740 sq metres of building. Erection of 9901 sq metres of extension to the existing ClassB8 storage and distribution building to provide additional warehousing with ancillary office accommodation, vehicle maintenance workshop and canopy over loading bays

Council was concerned about Vehicle movements 130 x 2 daily, Access through village to A420 and landscaping of area

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Mrs.McMORROW
 SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that on the proviso that the Councils' concerns were noted there were no further objections

10/09/06 **Report of District Councillor**

Noted that we had received our cleaning grant. West area only receiving 30% of requests while Abingdon for example receives 100%, and parishes are having to pay twice for cleaning. DC mechanical sweeper should clean High St every week and remainder of village every 40 days.

11/09/06 **To approve monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
 SECONDED BY Cllr.SHIRES
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved (Att)

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12/09/06 To authorise accounts for payment

Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA)	Playareas Inspection	193.88
Stanford Village Hall	Rec & Leisure Committee	2.10
Portwell Press	Notices	37.00
KJM Garden Services	Mowing	80.00
Peter Gerring	Mowing/Hedging	282.00
Oxfordshire Scouts	s137 donation	100.00
J.Northcote	Salary	132.00
D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	902.31
C.P.N.Gill	Mower belt & Fuel	52.41

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

13/09/06 To approve Planning and Finance(Bills) committee decisions July 06

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

14/09/06 Recreation and Leisure Report

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Gill
 SECONDED BY Cllr BAMBURY
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the committee minutes 26th July 2006 be approved (att)

Projects:

Please see L&R sub-comm. Minutes and proposals. Further to the minutes the Parish Council Chair Gerry McMorrow has been discussing the Village Park installations with the contractor Cotswold Playgrounds.

Maintenance:

- MUGA fencing has been repaired and we now have spare bolts and security key for locking bolts.
- Costings have been sought for repair of chain link fencing around Recreation Ground and concrete posts (hope to share at next meeting 06.09.06)
- Paint Skate Park Ramps. (Young People)
- Bin to be placed in Village Hall Car Park Area.(D.Rolls)
- Gate and timber rails to be placed 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)
- The Dog Bins have been placed by the District Council on Cottage Road and Joyces Road.

Grass cutting will always give us some difficulties depending on weather conditions etc but the opportunity to purchase a newer and larger machine, hopefully, will put us in a better situation

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for the coming year 2007. This also depends on ensuring we have a village handy person able to do the cutting when most needed and regularly. This has not always been the case through this year.

We now, I believe, need to put in place planned systems to ensure the Village is kept tidier and cared for. We have further opportunity, to plan something different, now that our present Street Cleaner intends to retire soon. I would like to continue with this theme at our meeting.

Following a discussion several changes were agreed to the original recommendations ie 8ft wooden swings, polypropelene "Wicksteads" train, Cotswold Playgrounds having discussions

thought
 rails
 field
 the budget
 employed to
 work
 per week
 would produce approx £36,000.

Cllr.Gill also showed photos of areas of village that needed work to be done and that consideration should be given to a regular work maintenance schedule. Gate and require replacement at village hall. Football Club fencing needs repair. M/Bikes on rec has been reported to police. Clerk reminded Council that this would cost money and calculations at next meeting should reflect this expenditure. Mr. Rolls is primarily mow grass on a part-time basis but has been more and more been used for maintenance

The present precept produces £23,200 and as a guideline a levy of £1 per household