



**NOVEMBER 2003**

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2003 at Stanford Village Hall.**

Questions/Comments from Parishioners

Mr. Nettleton addressed the Meeting regarding the revised Bus Timetables. There was no Saturday service and there being no direct route Swindon/Oxford meant waiting in Faringdon 45 minutes each day. He thought that the service provided was not in keeping with the times and asked how much the Parish Council had been involved/consulted on the new schedules. He was also concerned that the new time tables were difficult to understand.

The Chairman said that the times would be published in the newsletter, perhaps in an easier to understand format. He understood from the transport representatives that there was to be a review of the new service and that £36000 s106 planning gain from the David Wilson Homes had been allocated for public transport. It was noted that both the public service and the Community mini-bus were at times running almost together and this should be looked at.

District Councillor Sharp said that he had spoken to Oxon C.C. who had responded that service 63 was not being used

**Present: Mr.P.G.McMorrow(chair) Mr.S.Bambury**

**Mr.G.Hughes Mr.P.Gill**

**Mrs.G.McMorrow Mr.M.Mullen**

**Mr.M.Isaacs Mrs.L.Miles**

**Mrs.F.Shires**

**Mr.R.Sharp (District Councillor)**

**Mr.D.M.Dew(Clerk) 2 members of Public**

**1/11/03 Apologies Mr.B.Burls Mrs.A.Fitzgerald-O'Connor**

**2/11/03            Declarations of Interest by Councillors on Agenda Items**

L.Miles, F.Shires 10/11/03 Planning application STA/18194

S.Bambury 12/11/03 Accounts for Payment

**3/11/03            Minutes of previous meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003**

7/10/03            4<sup>th</sup> bullet point read as .... road

9/10/03            STA 18235 read as .. of a two storey

13/10/03          meeting of Council and skateboarders add 19/11/03

After these changes

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

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

**4/11/03            Report of District Councillor**

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Street cleaning grant. Had enquired of District Council Officers and formula is 50% but there are several recommendations for future grants. Councillors asked if this included a partnership where the parish council cleaned the whole village on behalf of the DC. This was not one of the recommendations. The parish Council made it known that they were not happy with the uncertainty as there were employees to budget for and also the scenario of double taxation through parish and district rate.

Mr.Sharp asked if in future his report could be a later agenda item enabling him to arrive at the meeting later in the evening. Council agreed to this request.

**5/11/03            Report of County Councillor**

I have had quite a busy few weeks recently, attending various meetings and conferences to do with children's issues. There was a very interesting conference in London entitled "If this were your child" which dealt with concerns of children in care and which was attended by delegates from all over the country. This gave a good opportunity to meet teachers, social workers and councillors from other authorities and exchange information and ideas in order to achieve better outcomes for Oxfordshire's children in care.

I have also attended meetings on the County museums, a school governors panel, Social and Health Care Scrutiny, Oxfordshire Play Association and am currently involved in a scrutiny review in order to maximise use of school premises for community use out of school hours.

I was shocked by the recently published road accident figures for Oxfordshire for the last year. 30% of all injuries involved young drivers (17-24) and 39% of all injuries are speed related and involve drivers travelling far too close and fast – these latter accidents are easily preventable. The A420 now has 50mph speed limits in many places, and it is hoped that this will cut down the accident rate.

As ever, please let me know if I can be of help in any County matter.

### **6/11/03 Report of Clerk**

- Had spoken to Thompsons Directories regarding "flytipping" Park Lane.
- Re: Marlborough Lane Footpath/Electric Fence : After being passed from County to H&S Executive and back to County the enforcement officers promised to visit the site. Cllr.Miles said that further to this grants were available to the land-owner to provide suitable gates on the path which meant that the owner only had to find £60. Chairman thought that if necessary the Parish Council could provide this money if the owner objected to the expense.

### **7/11/03 Report of Chairman**

- Notification of Audit of Accounts 97/98,98/99,99/00,00/01.
- Supernova installed and inspected by Parish Council and Wren
- Remembrance Day – Wreath provide by PC through donation to British Legion – ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs.McMORROW

APPROVED

- Further grants from Wren were hoped for years 2003 – 05. Application in
- January a decision in June. The pedestrian crossing in the High St. is costed at

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£40,000 and could be grant aided as County are looking for PC to provide

- 50%. With regards to grant funding, proposed projects to be notified by end of December

- Litter bin playarea repaired
- Quality Status – Would involve extra clerical & finance input

### **8/11/03          Precept 2004/2005**

Cllr. Gill asked if he had to argue his case to precept for floodlights and skateboard equipt. Chairman stated that this was not the case, the precept being set through budget/project requirements less the income expected from agency fees and grants approved but not payable until 04/05. Cllr.Gill to find costs of floodlight electricity.

After further discussion in which Chairman stated that due to extra housing in the village an increased precept would not mean an increase for parishioners and would probably mean a decrease in the parish rate. Excess monies from previous years are earmarked for future projects ie playarea/rec field With this information

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept be set at £22,000

### **9/11/03          Correspondence**

- Vale of WHDC – Flood seminar
- Society of Local Clerks – Quality Council conference 4/12
- OALC – Winter meeting 24/11
- Age Concern – recruiting Link Volunteers – To newsletter
- Citizens Advice Bereau – Open evening 13/11
- Football Foundation – permission to procede with project
- OPFA – Confirmation of membership
- OCC – School Travel Action Plan

Bus Services

Speedwatch Posters

### **10/11/03          Planning applications**

- STA/18194 2 Cowderoy Place (Amended) – Objected due to distance  
between walls

- STA/4196/24 27 High St. – Objected due to already erected and previous applications have been rejected.
- STA/18291 Mill Farm Faringdon Road – No objection but concern access/egress main road

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr. BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that these decisions be passed to District Council

**11/11/03 To approve monthly statement of accounts**

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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved

**12/11/03 To authorise accounts for payment**

DM Dew	Salary/expenses	668.03
J.Northcote	Salary	120.00
MDC Welding	Waste Bin Plate repair	29.38
P.Gerring	Mowing/Hedging	117.50
Portwell Press	Repro	5.29
A.W.Robins	Storage area gate repairs	160.00
Kompan	VAT Supernova	517.65
Cotswold Playgrounds	VAT Supernova surface	283.50
SEC	Floodlights	6748.64

SLCC	Conference Fee (2)	45.00
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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.MILES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

### **13/11/03 High Street pedestrian Crossing & s106 planning gain**

Discussed at 7/11/03

### **14/11/03 Recreation & Leisure**

Chairman thanked Cllr.Gill for his report. Cllr.Gill will look at electricity charges and he will also continue to operate the floodlights.he also spoke about planting trees in the recreational field and asked Councillors to look at sites for further plantings.

The required street light (double) at entrance near MUGA is costed at £1400 of which SEC are prepared to pay 50%. Parish Council will pay remaining £700 if necessary.

Estimate for skatepark floodlighting to be obtained by Cllr.Gill

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Mrs.McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.MULLEN

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be accepted

There being no further business

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Mrs.McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be closed

