

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 5th April 2005 in the Millennium Hall.

There were no questions from Parishioners but Cllr.Gill asked that he might comment before the meeting that he thought that the Chairman was over verciferous when speaking to Councillors. The Chairman disagreed, with the support of the Councillor concerned. Chairman explained that he acted to remain within and comply with law and the matter had concerned finances. Cllr.Gill said he was quite happy with the finances but felt it was not necessary to raise voices.

Present: **Mr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair)** **Mr.P.Gill**
 Mrs.G.McMorrow **Mr.M.Mullen**
Mr.M.Isaacs **Mrs.L.Miles**

Mr.R.Sharp(District Councillor) Mr.D.M.Dew(Clerk)

1/04/05 Apologies: Mr.S.Bambury(Business) Mr.G.Hughes(Medical)
 Mr.B.Burls(Private) Mrs.F.Shires(Holiday)
 Mrs.A.Fitzgerald-O'Connor(County Councillor)
 Ms.C.White(Internal Auditor)

2/04/05 Declaration of Interest by Councillors on any Agenda Item

Cllr Isaacs – Item 8 Planning

3/04/05 Minutes of Meeting 2nd February 2005

Present – delete Mrs.L.Miles
 6/02/05 bullet point 8 change to AERIAL
 8/02/05 Change to PLANNING
 Following these amendments
 ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL
 SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs McMORROW
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

4/04/05 Report of County Councillor

Nil

5/04/05 Report of Clerk

- Another dog owner has been reported for not bagging dog mess
 - Radio waves – Numerous incidents reported of non starter cars, car alarms, loss of TV reception. It was suspected that “radio hams” were the problem. They are aware of the feeling in the village and are attempting to resolve the problem before someone “ takes the law into their own hands”. The Government Agency concerned can only act upon disrupted Radio/TV reception as can the District Council environmental officers.
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- Reports that dog owners are entering the recreation field via the Football Club double gates which are often left open during the week.. The Dogs Prohibited signs have disappeared from this gate.
 - Despite several requests there is an outstanding account with Uffington Juniors FC for hire of floodlights amounting to £98. There is a legal obligation upon councils to collect money outstanding and this has now had to be carried over as a debit from last years accounts. It was approved that a final letter be sent to Uffington Juniors FC prior

to any legal action.

- Accounts 2004/05 now closed surplus of £5900 compared to the previous year deficit of £19800
- Hills , through Oxfordshire CC had provided a very comprehensive report regarding the proposed extension of Bowling Green Farm Quarry. The Chairman and Clerk gave a précis of the proposal and commented that Hills had always been exemplary within their operations at this site.

5/04/05 Report of Chairman

- 16 May 2005 reception at Defence Academy Shrivenham. Will attend along with others who wanted to attend
- Internal Auditor has almost finished the accounts
- The Government appointed Auditor has requested a statement of accounts
- Salaries – new legislation had set guidelines for Clerks salary. For Stanford this equates to over £22000 per annum according to OALC. The Clerk has refused to accept this increase for the good of the village and has opted to accept the £1000 p; that was budgeted.. Councillors agreed that the amount budgeted should be paid and Cllr Isaacs proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for this action. Proposal seconded by Cllr Miles and carried. Clerk thanked Council for the increase and repeated that there was no way in which he would have burdened the parish with the recommended increase.
- Damaged verges – Cleanaway deny responsibility – Clerk to contact District Council again
- Forest Green – Provision of dog/litter bins, seats, playarea responsibility of David Wilson Homes – Clerk to contact
- Apology regarding play equipt. The Puppet should be a Crazy Springboard
- Complaints regarding vans parking on pavements causing restricted passage for elderly – Huntersfield/Glebe Road – Clerk to contact PC Holder
- Due to the proposed extension of Bowling Green Farm Quarry a grant from Hills had been applied for in respect of financial compensation
- Best Kept Village Competition – a year book is being produced containing 100 be; villages in UK – Stanford has made it to the last 150 so far and expects to be in the final line up.
- Sponsorship – M.Cox will be providing diesel for the mowers along

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with Cobra Pumps.. M.Cox (Challow Garage) Challow Station will also be providing the servicing of the mowers and the Council's gratitude is extended to these companies.

- Attended OPFA seminar at Steeple Aston where huge amounts of earth had been moved to counteract a slope in recreation ground. The FC paid £40 per match. An amphitheatre had also been built.
- Had mentioned this due to the fact that developers wished to develop Old Mill Nursery Site and were seeking the support of the Council. It was a 9 acre site of which 3 ½ acres were marshland. There was a possibility that there could be something in planning gain for the Parish such as office space , secure storage.

Cllr Gill said that due to previous complications regarding this site , discussions should involve the whole of the Council

Cllr Isaacs wanted to know what is in it for the village

Cllr Miles reported that the “Life Education Van” required financial help in order to visit local schools. It dealt with drug problems etc. It was suggested that any donation from the PC would be small as it was taxpayers money, but that the Public Purposes Charity should be approached

Cllr Gill spoke about the damage/ruts as previously mentioned and that the Handyman had expressed his concerns. His estimate of monies remaining for skatepark equipt.was £3000 although the new equipt suggested was £2000 leaving £100 for future projects. Chairman said following discussions with skateboarders perhaps there should be discussions with them befor purchasing new equipt.

7/04/05 Correspondence

- Vale of WHDC – Tree work approval
- Vale of WHDC - Naming & Numbering Mill Farm
- Vale of WHDC – Parish Boundaries – not affecting Stanford
- DEFRA – Quality Parishes
- British Legion/Churches Together – New format for Remembrance Services
- Independent Advice Centre – Disappointment at not receiving a grant – Decision reiterated
- Parishioner – Unable to deliver Parish Newsletter due to disagreeing with “naming an shaming” article – Council had approved the article

8/04/05 Planning applications

District Councillor left the meeting during this discussion
STA/7904/30 Land East of Ware Road SIV – AH Willis and Sons Ltd – Erection of B2 and B industrial development with ancillary offices with builders yard and parking – No objections but consideration be given to landscaping, bund due to closeness of village and the tarmacing of service roads

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

IT WAS RESOLVED that this decision and those of the delegation committee be approved

9/04/05 To approve monthly statement of accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr MULLEN

IT WAS RESOLVEDC that the accounts be approved

10/04/05 To authorise accounts for payment

	April	March
D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	822.18 669.96
J.Northcote	Salary	124.80 124.80
Allianze Cornhill	Mower Ins	202.08
OALC	Membership Fee	361.98
Cotswold Playgrounds	URC VAT	437.50 587.00
D.Rolls	Salary	158.63
R.Dew	Computer	637.72
Handy	Litter Picker	21.95
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	96.26
ORCC	Best Kept Village	12.00

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr Mrs McMORROW
SECONDED BY Cllr GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments be approved

