

**MINUTES of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 4th November 2009 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.**

**Present: Cll.P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury(Dep.Chair) Cllr.P.Gill
Cllr.G.Hughes Cllr.M.Isaacs Cllr.D.Monahan Smith**

Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor) D.M.Dew(Clerk) 4 Parishioners

Questions/Comments from Parishioners:

A parishioner raised concerns about the position of the dog bin in Cottage Road and considered that it was dangerous to use because of its position. Clerk said numerous complaints had been received about the danger of this bin and up until now the District Council had seen fit not to move it. The clerk will contact the DC again stressing the possibility of a serious road accident if the bin is not moved.

The clerk informed council that he had received complaints about lorries reversing into the unloading area at the rear of the Co-op including deliveries for the other businesses at the rear. There had been a near miss involving a child recently and it was considered to be an accident waiting to happen. Clerk to contact highways and DC regarding the situation.

01/11/09 Apologies

Cllr.Burls(Business) Cllr.Vallis Cllr.Mrs.McMorrow
Cllr.M.Tilley(Hospital)

02/11/09 Declarations of interest by Councillors on any Agenda Item

Cllr.D.Monahan Smith Cllr.M.Isaacs - Item 8 correspondence Relief in Need Charity
Cllr.S.Bambury Item 6 – Report of Chairman – Parish Council Seal

03/11/09 Minutes of previous meeting 2 Sept 2009 to be received and signed as a true record

Cllr.Gill stated that his reason for apology for absence was not holiday. Following this amendment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. MONAHAN SMITH
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

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

04/11/09 Report of County Councillor

Nil – as recorded in apologies Cllr.Tilley was in hospital recovering from an operation.

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Clerk to send Cllr. Tilley the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery

05/11/09 Report of Clerk

Complaints received about **reversing lorries at Co-op** – will make representations to County and District planners, also Co-op manager

Football club report stones still not removed from behind goal following erection of new fence and one gate replaced upside down – Contractors are aware of the problem and will be attending.

Cllr Isaacs reported a gate in the **childrens play** area needed attention as it was open allowing dogs in – Clerk to inform maintenance

NALC had increased Clerks hourly rates by 1% back dated to 1st April 2009. This council has always paid the recommended NALC rates and it was agreed that this should be paid now. The question of an increase in hours to be discussed at January meeting.

06/11/09 Report of Chairman

With the ongoing progress of the **Community Woodland** the Chairman thought that it was desirable to appoint a publicity leader and to this end Cllr. Bambury was appointed with Cllr.Vallis as deputy. Publicity through the newsletter, web site and notice boards plus TV,radio and press. Suggested dates for community planting involvement were Thursday 7th Jan 2010 (Schools) and Saturday 9th Jan 2010 (Open to Village) although these dates are only provisional.

Further complaints are being received about unsheeted loads by **Earthline** lorries and it is evident that the police are not taking action. Clerk to contact VOSA regarding the licensing conditions and opportunity to report incidents.

Parish Council support for **Pre-School Playgroup**. Village Hall Trustees were unhappy about an extension to the hall it was therefore suggested that an area of land in the playarea be made available. The council will be inspecting the area on 5th November at 10am. It was stressed that all legal fees and costs will be met by the Pre-School Playgroup and Cllr Isaacs asked that this also be the case if the scheme did not materialise.

A solicitor had been contacted regarding **Jubilee Green** and would be visiting the site. A tree specialist and a county specialist had stated that due to impaction of land caused by car parking there had been an adverse effect upon the land and tree; clay, tarmac and stones had caused the tree roots to spread. Cllr.Gill said that the residents just want to

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reinstate the green but it was pointed out that the parish council were paid by the County Council to maintain the green. It was resolved that following the visit of the solicitor council should apply to register the green

Cllr.Bambury produced copies of the proposed **Parish Council Seal**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.MONAHAN SMITH
IT WAS RESOLVED that the final design be chosen by Cllr.BAMBURY

Cllr.Gill had attended a recent seminar regarding shared equity housing “Rural Houses for Rural Communities” requested this item be placed on the next agenda

07/11/09 Report of District Councillor

Reported that as from October 2010 refuse collections would be via wheelie bins. Council requested this as an agenda item next meeting.

Reported on District Council finances – inc that grants would be less in coming financial year

08/11/09 Correspondence

- BDO Audit – to approve Annual return report including concerns regarding Fidelity Guarantee. Although not a statutory requirement a fidelity guarantee based on investment held plus ½ precept should be considered. Clerk had taken advice and it was recommended that insurance companies that offered a guarantee should be considered as the present policy only offered £5000 cover for this item.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that the Clerk should obtain additional insurance quotations for additional fidelity guarantee.

- Vale of White Horse DC – Review of planning services – noted
- RSPB – Support for Community Woodland
- Oxfordshire County Council Fire & Rescue – Action plan 2010 – 2011
- Vale of White Horse DC – Vale Community Safety Partnership Forum 1st Dec 2009 – Noted
- Faringdon Town Council – Pesticide spraying course. Council considered the fee of £240 was expensive. District Councillor Robert Sharp who is qualified to use pesticides generously said he could spray the MUGA area and fencing. Council

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- thanked him for his generosity.
- Vale of White Horse DC – Planning evening 18th November 2009 – Noted
- URC – Expressing thanks for the grant and support towards the new heaters
- Stanford Relief in Need Charity – Request for grant towards renovation of historic plaque at St Deny’s Church – Deferred to next agenda
- Various organisations – request for donations – Deferred to March agenda

09/11/09 Planning applications

Two applications had been received but without any plans (Due to concerns about the postal dispute). Council felt that they could not consider any application without the appropriate plans

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that not comment/decision be made regarding the applications until detailed plans were received.

10/11/09 Monthly statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

11/11/09 Accounts for Payment

D.M.Dew	Salary & expenses	1351.14
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	80.93

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.MONAHAN SMITH

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

12/11/09 To approve decisions of General Purposes Committee Sept/Oct

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

13/11/09 Budget/Precept 2010/2011

Following discussion including the finance of council's five year plan it was felt that the precept could be reduced by £50

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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept for 2010/2011 be £20350

14/11/09 Football Club lease renewal

Add Cllr.Isaacs to lease sub-committee. Sub-committee to meet with football club. On recommendation of OALC officials, District Valuer to assess market rent payable, council to propose figures from that estimate. Item to next agenda

15/11/09 Community Woodland – Progress

As reported at item 06/11/09

16/11/09 Footpaths/footbridges – Progress

Two bridges to be installed at the expense of OCC

17/11/09 Recreation & Leisure report

- Cllr.Gill report that the Perry's Road footpath is on the County Council list for repair
- Thanked District Councillor Sharp for his spraying offer
- MUGA floodlights now operating 13 hours per week
- Dog fouling – Item to be placed in newsletter

18/11/09 Date of next meeting

6th January 2010

Questions/comments from parishioners

A parishioner complained that he was not allowed to speak during the meeting. Chairman explained that the public were not allowed to enter into discussion during a meeting and that time was set aside at the start and end of each meeting. The parishioner talked about Jubilee Green and his actions towards reinstatement. Chairman stated that legal process had begun to find the owners.