

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

There were no questions/comments from parishioners

Present: **Cllr.Gill(Chair)** **Cllr.Bambury** **Cllr.Hughes** **Cllr.Isaacs**
 Cllr.P.Lewis **Cllr.N.Lewis** **Cllr.Jackson** **Cllr.Williams Cuss**

Cllr.M.Tilley(County Cllr) **Cllr.R.Sharp(Dist.Cllr)** **M.Dew(Clerk)**
4 parishioners

01/11/11 Apologies

Cllr.Monahan Smith (Business) Cllr. Warren (Vacation)

02/11/11 Declarations of Interest by councillors on any agenda items

Nil

03/11/11 Minutes of previous meeting 7 Sept.2011 to be received and signed as a true record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr. P.LEWIS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record

04/11/11 Report of County Councillor

Reworked budget has resulted in more cuts although there would be little direct effect upon Stanford and the mobile library is not being cut. The concessionary fares will in future be in operation from 0800 – midnight and includes community buses. Following questions from Cllr.Isaacs, the county Cllr. will persue the transfer of QE2 field and the footpath bridge which have been outstanding for over 3 years

05/11/11 Report of Clerk

- **Masons Funfair** – They had looked at the area and wished to come in April. As this was still in the football season council felt that this date was not feasible but that when the new field was available further discussion should take place.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL
SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON

IT WAS RESOLVED that Mason not be invited to use the recreation field

- Winter grit/salt and bins – 1 ton salt ordered from OCC. Following discussion it was decided that a further bin and salt was required and following the clerk's search a suitable container was identified to be placed in central village location.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr. ISAACS

IT WAS RESOLVED that a 400 litre bin plus salt be purchased

It was also decided that an emergency plan should be formed to cover not only winter conditions and too this end Cllrs. Gill, Williams Cuss and Lewis are to meet . This item also to be put in Newsletter and also to Identify parishioners at risk

- Floodlighting – Installed and paid for partly funded by PPC. Cllr.Isaacs reported that adjustments were needed and following discussions it was decided to ask D.Rolls to hold keys for controls/meter
- Playarea 5 bar gate – The gate is rotted as is one post. It was not misuse by contractors just age.

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES
SECONDED BY Cllr. P.LEWIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the gate and post be replaced

- Millennium Green – Request from parishioners that hedge be cut. Clerk to arrange cut
- Clerk report that he will not be available from 14/11/11 to 27/11/11 inc all enquiries to Chairman

06/11/11 Report of Chairman

Thanks to all and the clerk for the continued work during my absence.

I was pleased to read the new initiatives highlighted in the PC newsletter. I hope we get more support for volunteering. It may take further requests in newsletters and sometimes face to face communications but need to keep trying.

I would like to put on record the voluntary efforts of Ron Carter, John Sherry and Brian Bennett for clearing the brook ,at Bow road, of debris after a contractor had done some hedge trimming on behalf of the owner of the field (Mrs Champion). I was very pleased Mrs Champion had responded to my request and even more pleased with the voluntary support.

As Ocado is on the agenda there is no need to share in this report but as the District Councillor will be reporting on that I think we should allow Robert to report during item 10.

I also have some further thoughts re item 14-emergency plan/snow plan where neighbourhood councils might be supportive.

Also there is a District council initiative to allow more houses to be built in villages to tackle the problem of failing to meet a housing target of 808 houses set 5 years go. No doubt our district Councillor will report on this as well. Perhaps you will have read the report on the front page of the Wantage Herald.

Since this May we have had including tonight one meeting per month (2 in November). Some councillors have already commented on the importance of meeting each month. Perhaps we should revert back to this monthly plan?

07/11/11 Correspondence

- * Oxfordshire Repatriation Memorial Bell Appeal – Request for donation –To be discussed at March 2012 meeting
- Vale of White Horse DC – Re parish elections May 2011 discounted invoice to follow in December and request for Cllrs to submit spending returns
- Post Office – Moving service to Midcounties Co-op – Noted
- IAC Internal audit – Fee quotation £325 +VAT per day – Noted
- Vale of White Horse DC – Town & Parish Forum – Cllr Gill & Cllr Williams Cuss to attend

- RoSPA Annual report – Passed to Cllr Williams Cuss

08/11/11 Planning applications

11/02120/FUL Holywell Cottage – Erection of Garage – Supported

09/11/11 Report of District Councillor

Detailed the Draft Housing Policy where a further 1000 houses required within the Vale with villages expected to increase numbers by 9% by 2014. Projection for Stanford was 74 house by 2026. there followed discussion where it appeared that Vale planning would not be in a position to object to applications on certain designated land. Councillors were concerned that following the build of Forest Grove oit had been stated that no more houses would be built fot it was thought 15 years. It was agreed that a housing survey would be an agenda item on 30th November.

Cllr Sharp also talked about the Science Innovation Park at Harwell which it Was hoped would create 8000 vacancies

10/11/11 Ocado

Cllr. Sharp also talked at some length about this new company on the White Horse Business Park and explained the planning regulations in place and vehicle movements, shift patterns. He also agreed to get a senior Official from Ocado to address council. Several suggestions regarding restrictions were Made although enforcing them was another matter

11/11/11 Monthly statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.P.LEWIS
SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved

12/11/11 Accounts for Payment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES
SECONDED BY Cllr.JACKSON
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved and paid

13/11/11 Newsletter

Item to January agenda

14/11/11 Recreation & leisure

Due to lateness of the hour the meeting was closed after the purchase of a kissing gate and dogs on leads signs were passed to the next agenda

15/11/11 Date of next meeting

30/11/11 to include Budget/precept setting

Questions/comments from parishioners

Are the council aware of dates for bringing forward the faster broadband. The council was unable to give any information on that