

Minutes

JUNE 2002

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2002 AT STANFORD VILLAGE HALL.

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5 June 2002 at Stanford Village Hall.

At the invitation of the Chairman PC Holder attended the meeting to discuss the recent vandalism and damage occurring in the village. He detailed procedures that would apply due to the age group of alleged offenders ie anti-social behaviour orders. He asked for help from villagers in noting who was where and times and stressed that he was not asking others to do his job but rather help the police in identifying culprits by this time/place report. He hoped that various village organisations would get involved and that they could get together with him, compare notes and say what had happened, time and place. Chairman said that CCTV had been suggested, and while PC Holder agreed to make contact with Crime Officer regarding this he also reminded the Council that the Human Rights Law placed restrictions on camera use plus the cameras themselves became a target for vandalism. Chairman reported that it would cost £1000 to repair the wet/pour surface in the play area which had been 'dug up' by vandals. PC Holder asked that a larger sign be placed on the wall forbidding the use of the area to over 12's. Mr. Sandels reported tree bark being stripped in the rec. field. Chairman thanked PC Holder for his time and advice.

There being no questions from parishioners the chairman opened the meeting.

Present:

Mr.P.G.McMorrow

Mr.S.Bambury

Mr.G.Hughes

Mr.A.Bungay

Mr.M.Williams

Mrs.R.Packer

Mr.G.Sandels

1/06/02 Apologies Mr.P.Gill(Holiday), Mr.B.Burles(Holiday), County Cllr.

2/06/02 Minutes of Annual meeting 1 May 2002

Proposed Mr.Hughes seconded Mr.Sandels minutes be approved –
Carried.

3/06/02 Matters arising

10/5/02 Mrs.Packer reported that STA/9003/1 had been withdrawn.

4/06/02 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 15 May 2002

Proposed Mr.Bungay seconded Mr Hughes minutes be approved –
Carried.

5/06/02 Matters arising

11.Confirmation of two places booked

6/06/02 Report of District Councillor

- 1.The motion regarding the A417 closure was put to the Council on 15 May and received full support.I await the outcome at County level.I hope measurers will be put in place to avoid the huge problems caused in Stanford and the neighbouring villages.
- 2.The Vale has launched its web site www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- 3.The Faringdon Healthcheck Coordinator is to hold a meeting on June 12 in Buckland for a group of villages including Stanford.
- 4.The Youth Forum is to have a “taster “ session for year 9 children on June 24.
- 5.I was honoured to be made Vice-Chairman of the Council on May 15th.
- 6.The application for 13 houses by Burley Homes has been withdrawn.
(on A417)

7.Many villagers have expressed their concern about the verge adjacent to the A417,which is in a dreadful state.I hope the contractors will restore it properly and that the Parish Council will ensure that they do.

7/06/02 Report of County Councillor

The Councillor had made enquiries regarding the £168,500 paid by David Wilson Homes to the County Council.It transpired that £120000 was earmarked for education,£30000 for transport and £10000 for library services..The Councillor has further asked how much of the education and transport money will be coming to Stanford and how will the mobile library for the village be improved.The Parish Council should have been involved in planning and had in fact attended meetings before permission was granted,Councillors McMorrow,Sandels and Williams meeting with both the planning chairman and leader of the Council.The parishcouncil awaits explanation of the distribution of monies.

8/06/02 Correspondence

a)Mr.J.Wentworth – 3 letters regarding resignation from volunteer grass cutting,general state of village and name of person interested in paid employment grass cutting.Clerk to contact Biffa regarding loose waste.Mr.Williams proposed a vote of thanks to Mr.Wentworth for his efforts in grasscutting.At this point Chairman gave details of new mowers as demonstrated by Buscot Chainsaws cost £4500.Mr.Williams to cost Allen mowers.A strimmer is being held by the Church.Mr.Williams asked that as money was available for a new mower what was the position regarding the grant for the village hall kitchen.Chairman said that now we have to pay for grass

cutting and the damage to playarea money was not readily available.

Mr. Williams proposed a grant of £500 seconded by Mrs. Packer. There followed a heated discussion including the other items incurring PC

expenditure. Chairman stated that there was a failure by the Parish Council Village Hall representatives to communicate the need for kitchen units or to request inclusion on expenses budget Clerk stated that following the Council request to look at the finances, he had "found" £1000 available although this was before the playarea vandalism had occurred. Mr. Williams withdrew his original proposal and proposed a grant of £250 seconded by Mrs. Packer – carried unanimously.

Grass cutting payment £6 per hour as per handyman

b) Vale of White Horse DC – Grant of £300 towards Jubilee garden

c) ** * ***** ** - Healthcheck June 12th Buckland

d) ** * ***** ** - Access information

e) ** * ***** ** - Standards committee members/receipt of
Local Code of Conduct documents

f) ** * ***** ** - Amenity tree planting list

g) Oxfordshire CC – Golden Jubilee – Commonwealth games baton
passing through Oxford 15 July Kassam
Stadium.

h) Oxfordshire CC – White Horse Countryways

i) Audit Commission – External Audit appointment - confirmation

j) Lloyds TSB – Details of new accounts available

k) Parishioner – Re Handyman. Layby provision opp Vale garage. To
next agenda.

9/06/02 Planning applications – nil

10/06/02 Monthly statement of accounts

Mr. Williams and Mrs. Packer objected to the accounts. Mr. Bambury declared an interest. Proposed Mr. Hughes seconded Mr. Sandels accounts be approved - carried.

11/06/02**Accounts for payment**

OALC	Membership Fees	256.20
British Telecom	Telephone	51.66
Vale of White Horse DC	Litter Bin	120.00
Handy Garden Machinery	Mower repair	71.02
Simpson & Grimes	Bus shelter repair	95.03
OALC	Standing orders	6.00
P.Gerring	Grass cutting	88.13
D.M.Dew	Salary & expenses	459.39
J.Northcote	Salary	103.20
OPFA	Awayday	30.00
Portwell Press	Repro standing orders	8.23
Village Hall	Grant donation	250.00
KJM Garden Services	Grass cutting	87.50

Mr.Bambury declared an interest.Proposed by Mr.Bungay seconded
by Mr.Hughes accounts be paid – carried

12/06/02**Car Parking - To next agenda****13/06/02****Engraved plaques**

Mr.Williams to cost acid etching of plaques

14/06/02**CPRE and Code of Conduct**

Clerk said that it had come to his attention that as CPRE,of which
Council was a member,was a private body it was necessary to declare
Membership.The DC(Monitoring Officer) was prepared to accept

single notification of declaration. proposed Mr. Hughes seconded Mr. Bungay this be done – carried

15/06/02 Rural Transport – Information

Mr. Bambury had received a disc containing 20 pages of timetables. He will produce several hard copies free of charge to be placed at suitable sites.

16/06/02 Newsletter

Articles re vandalism in village

17/06/02 Recreation and Leisure

Referring to the drawing from the sub-committee meeting, Mr. Sandels said that Junior football should read general recreation. Mr. Bungay asked about the two pitches touching – the football club are aware. Mr. Sandels requested that seating be placed where all sports could be viewed. Mrs. Packer asked about storage for posts etc. and was concerned that posts on the Muga would obstruct tennis. Mr. Sandels proposed a vote of thanks to those concerned with the Jubilee celebrations on the field.

18/06/02 Any other business

Chairman reminded Council that the Vicar had asked for flowers from gardens rather than purchased. Theme to be decided.

At this time the correspondence regarding the football club was discussed – Mr. Williams and Mr. Bungay declaring interests and leaving the meeting. Letter from FC regarding key for gate and request

for info on fence contractors also notification of celebrations on 3 June. Also letter from solicitors regarding lease detailing contract terms

and that if agreement cannot be reached within next few weeks the Court will be asked to settle. Mrs. Packer asked if this could not be settled without solicitors, but Chairman said it is too late for that. There was also discussion regarding the previous mentioned equipment storage being at the club and other alternatives.

Questions/comments from parishioners

Nil

