

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7th July 2004 in the Millennium Hall

There were no questions/comments from parishioners

Present: **Mr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair)** **Mr.S.Bambury(Deputy Chair)**
 Mr.G.Hughes(Senior Councillor) **Mr.P.Gill**
 Mr.B.Burls (to 2120) **Mrs G.McMorrow**
 Mr.M.Isaacs **Mrs.F.Shires**

Mr.R.Sharp(District Councillor)
M/s C.White(Internal Auditor)
Mr.D.M.Dew(Clerk)

1/07/04 **Apologies:**

Mr.M.Mullen Mrs.L.Miles
Mrs.A.Fitzgerald- O'Connor

2/07/04 **Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any Agenda Item**

Cllr. Bambury – item 12 Accounts for payment & Item 9 STA/18291/2
Cllr. Hughes – Item 8 & 10 re: URC correspondence/ delegation report
Cllr Shires – Item 8 STA/18627 planning application

3/07/04 **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2004**

2 report of Chairman line 16 delete ywo insert two
3 report of County Cllr. line 6 delete storey insert story
Following these amendments

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

4/07/04 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting 4th May 2004**

Item 7 report of Clerk Bullet 4 insert after different - DAYS
Item 8 report of Chairman Bullet 7 Delete volunteer insert PICKING BY
VOLUNTEERS
Cllr Issacs thought that the painting of letter boxes had been mentioned –
While this was not the case the Clerk said that while it had now been mentioned
he would contact Royal Mail
Following these amendments

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BURLS
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record

5/07/04 **Report of County Councillor** Nil

6/07/04 **Report of Clerk**

Review of salaries – an NALC agreement had not yet been reached for Clerks
It was proposed to increase the employees salary as
Handyman/Grass cutter 6.75 ph
Sweeper 5.20 ph
Clerk to receive NALC recommendation when published

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BANBURY
SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES
IT WAS RESOLVED that the above rates be paid

Two footbridges as previously discussed. County have assured the Clerk that they have inspected the bridges and are satisfied with their condition and safety
Complaints had been received from Forest Grove regarding the number of low cost units and occupants and that several people had put their houses for sale as they felt they had been misled and were considering taking legal action against the developers. They are further not happy that these units are being allocated to persons not from this area. The Clerk said that there were far more young people “roaming” the streets and that litter on “millennium green” was a problem especially on Sunday night and since it had been made known that this complaint had been made to him his car and several parked outside his house had been damaged possibly by people using a pathway to Forest Grove. Cllr Issacs was appalled that this should happen and suggested that the Clerk contact the Vale Housing Assoc. regarding their intentions for the estate and that if there was a residents assoc to find their views

7/07/04

Report of Chairman

- Reported death of John Francis for many years a leading figure in Local government and politics. Former president/chair of OALC – a Letter of condolence to be sent to that organisation.
- Letter to Mrs S.Wentworth for her Summer Festival floral decoration on behalf of the Parish Council
- Projects outstanding amount to £36000 – Wireway /Jubilee Garden/ Youth Shelter modification/URC carpark & Disabled entrance
- Street Cleaner £18000
- Skatepark – Further equipt. for which money is being held
- URC tables re rebate from original price to be used to purchase 2 Smaller tables

Response is awaited from several funding sources.

At the OALC AGM attended by the Chair it was stated that Ppg 17 recommends 6 recreational acres per thousand population. Stanford is therefore short of 9 acres and according to OALC can expect vandalism. Legally we are able to purchase equipt. to combat this and it was thought that if CCTV was to be considered it should be mentioned in the newsletter.

Regarding repairs to the third mower, Cllr Gill is still persuing although it might be necessary for Cobra Pumps to make a part.

2 new sets of blades had been purchased for the mower

Cllr Shires asked on behalf of Cllr Miles about footpaths and clearance responsibility. County responsible for path clearance but PC will clear growth from outside the path. Cllr Miles also expressed a desire to be Footpath Officer.

Council were delighted that she wished to take the position and unanimously accepted her offer. Cllr Miles will also liaise with Cllr Bambury re the Village information booklet.

8/07/04 Correspondence

- Vale of WHDC – Standards Committee – Role of Clerk as advisor – Chairman provided survey questionnaires for Cllrs.to complete.
- Governors Stanford School – Traffic & Road safety – Clerk read reply
- HLB AV Audit – Need for Risk Assessment – Already held
- Oxfordshire Fire Controllers – Closure of control room in favour of one central to cover 9 counties – Sympathetic but would like to hear the other side.
- Oxfordshire C.C. – Bus service 67/67a – Noted
- Stanford Village Hall management Committee - Details of “fair” for organisations for village publicity – Parish Council to take part
- Representatives on Management Committee – Cllr Burls (present member) and Cllr Gill expressed an interest

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.Mrs McMORROW
SECONDED BY Cllr.ISAACS
IT WAS RESOLVEDDC that Cllrs Burls and Gill be nominated as Parish Council representatives.

9/07/04 Planning

- STA/7524/1 - 24 High St – Two storey side extension – Supported
- STA/18627 – 5 Cowderoy Place – Erection of rear conservatory – Supported Cllr Shires declared an interest
- STA/18291/2 – Mill Farm – Change of use of farm shop, cold room and stone shed. Erect replacement steel framed building to house art studio and art gallery – Not supported. New buildings already in place. *Cllr Bambury declared an interest.*

10/07/04 Approval of report of decisions of Delegation Committee

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs McMORROW
IT WAS RESOLVED that the report of decisions be approved (Attached)

11/07/04 To approve monthly statement of accounts

Cllr Gill questioned the detailed expenditure of Insurance – Mower 5/5/04

This expenditure was insurance indemnity/3rd party

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.ISAACS
SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES
IT WAS RESOLVED that the statement of accounts be accepted

12/07/04 To approve accounts for payment

D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	662.18
J.Northcote	Salary	120.00
D.Rolls	Salary, Goods & Exp.	292.00
Portwell Press	Repro	3.60 **
Handy Garden Machinery	Mower blades	113.50

Cobra Concrete Pumps	Mower service	202.13
Playground Management Se.	Skatearea Inspection	235.00
Falcon Signs	Rec Field signs	211.50

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

13/07/04 Report of District Councillor

Detailed changes to District Council organisation, strategic and working parties.
 Grants applied for – Stanford has not done very well, in fact the West Forum has done very badly, most finance going to the Abingdon area.

14/07/04 Recreation & Leisure

Cllr Gill expanded on his written report (Attached) and also provided a written statement of finances re: grants income & expenditure (Attached)

Cllr.Gill also reported on the local Clerks Regional 1 day conference that he had attended. (Attached)

He requested that items for next agenda included Skatearea bench and litter bin as suggested by RoSPA report - The Cobra Pumps sponsorship of the mowers - he hoped that the Skatearea/MUGA could have an official opening A Friday night ?. He also confirmed that following the Clerks initial enquiry he had spoken to Swindon Town FC regarding the coaching sessions for youngsters

15/07/04 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 1st September 2004 - 7.30pm