

**Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale**

There were no questions/comments from parishioners

**Present: Cllr.Gill      Cllr.Bambury      Cllr.Hughes      Cllr.Isaacs      Cllr.P.Lewis  
Cllr. Jackson      Cllr.Williams Cuss      Cllr.Warren**

**Ms White(Internal Audit)      D.M.Dew(Clerk)      1 Parishioner**

**01/06/11 Apologies**

Cllr.Monahan Smith (Holiday)      Cllr.N.Lewis (Business)  
Cllr.M.Tilley(County Council)      Cllr.R.Sharp(District Council)

**02/06/11 Declarations of interest by councillors on any agenda item**

Cllr.Williams Cuss – Item 7 planning application STA10353

**03/06/11 Minutes of previous meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to be received and signed as a true record**

Throughout minutes – Delete Cllr.Williams Cuff Insert Cllr.Williams Cuss  
Item 1 Page 2 2<sup>nd</sup> line Cllr.Hughes statement add ..... and other issues as  
councillors

Item 4 Election of Officers Recreational & Leisure (Environmental) – Add  
Cllr.P.Lewis

Item 17 Recreation & Leisure report 1<sup>st</sup> line – after chairman insert “thought”

After these alterations

**ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS**

**SECONDED BY Cllr WILLIAMS CUSS**

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

**04/06/11 Report of Clerk**

The MUGA had been vandalised – fencing broken and screws removed. Hoped that our maintenance would be able to repair otherwise the manufacturers would need to be called. Chairman asked that any information regarding the incident would be welcome.

Playarea fencing needs replacement in some areas, again our maintenance would look at, concrete spurs being suggested. Cllr.Isaacs had pointed out the gates needed attention re- closures as dogs were seen inside the area. Clerk to contact

RoSPA re strengths etc.

Vale Game were dealing with a wasps nest at the skate park.

Several complaints had been received regarding a mechanical road sweeper depositing more than it picked up. Enquiries proved it to belong to the road laying contractors .

Cllr.Warren thanked the Clerk for the training session which had been very helpful

Speed bumps Cottage Road –A request had been received to install . Enquiries are being made to O.C.C. regarding cost and legality.

Complaints regarding the wild state of the Jubilee gardens - Cllr Bambury reminded council that this was designated as a wild flower area. It was decided that the contract gardener was no longer needed. Clerk to action.

### **05/06/11 Report of Chairman**

There were areas where grass cutting needed catching up. Had looked at various footpaths re overgrown bushes etc inc Joyces Road,, Cottage Road and Green Lane and had discussed cutting with Highways.

Weeding needed to be carried out and it was suggested that there be a weeding weekend and that it be advised in the newsletter

Following the completion of the Pre-School playgroup the Village Hall Car Park and a grass area needs to be restore by the contractors.

All future plans for the village should be shared with ideas from the community Chairman and Cllr Bambury had met Mr B.Saunders (Lease farmer) of field off cottage road and he had been told little or nothing regarding notice to quit 12 months from September. Would be willing to give up whole area at that time subject to compensation

Items for next agenda:

Cllr.Williams Cuss – Volunteers Pool - Jubilee 2012

Cllr.Isaacs for Sept meeting – Environmental Strategy Plan inc Flooding  
Recreational & Leisure Committee – Jubilee Garden inc site visit

Cllr.P.Lewis - radar type speed signs

Clerk – Remembrance Day

### **06/06/11 Correspondence**

Mrs.G.McMorrow – Complaint against 3 Councillors – Felt despair after reading the latest News Letter and the “Dumbing Down of Information”. No apology has been received from the VHMC or the Councillors who supported the complaint which Mrs. McMorrow finds totally unacceptable. The complaint was signed on hearsay yet when the 3 were totally vindicated no apology is forthcoming, will

there be ? In reply Chairman thought that there was no need for an apology from the Parish Council . Chairman stated that he was sorry how the original complainant was treated and spoken to. Cllr.P.Lewis stated that if a parishioner ever had cause for concern over his actions then he would welcome an investigation by the Standards Committee. Cllr.Hughes said the issue was deceptive and the complainants told untruths. It was a travesty the way that Mrs.McMorrow was treated and the VHMC should apologise and asked that any reply from the PC Chairman to Mrs.McMorrow be made available to council

ON THE RESOLUTION BY Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chairman reply to Mrs. McMORROW's letter

### **07/06/11 Planning applications**

**STA/10353** – 7 Frogmore Lane - Erection of Orangery

**STA/16274/3** – 19 Horsecroft - Single storey extension

**STA/20648/3** – 3 Upper Green – 2 storey extension

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the applications be supported

### **08/06/11 Monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the statement be approved

### **09/06/11 Accounts for payment**

Benhamlaw Ltd	FC Lease	1383.00
NALC	Local Council Review	15.50
D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	1360.20
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	68.36
SIV FC	Electricity	151.96
Mellors of Challow	Fuel	75.00
D.Rolls	Mowing & Maint.	1087.00
All Tyres Plus	Mower Tyre	150.00
Viking Direct	Photo Copier	212.74
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	105.41
D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	1114.17

HMRC

PAYE

715.92

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr JACKSON  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

**10/06/11 Approval and signature of Annual Finance Return & Annual Governance Statement & Risk Assessment**

Following explanations from the Internal Auditor

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY  
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Annual Return, Governance statement and Risk Assessment be approved and signed

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr GILL  
SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS  
IT WAS RESOLVED that a vote of thanks to Ms White be recorded

**11/06/11 Cllr.Isaacs**

- 1) Community Woodland – Had inspected the area with Mr.D.Rees and found that there had been a 20% loss (250 trees) but these will be replaced free of charge. There was red spider mite on the hazel trees. It is suggested that a woodland plan be put on the community website
- 2) PC Environmental Strategy – Discussed what had been started and welcomed suggestions as to what should be added or removed
- 3) Dilapidation schedule –Photographs to be taken of new pre-school building and copy of plans
- 4) Planning policy re- objections from parishioners. Item for News Letter Parish Council should be informed of objections. Objections before committees should be referred to Council if time permits
- 5) Complaints against councillors – Read definitions of words used in complaint against the 3 councillors. Objected that the Chairman had stated “ Case not proven” whereas the 3 had been exonerated and that the Chairman had tried to change the draft newsletter. This whole matter will not be over until the 3 are satisfied.

**12/06/11 Cllr.Williams Cuss – Parish Youth Council**

This item to next agenda due to the Councillor having to leave the meeting

through family illness

Due to lateness of the hour

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr P.LEWIS

SECONDED BY Cllr BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that standing order be suspended

**13/06/11 Cllr.P.Lewis – Communications inc Website**

Cllr.Lewis suggested that items such as date of next meeting, a link to agenda could be placed on the Community Website. An overhaul of the council website was needed, clerk stated that his son no longer had the time anyway and would be glad not to have the burden of it

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr JACKSON

SECONDED BY Cllr WARREN

IT WAS RESOLVED that these be carried out

**14/06/11 Recreation & Leisure report**

As in chairman's report

**15/06/11 Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

There were no questions/comments from parishioners

Meeting closed at 2210 hours