

MINUTES of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale.

**Present: Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury(Dep Chair) Cllr.P.Gill
Cllr. G.Hughes Cllr.Mrs.G.McMorrow Cllr.D.Monahan Smith
Cllr.M.Vallis Cllr M.Isaacs (& 8.20pm)**

**Cllr.Mrs M.Tilley(County Councillor) Cllr.R.Sharp(District Councillor)
D.M.Dew (Clerk) 1 Parishioner**

There were no questions/comments from Parishioners

01/03/10 Apologies

Cllr.B.Burls (Business) Cllr.M.Isaacs apologised that he would be late due to school commitments.

02/03/10 Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr.Hughes – item 11 accounts for payment
Cllr.Vallis – item 14 Football Club lease
Cllr.Monahan Smith – item 12 applications for grants
Cllr.Isaacs – item 12 applications for grants
Cllr.Sharp – The District Councillor left the meeting when item 6 Chairmans report discussed the Oxford Waste Seminar

03/03/10 Minutes of previous meeting 6th January 2010 to be received and signed as a true record

Item 16/01/10 line 7 after “*when additional ...insert recreational land is available*”

After this amendment

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

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

04/03/10 Report of County Councillor

Reported that the County budget was set with a 2.75% increase. Councillor then talked of progress with pre-school playgroup and it was agreed that She ,the chairman and clerk should meet on Friday 5th March to complete and sign the relevant Grant applications. Discussions took place regarding the offer of land by OCC as replacement for the land being

used for the preschool. Cllr.Gill thanked Mrs Tilley who explained that under “best value” conditions there might be a charge for the land but added that the Playgroup would fund raise money towards the cost of the land if needed

05/03/10 Report of Clerk

- a) Damage to Church Green – Following investigation and witness report the VWHDC have accepted responsibility for the damage caused by waste collection vehicle on 17th January and the matter is with their insurers. Estimated cost is £250
- b) Football Club electricity a/c – to be discussed under Football Club lease
- c) Disposal of Toro Mower – Disposed for £400 Insurance refund of £22 received
- d) Frogmore Lane signage – Several complaints received regarding the present confusing sign. Clerk to liase with Cllr.Sharp who will contact the signage dept at VWHDC

It was proposed that the signs should read

Jubilee Green(Leading to Frogmore Lane) and another placed as near to the site of the original sign as possible and at the original height saying Frogmore Lane. It was also proposed that if necessary the Parish Council would pay for the signs

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.VALLIS

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the proposals be approved

Voting 6 for - 1 Against

- e) Notice Boards access – Clerk stated again that he was the only one who should have access to the boards and although he had asked for keys to be returned there obviously were some still out there as he was still finding notices, some pinned over legal notices. In future any notices not put up by him would be removed and he would put a notice to this effect on all boards

06/03/10 Report of Chairman inc items for next agenda

Reported on Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste seminar attended. Oxfordshire had the richest reserves of sand and this led to concerns over the amount of vehicle movements although it was not envisaged that any new quarries would be opened. It was suggested that present quarries should be worked out completely rather than closed when one item ran out Following a RoSPA report it was pointed out that the Wooden Steps equipment was rotten and would need replacing. Allplay were inspecting the matting for repair and offered a piece of equipment to replace the steps at 50% of cost due to a cancelled order. A grant from the PPC has been applied for. The council approved the idea .Item to next agenda for approval There may be a small contribution required towards a gate at the new Woodland site. War Memorial – Chair suggested that a rock or similar be brought from Afghanistan. Council were not in favour and this led to a further discussion on location and type. Item to

next agenda and Clerk to contact interested parties.

ORCC were producing a booklet to celebrate their 90th birthday and were looking for unusual features within villages. Chair had sent details of the village thrift shop

Request received for Public Toilets at the Recreation Field – Council felt that this was not feasible due to cost, vandalism, drug use attraction and Health & Safety issues.

Cllr.Gill reported on a NAG speeding report. Also on 15th May the Police will be visiting Stanford first at the Church and then the Village Hall where they will hand out information packs and listen to villagers concerns

07/03/10 Correspondence

VWHDC – Dog Bins – Following Council request for additional bins first response was to pay for the bin and emptying but after dialogue with the Environment Warden a free bin was found and if placed on vale land there would be no charge, although this would have to wait until new financial year.

Oxfordshire Highways – Notification of planting one tree in Van Diemens

RSPB (Through P.Morris) – Regarding bird population in new woodland and nesting boxes when wood matures

08/03/10 Report of District Councillor

Vale budget set 3.9% increase, Police auth. 2% increase. Community charge Band D £1455.75. There will be some reductions in services, the service point in Wantage will close and there is expected to be approx 25 redundancies. Car Parking charges will increase by between 20% to 40% and planning consultancy fees are to be introduced

09/03/10 Planning applications

STA/21123 11 Manor Cres – *Erection of front porch and extend living room* – Supported

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr VALLIS

IT WAS RESOLVED that this decision be approved

10/03/10 Monthly Statement of Accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr HUGHES

SECONDED BY Cllr GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the statement of accounts be approved

11/03/10 Accounts for Payment

D.M.Dew	Salary,Expenses,Casual	1405.21
CPRE	Membership	29.00
OPFA	Membership	42.00
Viking Direct	Shelving	70.49
URC	Hall Hire	64.00

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

12/03/10 To receive and consider applications for grants and allocate

Following discussion where it was decided that £500 would be made available under s137 LGA 1972 the following grants were proposed

Stanford in the Vale Scout Group	£125
Oxfordshire Woodland Group	£100
Stanford Relief in Need Charity	£ 25
Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind	£ 25
Independent Advice Centre	£ 25
URC (previously approved and paid)	£200

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr BAMBURY
 SECONDED BY Cllr Mrs McMORROW
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the grants be approved and paid

13/03/10 To approve decisions of General Purposes Committee January/February 2010

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr VALLIS
 SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions be approved

14/03/10 Football Club Lease

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Cllr MONAHAN SMITH
 SECONDED BY Cllr ISAACS
 IT WAS RESOLVED that this item should be discussed in confidence

15/03/10 Community Woodland

Cllr.Isaacs reported on the planting which had been excellent and asked that Agrivert be thanked for providing mulch. The council will be required to maintain the woodland after 2

years and to this end it is hoped to get a Village Champion Group together now to look after the month to month maintenance of the wood. Several names were suggested. Tasks would include watering in summer and grass mowing in the glades. An orienteering course has been established already to teach use of a compass and it was suggested that a camp fire area with log seating be established mainly for scout groups. Council were concerned that this might attract undesirables to congregate there and possible drug abuse

16/03/10 Recreation and Leisure report

Projects-

- **The Village Woodland and Footpaths. Mark will update.**

Maintenance

- Health and Safety checks on our equipment continue as normal.
- Weed control needed inside/outside MUGA. Also tarmac needs scrubbing of algae as it is slippery. Robert Sharpe is still intending to help.
- Fencing needs attention at the recreation ground alongside Joyces Road. I have an offer of help and will attempt when weather is warmer.
- Skate ramps need painting as soon as weather permits.
- All Play Services still need to replace green carpet in Village Play Area

17/03/10 Dates of Next Meetings

Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2010

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 12th May 2010

Questions/Comments from Parishioners

Mrs Greenwood questioned Council about the proposed Preschool playgroup and stated that Council were breaking the lease by allowing the new building. Also stated that the road from Huntersfield to Joyces Road was private land and there were concerns about parking.

Council disputed these claims and explained again that this was the only site available and suitable to the planning authority. Council asked Mrs Greenwood to report back to the VH Management Committee that they wished to work with the committee in providing the best facilities for the benefit of the village and that the Council has no wish to antagonise anyone in obtaining these facilities