

Minutes

MARCH 2002

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2002 AT STANFORD VILLAGE HALL.

Questions/Comments from Parishioners

Mr.Grimes asked about the dog signs for the recreation field and that he would be prepared to put them up if necessary.Clerk replied that he had not yet had confirmation of the right to display them.It was decided that the signs should be displayed regardless.Mr.Grimes asked if the Football Club could padlock the double gate.Affirmative if the Clerk has a spare.He gave details of proposed Football Club events during the Jubilee period and he also stated that as he had to leave his quote for the bus shelter repair was £65 + VAT.Mr.Wentworth commented on the Dog fouling throughout the village and further to the Jubilee celebrations had received from the House family for the Parish archives several photographs which could be used in a photo recognition contest.Mr.Williams said that the Hall Management committee also has photographs.Mrs.Greenwood said the this committee intended to hold a Jubilee pig roast.

At this time the Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Mrs.M.Sandels(Vice- Chair) who recently passed away.

Present:

Mr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair)

Mr.M.Williams

Mr.P.Gill

Mrs.R.Packer

Mr.A.Bungay

Mr.S.Bambury

Mr.B.Burls

County Councillor – Mrs.A Fitzgerald – O’Connor

1/03/02 Apologies Nil

2/03/02 Minutes of meeting 6 Feb 2002

Questions/Comments – after £1 per annum plus grass cutting,insert *This was Disputed.*

Discussions with PC Holder – Add *Home Zones and carry forward to next Agenda.*

Proposed by Mrs.Packer seconded by Mr.Gill that after these amendments minutes be approved – Carried

3/03/02 Matters arising

4/02/02 March 15/16 Faringdon Market Place Exhibition

13/02/02 Newsletter Obituary for Mrs Sandels – Donations for remembrance Bench on Millennium Green to Coop Funeral Services 21a West St Helens St.ABINGDON OX14 5BL

15/02/03 FC Lease – Mrs Packer asked for further correspondence.Chairman said all correspondence would eventually be available.

4/03/02 Report of District Councillor

1.A first Public meeting was held in Faringdon on Monday to inaugurate Healthcheck.It was very clear that this initiative & possible benefits would affect not only Faringdon itself,but all the villages around.

2.District Council Members have requested a meeting to discuss hospital provision Vale- wide.

3.Members are very worried about the Planning Green paper – they consider that the replacement of County Structure Plans with unaccountable bureaucrats in Guildford is a retrograde step.

4.The Council has called upon the Government to introduce legislation which will a)compel manufacturers to reduce the amount of packaging & other waste b)require packaging to be re-usable/returnable.c) Ensure household goods are

cheaper to repair than replace.

5.Unfortunately the Council has had big problems with a computer virus on two occasions recently.

6.It would be a good time to ask the Vale about the commuted money from David Wilson Homes.

Mr.Williams asked if a figure had ever been mentioned.County Councillor to find out re:promise of support for school and library services.

5/03/02 Report of County Councillor

Oxfordshire Community Network – The County Council has taken a further step towards equipping the County with a new high speed communications infrastructure for the 21st century.After a rigorous tendering process,it has signed a major contract to build a super broadband network for the County. The vision is to create the potential for broadband access right across the County,in rural as well as urban areas.The first phase will be connecting up All of Oxfordshire’s schools and libraries,to each other and the internet.In the Long term,access to high speed digital communications links is going to be Crucial for Oxfordshire’s future.

The Director of Social services,Mary Robertson ,has announced that she will be leaving the County Council at the end of April for family reasons.Mary has worked tirelessly over the last six years as Director of Social Services to support the most vulnerable people in our communities.An acting Director will take over the leadership of Social Services in the short term,while the recruitment process is commenced to find a Director in the long term.

Planning- The County Council is continuing to voice concerns that criticised government proposals for a shake up of the planning system which will be undemocratic,bad for both business and the environment and damaging to

local communities. The government is proposing to abolish the County Structure Plan and replace it with a strategic plan prepared by an un-elected regional assembly based in Guildford.

Nearer to home, detailed plans of proposed improvements to Faringdon Market Place will be on display at the Corn Exchange Faringdon on Friday 15 March 2 – 7.30pm and Sat 16 March 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Highways – I received a notice from the highways department (as I am sure the Parish has) concerning the closure of the A417 from 8 April for a number of weeks. This closure is in order that the main sewage pipe which runs in the middle of the road can be upgraded. I understand that the contractors have applied to work longer hours in order to minimise the length of closure time. On a brighter note, last month I attended the Golden Jubilee Concert given by the Oxfordshire County Music Service at Christ Church Cathedral. The programme comprised both musicians and choir and was of an extremely high standard. Oxfordshire County Music Service is a highly successful and expanding LEA centrally funded service, offering tuition to all the maintained schools in the County. *The Councillor expressed her great sadness at the passing away of Mrs. Sandels.*

6/03/02 Report of Clerk

Clerk had spoken to Oxon CC and D. Wilson Homes regarding the A417 road closure and had retold the chaos that had occurred during the resurfacing work. They had looked again at the diversions and had sent new details. Clerk to regarding length of time of closure (8 weeks from 2 April 02) and possibility of shortening the period.

Warned by NALC that insurance costs would rise by 20%.

D. Wilson Homes have an agreement with VWHDC for DC to maintain new

houses area for 20 years – DC to be asked why PC were not involved considering the problems with Berkeley Homes.

Clerk informed members of problem with ISIS contractors(2 March) regarding damaged water pipe in Cottage Road.Clerk had informed Thames Water who attended on that Saturday afternoon. - Charge ?

Informed Council that he had now passed 2 further modules of his BA degree course.

There is legislation being discussed regarding stopping PC's reclaiming VAT asked Council to consider a Parish plan/Design Statement due to the pressures in attempting to fins building land in the Southern area.If the Green Paper is to be believed then we will soon have no representation on the Regional Planning Authority.

Code of Conduct – forms/registrations provided – still rather confusing as to who does what.Councillors asked to bear in mind deadlines.

Internal Auditor – Not yet resolved.

Chairman and Clerk had attended the CC meeting regarding village computer provision and access.he asked that Richard Dew been thanked for his technical input to the meeting.This electronic access and information are plus points for the Best Kept Village Competition.It was decided that the village should firther be entered for the *village of the year*.

Web site now has minutes, newsletter and E-Mail contact .PLEASE NOTE

THE WEB SITE ADDRESS IS: www.stanfordinthevalepc.co.uk

7/03/02 Correspondence

- a)Stanford PPC – Re;Project Funding
- b)Oxon CC – A417 road closure
- c)David Wilson Homes – A417 road closure

- d)DTLR – Acknowledgement of Green Paper response
- e)Handy Garden machinery – Re: Contested account – No reduction
- f)Quiney Jaggar – F.C.Lease – no response received
- g)Parishioner – Dog fouling/car parking on greens – To newsletter.Regarding
Car Parking,it is illegal to allow car parking on greens.
- h)V.W.H.DC – Faringdon – Market Towns Healthcheck
- i)***** - Recycling old shoes – Notices for Boards
- j)***** - Standards Committee Meeting Faringdon 13/3
- k)***** - Naming/Numbering Forest Grove
- l)CPRE - Membership enquiry – Proposed by Mr.Gill seconded by Mr
Bungay that membership be paid £25 – Carried

8/03/02 Planning Applications

- STA/8312/1 - 10 Chapel Road – Const.1st Floor Bathroom –Approved
(Mr.Williams/Mrs.Packer declared an interest)
- STA/13275/3 – Cromwell House – Pool room beside existing pool – Not
Supported due to inadequate plans – new room not on plan
- 2 x Tree works approved – The Old House – Cut down Willow
Frogmore House – Pollard 4 Willows

9/03/02 Monthly Statement of accounts

- Mr.Williams/Mrs.Packer objected to the accounts.Proposed by Mr.Gill
seconded by Mr.Burls the accounts be approved – carried.
- The Chairman asked that the salary review for the Clerk and cleaner be
discussed.Following NALC guidelines the Clerks salary was set at £7.15
per hour and street cleaning at £4.30 per hour.Proposed by Mr.Gill
seconded by Mr.Burls – Carried

10/03/02 Accounts for payment

D.M.Dew	Salary & Expenses	£343.47
J.Northcote	Salary	£ 99.60
B.Telecoms	Telephone	£ 50.60
Handy	Mower spares	£235.10
Portwell Press	Repro	£ 21.25
D.J.Scott	Mower spares	£113.90
Oxon County Scouts	Grant	£ 50.00
CPRE	Membership	£ 25.00

Proposed by Mr.Gill seconded by Mr.Burls the accounts be paid – carried
 Mr.Gill asked if the Fencing had been paid for and that he would check the
 guarantee clause.Mr.Williams asked that on the new Cottage Road path
 would there be a handrail provided.This is pending.

11/03/02 Adoption of Model Code of conduct

Item a)Proposed Mr.Bungay seconded Mr.Gill – Approved

b)Proposed Mr.Williams seconded Mrs.Packer - Approved

c)Proposed Mr.Bungay seconded Mr.Williams – Approved

VWHDC Monitoring Officer to be informed that PC have accepted the
 Code of Conduct as specified.

12/03/02 Grant applications

Clerk informed council of all applications and said that there was £50
 remaining in the budget.There were further discussions with emphasis on
 Council projects and the Village Hall application towards new kitchen
 furniture.It was resolved that the £50 remaining be paid to the Oxon

County scouts towards the Worldwide Jamboree Fund. Proposed by Mr. Gill seconded by Mr. Burls. The Village Hall application to be an agenda item

next meeting when the Clerk will reconcile accounts to see what monies are available. Following further discussions, Mr. Williams stated that money

is set aside for projects, this being one. Clerk to check with Customs &

Excise regarding VAT reclaim. It was proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by

Mrs. Packer that the PC should support the Village Hall Management

Committee in application for a grant(s) and reclaim VAT if legal – carried

Mr. Gill said as Landlords we should support the project even if not

financially. Chairman said that projects should be notified at precept setting

time.

13/03/02 Newsletter

Obituary notice (The Vice- Chairman) to be displayed

14/03/02 Playarea

Playarea refurbishment to cost £21000 to be funded by grants, hopefully.

Chairman detailed work to be carried out. Clerk stated that our insurers had

untimated that unless the work following the RoSPA report was carried

out we would lose our cover. Proposed by Mr. Bambury seconded by Mr.

Bungay the work be approved – carried.

15/03/02 Recreation & Leisure

Mr. Gill said that he had not heard from D.W. Homes regarding their support of projects and he would ask them for a list of things that they are able to do.

A digger was needed to scrape brambles and roots.

Chairman detailed the proposals for Jubilee Green (Chapel Road/Frogmore

Lane) It includes conservation kerbing plus a sump to prevent flooding. It was

costed at £4000 and grants will be applied for. A bench, manufactured by a local blacksmith at a cost of £1000 was also planned. On Church Green new wooden benches were to be ordered (brochure inspected) and on Millennium Green a bench of remembrance in memory of Mrs. Sandels funded by donations. The Jubilee Garden in the Playarea at a cost of £4000 was agreed overall and it was resolved to complete this project up to the figure quoted. Proposed Mr. Gill seconded Mr. Burls – carried. Mr. Gill thought that the Parish Council should be supportive of other organisations in their Jubilee Celebrations. Regarding the replanting of Lime Trees, this would be better suited in the Autumn. Chairman had been informed that notice boards would be advisable in the Playarea and the Rec. Field (Display Ownership) Proposed Mr. Bambury seconded Mr. Gill that these be purchased – carried

16/03/02 Any other urgent business

Nil

Proposed Mr. Bambury seconded Mr. Gill that the meeting be closed – carried

Questions/comments from Parishioners

Mr. Axton asked about the PC website. Mr. Wentworth thanked the Council for the reflective jackets. He asked if on the code declaration was membership of a Masonic lodge to be noted – Yes. He also detailed amounts of money received by the Village Hall in grants from the PPC stating it amounted to £110,000. Mrs. McMorrow said it was the right time for the Jubilee Garden but Mr. Williams thought that the Hall came before the garden. Mrs. Greenwood said that there were regular hall bookings but this created a problem for

people wanting use every week.Mr.Smith said that the Football Club solicitor had replied to the Council's solicitor.

Proposed Mr.Bungay seconded Mr.Bambury meeting be reopened – Carried

17/03/02 Football Club Lease

Mr.Williams and Mr.Bungay declared an interest and left the meeting

Chairman and Clerk gave details of both the asking and the offer.It was

proposed by Mr.Bambury seconded by Mr.Burls that the lease should be

as per valuer/barrister recommended - £600 pa plus every 3rd year 25% and RPI added on an 18 year lease.- carried 3-2 (Mrs.Packer/Mr.Gill against)

It was further proposed by Mr.Burls seconded by Mr.Bambury that

should it be necessary the PC take the legal advice given and take the

club to Court – carried 3-2(Mrs.Packer/Mr.Gill against).

