

Minutes of a meeting of the STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 27 March 2008 in the Millennium Hall Stanford in the Vale

Mr. R.Cornish (Parishioner) asked that Council consider as other local councils had done the question of Sustainability of the environment and gave council a leaflet that had been produced on this subject. Council thanked Mr.Cornish and agreed to publish in the newsletter and the matter would be discussed hopefully at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th April 2008

The Internal Auditor detailed progress on reworking the accounts. 2001-02 and 2002-03 were complete and needed checking with Chairman and Clerk. The remainder of outstanding accounts should be complete and will be ready to send to the auditors. There was further discussion on which accountancy system was used in future and while the clerk argued the case for the Governments "soft touch" approach it was felt an accruals system should be used. Clerk and Ms White to consider the available software packages.

Present: Cllr.P.G.McMorrow(Chair) Cllr.S.Bambury(Dep.Chair)
 Cllr.G.Hughes Cllr.P.Gill
 Cllr.Mrs.G.McMorrow Cllr.M.Isaacs

Cllr.R.Sharp(District Cllr) Ms.C.White(Int.Auditor) D.M.Dew(Clerk)

1/03/08 Apologies

Cllr.B.Burls(Business) Cllr.D.Monahan Smith(III) Cllr.M.Vallis(Family)
 Cllr.M.Tilley(County & Dist Council Business)

2/03/08 Declaration of Interest by Councillors on any agenda item

Cllr P.G.McMorrow/ Cllr Mrs G.McMorrow – Item 08/03/08 STA/20456

3/03/08 Minutes of previous meeting 9th January 2008 to be received and signed as record

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.HUGHES
 SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs McMORROW
 IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be approved

4/03/08 Report of County Councillor

Nil

5/03/08 Report of Clerk

- Salaries 2008/09 Clerk £11.50 per hour Handymen £7.25 per hour
 Litter picking £60 per month

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY
 SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

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IT WAS RESOLVED that these rates be approved

- Vandalism – Problems with broken glass on Church Green where a child received cuts and the refurbished notice board in rec field had been damaged and had now been repaired by the handymen

- Grants – It was resolved that £50 be granted to Independent Advice Centre Wantage Cllr. Gill asked what other organisations has requested grants. Clerk stated that any non organisations and those previously disregarded had not been presented to Council but w their applications at the next meeting.
- Bow Road Clearance – Clerk read letter from Riparian owner Mrs Champion where she right to carry out work completed and also the Council reply including an invoice for £100 has yet been received. Clerk to delay sending “Proof of Posting” reminder to Mrs Cham informed Council of his suggested scheme to transfer a strip of land adjacent to brook to machinery to access. Council to consider suggestion and item to next agenda/meeting.
- Notice Boards – Clerk reported that other users had keys and recently found that requir notices regarding council meetings had been covered by other posters. It was resolved that only the Clerk should have keys and all others should be returned to Clerk. If this failed locks could be changed.
- Code of Practice in Handling complaints – Clerk presented a new Code of Practice For handling complaints. It was resolved that the new code be accepted (*Annex A*)
- Clerk informed council that the Freedom of Information Act had allowed councils to charge for providing this information. It appeared that we were charging in excess by allowing £1 per page and it was therefore resolved to change the fee to 10p per page plus any postal charges.
- The handymen have asked for a budget to plant flower beds their consideration being £300. It was agreed that £300 be made available to start.

6/03/08

Chairmans report inc items for next agenda

Chairman stated that all he had to say regarding Bow Road had been covered but problems were still apparent further along the brook where there is a different owner. Clerk to write to this owner.

Informed council that there is a meeting with the PPC to discuss the proposed War Memorial. Cllr. Bambury said he had received a request that the present site be cleared and existing stone be incorporated

Cllr. Gill informed council that he was now a member of the Neighbourhood Action Group which covered various villages throughout the area. Meeting every two months. Current concern at the moment is speeding.

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Correspondence

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- Mrs.D.Champion – Re Bow Road as detailed to council
- Stanford PCC – Mower repair and churchyard mowing
- Stanford PPC – Support for footpath for climbing net
- OPFA – Seminar Steeple Aston 14th May 2008
- ORCC – OCC review of primary school provision
- Vale of WHDC – Celebrating Youth in the Vale – After discussion council nominated Mrs Hughes to attend the lunch 26th April Abingdon Guildhall

8/03/08

Planning applications

STA/8032/3 10 Sheards Lane – *Pitched roof to replace flat roof at front and rear*

*House. Erection of double garage and gazebo*STA/29456 Silkie Chapel Road – *Erection of single storey rear conservatory*STA/7904/36 Springfield CPS 8 & 9 White Horse Business Park – *Sub division
small units a
to fenestration and additional 1st floor for office, industrial and storage uses B1*

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no objections to these applications

9/03/08**Report of District Councillor**

There will be a grants meeting in March but there has been a 9% cut in grant but Traffic Advisory Committee was targeting speeding in Stanford especially by yellow bus passes giving concessionary fares will not become valid until 9.30am for jobs starting in the Vale. The District Council have appointed a Climate Change Officer. Community groups wishing to use District Council owned venues will now have a price, and all venues opening hours are to be reviewed.

10/03/08**To approve monthly statement of accounts**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. ISAACS

SECONDED BY Cllr. HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly statement of accounts be approved

11/03/08**To authorise accounts for payment**

D.Rolls	Salary & Expenses	350
C.J.Rolls	Salary & Expenses	427
Challow Stn Garage	Mower repair	120
Buildbase	Paint	16
Blackwell & Froud	Hedging	2
Handy	Mower spares	3
CPRE	Membership	28
Stanford URC	Hall hire	10
D.M.Dew	Salary,Casual Wages & Expenses	1290

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ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

12/03/08**To approve Planning & Finance(Bills) Committee decisions February 2008**

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.Mrs.McMORROW

IT WAS RESOLVED that the decisions (*annex B*) be approved**13/03/08****Recreation and Leisure report****Projects: -**

- Timescale re erection of Pyramid Climbing Frames and Picnic Tables- Mark Isaacs.
- ***Proposal: More benches for Recreation Ground by skate park and Junior Football***

Pitch -summer. 'Rootfast' have special offers at present .Item to next agenda

Maintenance:

- ***Higher fence issue at Football Club still to be agreed***
- Gate and timber rails and wire mesh have been placed (***Some still to complete***) at Huntersfield side of Village Park Fencing to improve entrance / exit from park and Village Hall. The intention to discourage climbing and further breakages. (***D.Rolls***)
- Concrete posts have been replaced at the recreation ground.
(Darren Rolls). ***Fencing still needs fixing***
- Village looking clear of litter. Grass cutting has started and everywhere looking very good.
- The Jubilee Garden and area around has been trimmed and weeded.
- Timber treatment is also being done.
- ***Proposal- we level areas on the A417 verge opposite the H and J and send invoice to Highways. I have plenty of grass seed and can spread over to renovate.***
- ***Will spread more grass seed on banked area at Recreation Ground.***
- ***Skate park now needs repainting- PG and MV to organise.***
- ***It will be good to get the new trailer collecting all debris from cuttings and taken to be recycled but no space to house once assembled.***
- ***Barrels and pump for diesel to be ready ASAP for delivery or else grass cutting will be hampered.***