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MARCH 2003

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2003 AT STANFORD VILLAGE HALL.

P.C.Holder (TVP) addressed the meeting regarding vandalism in the village. He stressed again that he needed the help and cooperation of villagers in order to stop vandalism and apprehend the culprits. He asked that everyone be diligent and be prepared to make supporting statements. He also gave details of the overturned car in the hall car park and his progress in identifying those responsible. Council thanked PC Holder for his information and attendance, his comments and requests will be placed in the newsletter.

Mrs. Creighton asked about Vine Cottage, Church Green – for months the builders have not worked leaving the cottage with broken windows, open shutters and an open rear. Clerk said that previous enquiries had revealed that the District council had stopped the work due to over exceeding permission on a listed building. Clerk to check on latest developments

Present: Mr.P.G.McMorrow (Chair) Mr.S.Bambury(Deputy Chair)

Mr.G.Hughes(Senior Councillor) Mr.M.Williams

Mr.P.Gill Mr.A.Bungay

Mr.B.Burls

D.M.Dew (Clerk) PC Holder TV Police

4 Members of Public

1/03/03 Apologies for absence

Mrs. R.Packer Mr.G.Sandels

2/03/03 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations were received

Agenda Item 14 – Cllr. Hughes. Agenda Items 8 & 16 – Cllr. Bambury

3/03/03 Minutes of previous meeting 5th February 2003

Page 6 16/02/03 and 17/02/03 Appointment of Parish Council
Trustees add ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr WILLIAMS
SECONDED BY Cllr PACKER IT WAS RESOLVED that
PPC Position be offered to Mr.Grant – the Stanford Relief in Need position be offered to Mr.Bungay.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr.BURLS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that after these additions the minutes be approved and signed.

4/03/03 Report of District Councillor – Mrs.R.Packer (read by Clerk)

1) The District Council Tax has risen by 6% from £78.87 to £83.60. A Band D house will now pay OCC £870.41, Thames Valley Police Auth. £106.24 and Vale £107.86 (includes Parish)

The Bands are as follows:

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| A | - | £723 | Part of the rise is due to the Government |
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| В | - | £843.51 | increasing National Insurance Contributions |
| C | - | £964.01 | for employers |
| D | - | £1084.51 | |
| E | - | £1325.51 | |
| F | - | £1555.52 | |
| G | - | £1807.51 | |

H - £2169.02

The Council agreed that Stanford Parish Council should increase to 10 members

As part of its Arts policy the Council supported a production by "Opera Anywhere" in our village hall on Sat march 1st.this was well attended and well supported the Council's policy of bringing live performances to the rural areas. Members of our village hall Management Committee did an excellent job with publicity, frony of house and suppers.

At Monday's meeting of the Tourism Executive in London, there was a presentation regarding the merger of the British Tourism Authority and the English Tourism Council. There does not however seem to be any extra funding to ensure that Tourism has one strong coherent voice. Unfortunately, there will also be problems regionally as few of the appointees to the regional authorities have any tourism experience. On a lighter note – one chaps job title – Director of Strategy & Intelligence to Director of Strategy & Research to Director of Strategy & Insight – I wonder if its someones job to think up new titles or whether it takes hours and hours of discussion Aerosols, mobile phones, car batteries and domestic batteries can now go in the green boxes.

5/03/03 Report of County Councillor (Notes by Chairman)

Had attended meetings regarding elderly and adoptions. Was not in favour of the proposed wind farm at Watchfield

6/03/03 Report of Clerk

Vine Cottage as previously minuted - *Berkeley Homes* – no reply received. There had been little or no response from Ock Meadow residents regarding the grass cutting.

Education finance —Clerk informed Council that part of his University work involved visiting Hungary at a cost of approx £480. Following a previous resolution from Cllr. Williams Council had approved finance for book purchases but this was not now necessary due to further sponsorship from other sources involving use of the British Library . The Clerk therefore asked that this allocation of funds be made available to offset the cost of the Hungarian fieldweek.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BUNGAY

IT WAS RESOLVED $\,$ that this money be made available from the funds allocated as at resolution $25/11/02\,$ dated $20^{th}\,$ Nov $2002\,$

7/03/03 Report of Chairman

Grants – Projects had been inspected by WREN who were pleased with the work and indicated further grants were available. There was discussion regarding robust felt flooring, positioning of the new *Supernova* roundabout and use of stainless steel for skateboarding area..Cllr. Gill suggested separate meetings with potential suppliers.

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The council agreed that the best kept Village competition be entered again.

8/03/03 Correspondence

- a) VWHDC Response Members allowances
- b) Response Increase of seats on parish council
- c) DEFRA= Licensing Bill Exemptions
- d) Oxford Inspires Involvement in cultural events
- e) ORCC Affordable housing talks
- f) The Boundary Committee Electoral boundary review
- g) SIC PPC Grant cheques
- h) Portwell Press Quotations for "information Sheet" and "Directory

Following discussions

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY Cllr HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that Portwell Press produce 1000 copies of Information sheet as quoted at a cost of £120

Cllr.Bambury declared an interest

9/03/03 Planning applications

STA/4278/4 – *Rec.Field* – Erection of Floodlighting MUGA – refer to application

Re: Time slots

STA/11396/1 – 7 Faringdon Road – Alterations and Extensions to form double

Bedroom and 1st floor bathroom – use of matching materials

STA/15904/7 + LB – Eastfield Farm Gainfield – Conversion of stable block into ancillary accommodation

ON THE PROPOSAL OF Cllr.BUNGAY

SECONDED BY Cllr.BURLS

IT WAS RESOLVED that STA/4278/4 – STA/11396/1 - STA/15904/7 be supported.

10/03/03 Projects

Chairman reported that Jubilee garden structurally was completed. Playarea surrounds to be tidied and slide replaced this week Seat securely anchored. Mr.Barnard was happy for Cotswold Playgrounds to take over that work allocated to him regarding replacement and securing equipment..

Frogmore Lane – OCC to look at providing tank and kerbs.Cllr Williams had met OCC to discuss him digging out ditch

There was further discussion regarding siting of the Supernova Cllr.Gill suggesting that it be better on the recreation field.

11/03/03 **S106 Forest Grove**

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Clerk to contact OCC regarding the apparent loss of s.106 monies to County .To protest that

this Council was not consulted regarding money that is supposed to be for the benefit of village infastructure. Crossing near school now quoted at £20,000 - £25,000 with the PC expected to make a donation towards it.

12/03/03 Resolution from Cllr.Bambury

To consider purchase of photocopier £380

Cllr. Bambury had looked at second hand machines but the one he recommended was new and he gave details of cost £380 + VAT and specifications

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.HUGHES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the machine be purchased at the price quoted.

13/03/03 Resolution from Cllr. Gill

To consider purchase of mower £2500

Following discussions on servicing of the old mowers and specification details of the mower under consideration it was decided

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the mower be purchased at the price quoted

14/03/02 Resolution from Cllr.McMorrow

To consider contribution towards refurbishment and archives United Reform Church

Cllr. Hughes declared his interest and left the meeting

Cllr. Williams said that £250 had been donated to the village hall and proposed that the same amount be donated towards the URC

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr.WILLIAMS

IT WAS RESOLVED that £250 be donated to the URC

15/03/03 To approve Monthly Statement of Accounts

Cllr. Williams objected to the accounts

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.BAMBURY

SECONDED BY Cllr.GILL

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be approved

16/03/03 To authorise accounts for payment

| D.M.Dew | 565.59 | J.Northcote | 112.80 |
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| Village Hall | 128.40 | CPRE | 25.00 |
| Cotswold Play . | 4053.76 | URC | 825.00 |
| Cotswold Play | 2115.00 | B.Telecomms | 41.90 |
| M.Williams | 50.00 | Impact Software | 80.00 |
| Portwell Press | 6.18 | Univ of Glos | 690.00 |

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D.M.D ew 220.00 Cons.Supplies 446.50

Plus grants total £50 as detailed 17/03/03

Cllr.Bambury declared an interest

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr.GILL

SECONDED BY Cllr.BURLS

IT WAS RESOLVED that the accounts be paid

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BUNGAY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following organisations should be granted £10 each NSPCC – Citizens Advice - Victim Support – Oxon Assoc of Blind – Age Concern

18/03/03 Recreation and Leisure

Report from Cllr.Gill Chairman of Committee attached to minutes

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BAMBURY

IT WAS RESOLVED that when permission re floodlights etc is received the MUGA can be started ASAP

17/03/03 Application s for Grants

After discussing the twelve applications submitted five were chosen to receive a grant.

19/03/03 To consider date of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Due to time restrictions re 1 May election the date was fixed for 14 May at 7 PM

20/03/03 To consider date of Annual Parish meeting

Date set as 21 May

ON THE RESOLUTION OF Cllr. McMORROW

SECONDED BY Cllr. BUNGAY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meetings be held on dates minuted above

There being no further business

ON THE PROPOSAL OF Cllr.WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY Cllr.BUNGAY

IT WAS RESOLVED that the meeting be closed - 22 20 Hours







