

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JULY 2018**  
**IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr A Searle, Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Geoff Coles, Cllr Jill Dillamore, Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Jenny Ody, CCllr H Davies, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 6 members of the public

**PRESENTATION BY HAYLEY TERRELL (EDF) FLY PARKING POLICY**

Hayley Terrell and Jonathon Hall attended the Parish Council meeting and explained the EDF Fly Parking Policy and their desire to minimise the impact and disruption of HPC workers parking in the parish. She explained that the number of HPC workers becoming residents has increased but as residents, they have the right to park in Stogursey. Edf policy is to stop people who try to park to get on a bus closer to HPC. EDF has a long term plan and are working on internal processes and communications with the workforce to provide a system that is beneficial to both EDF and local residents. Residents expressed anger and concern that their previous attempts to report fly parkers has been ignored – Hayley assured them that the system is changing. The team carry out a general overview of fly parking areas – number plates are scanned and matched against the HPC workforce database. Residents should also continue to report instances of fly parking and action will be taken. So far, two workers have lost their passes and no longer work at HPC due to fly parking.

The team also answered questions relating to EDF workers buses. Residents are invited to attend the Main Site Forum to address their concerns.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Nothing to report

**39/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr C Morgan

**40/18 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2018**

1. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Elenor and AGREED for signature by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

**41/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

Cllrs Dillamore, Goss & Ody – Agenda Item 13a Correspondence (Stogursey Employment Hub).

**42/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

1. Preparation and resurfacing work on a section of the A39 (Bath Road), Bridgwater starting 23.7.18 (preparation for 15 days and resurfacing 4 days)
2. Taunton Transport Strategy – Consultation (Connecting our Garden Town) is now open.
3. Library service consultation ended 13 June, analysis, recommendations and scrutiny are ongoing, with implementation expected 2019 -2020.
4. Chairman's Awards nominations by 31 Aug 18, and Unsung hero's award nominations by 27 Jul 18. CCllr will post information to the Clerk.
5. The SW Ambulance service NHS Trust are changing their way of operation. The trust will move away from divisional to county based model.
6. National Grid new substations – one in Shurton starting 2019 hoping to finish in 2023. The other one will be in Sandford
7. CCllr Davies' SCC division will not be changing to 'Quantock Coast'. It has been shelved, along with two other proposed members divisions due to there not being a clear case for change.
8. New District Council – expecting redundancies which is financially worrying
9. SCC Improving Lives consultation – everyone is encouraged to take part. The parish has previously benefited from the Health and Wellbeing fund (Employment Hub and Village Agent).

**43/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

Cllr Goss

1. A consultation on the Council tax support scheme ends 19.7.18. It will be a combination of two schemes already in place and will be implemented by new council in 2019
2. Williton police will not be sharing the Williton council offices due to cutbacks, the nearest police station will probably be in Bridgwater.

3. Cllr Goss met with A&S speed enforcement team – in connection with resident complaints of speeding. The officer in charge drove through Shurton and Burton, and is worried at the state of the signage - it does not conform (broken and hidden by foliage); and repeater signs are not located at correct distances. The police will not be able to enforce speeding until these issues are rectified. This will be reported to Somerset County Council, but the parish council will need to consider whether they prefer repeater signs, or less intrusive roundels on the road instead.
4. A replacement Shurton noise monitor (stolen 3 months ago), was reinstalled this week. A site for the Knighton noise monitor (ongoing for 15 months) has also been found.
5. Andrew Goodchild's replacement at West Somerset Council (John Burton) will be attending the MSF next week and will meet councillors.
6. Community bus – the contract comes up for renewal every year, and councillors can put their view forward. The community bus is a free voluntary service by EDF and in return for this scheme, the District councillors had to agree to allow EDF to replace the minibuses they were using in the parish with the slightly larger mid-size buses. The provision of the free buses was considered a good thing especially in light of the removal of public buses. Councillors were aggrieved that the parish council were not consulted, however this required a quick decision.

**44/18 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):**

1. Cllr Searle reported that members of the council attended the official opening of the HPC Campus and looked around. They considered that the units and the quality are impressive, and was interesting to see what is included in the complex. Cllr Goss asked whether the sports facilities are available for community use – this would be the only benefit that the residents would have. Cllr Searle was told that all councils suggested that there be a charge, if Cllr Goss had been made aware of this she would not have agreed. She repeated that she did not attend the opening as she was against the building of the campus. The original DCO did state 250 beds, but was increased to 510 – residents have had to endure 2 years of construction. We still do not know impact of the campus and there will be more in 10 years when it is demolished.

**45/18 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

1. **Village Hall.** Following the additional funding request being turned down by the POB, Cllr Ford has been working on the resubmission of the application. They have since been awarded a £25k grant awarded from Garfield Weston Foundation (£50k requested). Cllr Goss reported that Holford parish council took out a Public Loan Works Board Loan (low risk borrowing) on behalf of their Village Hall and is an option for Stogursey. Cllr Ford reported that the Victory Hall committee did everything asked of them, but still 'in limbo'. Cllr Goss explained that the POB is made up of 2 representatives from SCC, Sedgemoor, EDF and WSDC and not all supported the application.

**46/18 PLANNING:**

1. 3/32/18/017 – Wick Park Cottage, Stogursey. Following a site visit on 1.7.18, parish council agreed they would be supportive of the application. The proposed extension design is sympathetic to the original building. Comments submitted.

**47/18 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:**

1. Maintenance Contract. A quote to carry out 3 safety inspections with detailed written reports has been received from Sovereign (£480) and is more expensive than HAGS (£399). They have 3 levels and will only entertain the top maintenance package for non-sovereign equipment. Both contracts will identify areas of concern and carry out minor repairs. Somerset Landscapes has been contacted to provide a quote.

**48/18 MEETING REPORTS:**

1. 13.6.18 – Steart. Cllr Jones provided information to be inserted and circulated in the information pack. There are problems with inland pond water levels - smaller ponds (with newts) dry up or trodden on by cattle, in order to maintain water levels it was decided to explore the feasibility of boreholes. Wildlife Trust – money has been obtained from the CIM fund and will be used on a coastal project – liaising with local parishes and schools to provide educational coastal visits.
2. 29.6.18 – SSG. Cllr Dillamore reported A Site has a new piece of equipment – an eddy current tester. They can sort 90% of the highly reactive springs within 3 minutes and only 10% need to be sorted by hand. The store will be handed over by March 2019 and training will start. Oldbury and Dungeness waste to HPC put on hold but HPC can conceivably still receive waste. HPB, hairline crack in reactor 4 is safe, experts say HPB can run to 2023 and beyond. EDF has 534 employees, 22 apprentices, 20 engineers, 2 business apprentices and 200 contractors on site. They have a Remote sensor which can be used to go into the highly radioactive areas to complete an inspection. Food standards monitoring fish, eggs, cattle and milk showed we are within safety margins (Sellafield has a level 10 times higher). Will see whether Watchet harbour (sediment) brings in other aspects to consider.

3. 26.6.18 – Website. Cllr Ody has volunteered to assist the clerk to take it further and try to improve it and make it more user friendly. They will investigate what people want to know before spending hours adding unnecessary information.

#### **49/18 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. 12.7.8 – WSFG – Cllr Elenor unable to attend)
2. 18.7.18 – MSF (includes visit to HPC Campus at 6pm) – Cllr Ford unable to attend. Members of the public are invited to attend at 7pm and take part if they wish.
3. 16.8.18 – Community Forum
4. 2.8.18 – Transport Forum

#### **50/18 REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018:**

1. The clerk outlined a proposal to obtain 10 silhouettes as a visual thought provoking reminder of the fallen to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1. The application closing date was extended to 16.7.18 – councillors discussed whether they wished to hold an event (with or without silhouettes). The silhouettes can also be used at the Remembrance Day Service on the Gravel, in the church and in future years.
2. Cllr Goss considers that as we have a list of names on a war memorial that is a good reason to have a commemoration event. A discussion ensued on whether the silhouettes will enhance the dignity of the event, and whether a commemoration event would add anything to what we already do – we already have a Remembrance Day service every year. An event may appeal to younger people as the UK still has forces in danger, or may appeal to people who do not go to church but might like a celebration. A note can be added to Stogursey to gauge interest. It will be an opportunity to bring community together and provide an opportunity for residents to engage with other members of the parish and the Armed Forces. It may be a lot of work, and will need to be marketed correctly. The safety of the silhouettes will also need to be considered.
3. Cllr Searle reported that to celebrate the anniversary of VJ day, the parish held afternoon tea, the children, the youth and the precursor to QMTC were involved, and the celebrations did bring the community together.
4. Cllr Brereton proposed the principle of having a celebration, inviting residents to be involved, and to apply for the award of funding for the silhouettes, seconded by Cllr Goss. A vote was taken - 7 for, 1 against and 1 abstained. The clerk asked for support with completing the application form and will submit it by 16.7.18. **Action: Clerk**

#### **51/18 CORRESPONDENCE (The Clerk):**

1. Correspondence is addressed on receipt and filed; it is available to all councillors on request. A list has been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. There were no comments or questions. The clerk reported the following
  - a. General (Received/Sent)
    - i. Letter from concerned Residents regarding Fly parking. One resident stated that she had issues with fly parking which were dealt with satisfactorily and thanked EDF staff, however raised issues about the increased number of HMOs. Another complained about the number of coaches and buses in the village in the early hours. They will be referred to the MSF. **Action: Clerk**
    - ii. Local Government Boundary Commission – Consultation. Councillors agreed to respond individually to the consultation. A note will be added to Stogursey News for residents to complete if they wish. The consultation ends on 27.8.18. Cllr Goss (as District Councillor) stated that she will not support the recommendations as this ward is big enough and the idea is doing a dis-service by increase ward and reduce number of councillors.
    - iii. Employment Hub – request for funding. The Hub requested £250 from parish council to recompense the Greyhound for electricity and use of facilities. The room is being given free of charge. The employment hub was initially funded by the CIM Fund and they are in the process of becoming a charity. Their current funds is all allocated but they will be able to apply for funding once the charity is set up. Cllr Elenor proposed that the Employment Hub be awarded £250, seconded by Cllr Ford. All Agreed. **Action: Clerk**
    - iv. Cllr Jones asked whether we had received a response from the letter sent to Mr Roe of Swang Farm. No response yet.
  - b. Chairman's Award. Cllr Goss suggested two groups for consideration – Stogursey Well Employment Hub and Stogursey Stagecoach, the volunteers all do sterling work; both worthy individuals. Cllr Elenor proposed that we nominate Stogursey Stagecoach, seconded by Cllr Goss. All agreed. The clerk will complete the necessary paperwork. **Action: Clerk**
  - c. Allotments – resident's complaints (Rats). The clerk has contacted environmental health – they will not attend allotments and the residents will have to report themselves. If the issue is found to come from the allotments, the parish council will be informed and asked to take action. The resident has been informed.

**52/18 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):**

- 1. Watering rota – volunteers in place and will cover when Cllr and Mrs Ford on holiday and beyond. Thanks again to them both.

**53/18 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):**

- 1. Cllr Searle reported that potholes were marked up on the road by Wick cottage last year when it was due to be redressed and chippings laid. He has not yet been informed when it will happen.

**54/18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):**

- 1. Proposed Public Path Diversion Order. Footpath WL 23/5 at High Monkton Farm.

**55/18 FINANCE (The Clerk):**

- 1. **Balances at 30.6.18.** Current A/C £7087; Deposit A/C £11493; Reserves A/C £75183.
- 2. **Invoices for payment.** The detail of payments for authorisation at the meeting had been circulated to all members and the following invoices were APPROVED for payment, proposed by Cllr Elenor, seconded by Cllr Brereton and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; two payments will be made online. **Action: Clerk**

**a. Payments made since the last meeting on 12.6.18**

S Foster £185.00 406 Mowing 19.6.18

**b. Payments due**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	£578.96	407	Clerk Salary for June 2018 includes £31.74 misc. expenses
HMRC	£136.80	BP	Employee tax (Month – 2018/19)
SALC	£60.00	BP	Councillor training 20.6.18 & 27.6.18
A Searle	£145.00	408	Chairman expenses Apr – Jun 2018
Quantock Holdings	£250.00	409	Contribution to Greyhound pub for Stogursey Hub electricity and use of facilities

- 3. **Receipts.** VAT reclaim of £3,841 from 2017/2018 has been received.
- 4. **Budget Monitoring Statement.** The statement for the period ending 30.6.18 will be sent to councillors for approval before the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**56/18 GROUPS AND PANELS:**

- 1. Stogursey Arts Trust. The programme will be outlined in Stogursey News
- 2. Twinning. Cllr Elenor reported a BBQ at Fishers, Shurton on Sat 7.7.18.
- 3. Youth Club. The application to purchase a new table tennis table, pool table and TV and DVD player from the S106 funds has been approved.
- 4. Stogursey Hub. Cllr Dillamore reported that the clients are increasing and are asking for help on a different number of issues.

**57/18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

- 1. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7.15pm** (public forum) followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall. There will not be a meeting in August.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....