

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017**  
**IN THE VICTORY HALL STOGURSEY**  
**TO BE AGREED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Nothing to report

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Allan Searle (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Gillian Orchard (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

**127/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoff Coles and County Councillor Hugh Davies.

**128/17 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14.11.17**

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman subject to noting the amendment of the wording of the EDF presentation to include

“Matt Olley gave a brief synopsis of their proposal, including the new temporary jetty pipework, the sea wall re-alignment and the increase in size of the fuel store area and storage building. He explained the fuel store needed to be larger because EDF Energy wanted to change from a wet to dry interim spent fuel store as the method of storage but that would be the subject of a separate application to the Environment Agency and the Office for Nuclear Regulation.”

**129/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

Cllr Chris Ford – Agenda item 15.a – Youth Club request for grant.

**130/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

1. Stogursey School Traffic Calming Measures. Waiting for confirmation of completion. Cllr Elenor confirmed that the works have been completed.
2. Taunton Park & Ride – SATURDAYS ONLY – will cease on 30.12.17. Buses of Somerset will run a new Saturday service from Taunton to Musgrove Park Hospital. Consideration will be given to temporarily running Saturday park and ride again on an adhoc basis in support of major events and busy periods in the run up to Christmas.
3. Review of the Community Speed Indicator device (SID) provision from 31.3.18. SCC will offer practical advice and support to parish and town councils wishing to purchase and operate their own SID. They will also consider operating a revised SID programme based on contributions received from Parish and Town councils who wish to participate.
4. SCC Ofsted re-inspection of vulnerable children's service has been completed. Given initial feedback, but reported continuous improvement from the monitoring visit last August. A fuller report is expected 29.1.18.
5. SCC has handed over 2 new minibuses to ATWEST for the WS community service
6. Following the EDF energy public meeting on 14.11.17, County Cllr Hughes received a briefing telephone call from Andy Coupe regarding the HPC Non material amendment; SCC has raised comments in two primary areas
  - a. The visual impact of the proposed changes to the Interim Spent Fuel Store and associated waste policy matters, and
  - b. The implications for the Coastal Path of the realignment of the Sea Wall.
7. Hinkley Point C – Proposed Variation to Construction Traffic Management Plan. EDF Energy wishes to temporarily increase the quarterly average daily cap of HGV's in relation to the HPC development from 500 to 750 movements per day (Monday to Saturday) until the jetty is complete (anticipated Sep 2019). A key decision is being sought to enable this to happen, subject to appropriate mitigation and mechanism.
8. Cllr Goss asked about the times of the flashing lights operating at the school as they were on at 2.50pm – 40 minutes before school ends. There is a concern that if they are on too early, drivers may become complacent. Cllr Elenor will investigate whether they can be operated by the school. **Action: Cllr Elenor**
9. Cllr Ford proposed a letter of thanks be sent to CCllr Hugh Davies. Seconded by Cllr Brereton. **Action: Clerk**

**131/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

**Cllr Morgan**

1. Cllr Morgan attended a meeting at NuLeaf (Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum). The plan is to go back to government; and change from 'care and maintenance' to continuous de-commissioning' of sites that no longer produce electricity.
2. It was suggested that the geological disposal facility is more realistically entitled 'geological storage facility'

3. Further details can be found in the paper outlining the timing of the Magnox reactor decommissioning will be forwarded in the circulation pack. **Action: Clerk**

#### Cllr Goss

1. Cllr Goss reported that the Minister has announced that he is minded to approve the application of the proposed new council and there is a period of consultation until end January – the local MP does not support this.
2. HP A exhibition on proposal for importation of waste - will only consist of pond skips. This will involve only 25 HGVs over a 2 year period from 2019 s and the total imported will only be 6% of what HPA will be storing on site.
3. Cllr Morgan reported that it was not possible to consult on the proposed new council until a decision was made. The district councils are meeting to revisit the proposal. Significant savings have been made (although eaten up by valuation office agency and EDF reducing HP B business rates); re-evaluation was made and EDF were happy – this year, and will be going back to valuation office agency as HP B is not generating as much electricity as it was 12 months ago. Government will not fund the district council in any way. WSC do not employ their own staff, but buy in from Taunton Deane. He emphasised that WSC will not be any better or worse off. Cllr Ford is concerned that Stogursey has little in common with Taunton Deane and would prefer to liaise with Sedgemoor.
4. Cllr Goss responded that she and Cllr Morgan are working hard to represent the area, and the district and feel that Sedgemoor has more interest in obtaining HPC business rates – they previously had a fund in their budget to lobby for this at government level.

#### **132/17 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST (By exception)**

1. The oak tree (or similar) promised by Lady Goss will be included in the planned new village hall.
2. Strongvox Site Car Parking / Woodlands & Orchards. Cllr Morgan proposed that 1a, b & c are amalgamated together. When the land is finalised out at Paddons Farm, he suggested that an oak tree is planted for every name (approx. 15) on the memorial. Following discussions of the ecological benefits of mixed woodland, compared with only oak trees, it was agreed to wait until the land is finalised before any further discussion or decision. **Action: Ongoing**
3. Cover for shelter – Clerk to investigate price of plastic cover from original supplier. **Action: Clerk**
4. BRPA Maintenance Schedule. A meeting will be arranged in the New Year for the subgroup to discuss work needed. To be added to the Agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **133/17 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):**

1. HPC wish to increase number of HGV movements from 500 to 750 per day to ensure the jetty is completed by end 2018. There has been a lot of reaction from Sedgemoor, and will have implications for Stogursey as there will be extra traffic on C182. More heavy vehicles on site as lorries will also discharge their load which will have noise implications (even if within limits set by WHO, the noise will still affect local residents). Lay-bys on the C182 are already clogged up with HGVs and HPC buses either taking a rest break or awaiting their allotted arrival/delivery slot. No consultation is required. EDF are proposing mitigation – it is hoped we get worthwhile mitigation for Stogursey, e.g. increased hours of community bus scheme to make it more user friendly for local people, and support for help with a minibus Stogursey Stagecoach, who have taken up the slack.
2. Otterhampton Parish Clerk (Aly Prowse) asked if we would like to join with Cannington and Otterhampton PC to have a stronger lobbying group. Councillors agreed it is a good idea to have strength in numbers. Proposed by Cllr Goss, seconded by Cllr Morgan. The clerk will contact Aly Prowse. **Action: Clerk**

#### **134/17 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

1. **Village Hall.** Cllr Ford reported that plans are moving ahead and hope to apply for planning permission by end January following meeting with architects. It is expected to take some time, and not expected to award a contract until September. The results of the tender process (including when/ if contractors are available) may affect the price. Cllr Morgan suggested it would be useful for supportive parishioners to attend/speak at the Planning Committee.

#### **135/17 LENGTHS-MAN SCHEME.**

1. The lengthsman completed most of the work required, including clearing vegetation around kerb lines. Volunteers have cleared the brook area near the holding pond, but more work is needed to clear vegetation growth near the flood scheme. Cllr Goss proposed the council invite Greenslades to complete the one day's work, seconded by Cllr Brereton. All agreed. **Action: Cllr Searle**

#### **136/17 PLANNING:**

1. 3/32/17/010, Change of use to create garden curtilage at Rae Zine, Stolford. Further to SPC comments suggesting that the caravan is moved from site on completion; however this condition cannot be imposed, as it does not meet all the criteria. The planning department has contacted the agent, the owner intends to remove the caravan when the garage is built.

2. 3/32/17/009, Tanyard Bungalow, 16, Castle Street, Stogursey. The clerk received a telephone call from Liz Peeks explaining that the parish council comments previously submitted is more that is required for the amended application and the comments will result in the application going to full planning committee. She asked that that this be discussed at the next parish council meeting. Councilors agreed the comments previously submitted are to stand. The clerk will respond to Liz Peeks **Action: Clerk**
3. 3/32/17/012 – Variation of Condition No 22 (approved plans) of application 3/32/07/008 – Paddons Farm, Stogursey – comments submitted by Parish Council.
4. HPC Order 2013 – SI 2013 No 648 Application for Non-Material Change in relation to HPC Development Site Consultation under Regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Developmental Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 – comments submitted by Parish Council
5. Consultation on 2 Environmental Permit Variation Applications - Hinkley Point C Construction Site - Water Discharge Permit Variations - EPR/JP3122GM/V006 & EPR/JP3122GM/V007
6. Tree Preservation Order, Shurton – application withdrawn.
7. 3/32/17/015 - Replacement and improvement of sluice and outfall with protection of the rear embankment. Not all residents are content with the proposal to cease maintenance of the shingle ridge, however they have all been informed of the plans and invited to make their views known. Cllr Morgan suggested that the parish council respond favourably to the application. Proposed by Cllr Ford and Seconded by Cllr Elenor. All agreed. **Action: Clerk**  
Cllr Morgan left the meeting at 2040

#### 137/17 **BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:**

1. Update – Planned Work. CJ Lynch will start work on the tarmac link path on 3 Jan 18.
2. The springers have been ordered and will be delivered to Somerset Landscapes – anticipated date 12 Jan 18. David Wright will arrange a date to install the equipment once they arrive. He will also fit the benches at the same time.
3. Planned Maintenance Schedule. The clerk has prepared a draft maintenance schedule which will be forwarded. Discussed at minute 132/17.4 above. **Action: Clerk**

#### 138/17 **MEETING REPORTS:**

5.12.17 – WWQ – Cllr Goss reported that Peter Owen (Highways) gave a report. The Dragon Cross roadworks have been deferred until May – road closures will be from 7pm - 7am, and during the day alternate lane traffic, traffic light controlled. It will be completed using SRA funding – some of our precept being spent in West Somerset. The police expressed concerns over illegal fox hunting in Quantocks; there was an issue in Holford over the killing of a deer: there is a wildlife protection officer based in Minehead; Crime rate (reported) is 20% up in this area; Construction of Williton park and ride due to start in March, due to be opened in September  
Andrew Goodchild conducted a presentation on Hinkley Point and the Community Impact Mitigation Fund which proved useful to those not familiar to the scheme

#### 139/17 **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. 10.1.18 – MSF
2. 1.2.18 – Transport Forum
3. 23.2.18 - SSG

#### 140/17 **CORRESPONDENCE (The Clerk):**

1. Youth Club request for grant of £3,000. Cllr Ford left the meeting  
The Youth Club is running well and has recently received a glowing report from SCC Youth and Communities Department and the club plays a vital role helping young people during their transition to adulthood. Cllr Brereton proposed that the parish council agree to the request of £3,000, seconded by Cllr Elenor. All agreed. **Action: Clerk**  
Cllr Ford returned to the meeting
2. WSC/TDC – new council – discussed at minute 131/17 above. No further comments
3. SSAP - Physical activity in Stogursey – request for support for an application to the CIM fund for a scheme to provide physical activity to the older generation. It was agreed to invite the team to speak to the parish council in February. **Action: Clerk**
4. National Grid Tree Planting Scheme. The parish council will be interested to add trees to the Strongvox site when the land is handed over. **Action: Clerk**
5. Termination of current SID programme. With effect from 31.3.18, Somerset County Council will end the scheme. The parish council can purchase their own scheme – this was investigated previously and found to be expensive. The other option is to make a financial contribution towards installation costs. The parish council wish to declare an interest in paying into a scheme, depending on the cost. **Action: Clerk**
6. Toddlers Group - Request for grant. The group has asked for help toward the rent of Victory Hall. The group currently pay a reduced rent of £10, however attendance is low during the winter months and the group do not always

receive sufficient funds in subscriptions. Cllr Elenor proposed that the parish council cover the cost of rent for 10 weeks (£100) and pay it direct to the Victory Hall, seconded by Cllr Brereton. The group will then be able to collect their subscriptions and build up a small pot of money for future expenses. They will also be asked to keep a record of attendees and how much they collect to provide to the parish council. All agreed. **Action: Clerk**

7. **Received / Sent - general**

- a. Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (WRFCC) Strategy for 2017 – 2021 and beyond.
- b. Notice to WSC – notification of intention to Co-opt a new Cllr forwarded, and notices prepared for notice boards.  
**Action: Clerk**
- c. Defibrillator checks – there is a requirement to conduct weekly and monthly checks, keep a local record and forward monthly report to SWAST. **Action: Clerk**

1411/17 **ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):**

1. **The Pound.** The PCC has engaged a contractor (Steve Logan) to work on the repairs to the wall of the pound. The work is now completed.
2. Greenslades has provided a Christmas tree - currently being stored in the Pound. The lights have been set up. Cllr Searle will ask volunteers to erect the tree on the gravel on Friday.

142/17 **HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):**

1. Cllr Searle reported that more pot holes have been marked, and some have been filled in.

143/17 **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PROW (Cllr Jones):**

1. A wooden footpath sign on the C182 between Wick (Headweir) and Shurton has snapped off. **Action: Cllr Jones**

144/17 **FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. **Balances at 30 Nov 17.** Current A/C 5,978.38, Deposit A/C £18,653.65; Reserves A/C £68,347.70.
2. **The following invoices were AGREED for payment** (proposed by Cllr Elenor, seconded by Cllr Brereton)
  - a. **Payments made since the last meeting on 14.11.17**

Victory Hall	£210.00	373	Donation to Stogursey Fun (Christmas party)
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  - b. **Payments due**

G Orchard	540.42	374	Clerk Salary for Nov 17 includes £32.42 misc expenses
HMRC	£127.00	375	Employee tax (Month 9)
WSC	£250.00	376	Licence to carry out works at BRPA
Victory Hall	£100.00	377	Donation on behalf of Toddlers group for Victory Hall rent (10 sessions)
3. **Quote for works.** £110 for 5 trailer loads of weeds to be taken away from the stream in Castle Street. Cllr Brereton proposed that the bill be paid once the invoice arrives, seconded by Cllr Elenor.
4. **Approve Precept 2018/2019.** The working version of the precept for 2018/2019 was discussed at the precept meeting and a draft version and notes forwarded to councillors. Since then, the precept was further adjusted to take account of the recent notification of a potential pay rise of 2% for the clerk salary (amended to £8000). The effect of a £23,500 precept to the 'Band D equivalent' tax payer is an increase of £1.23 (or 2.65%) per annum. The precept of £23,500 was approved as proposed by Cllr Elenor and seconded by Cllr Brereton. **Action: Clerk**

145/17 **GROUPS AND PANELS:**

1. Stogursey Arts Festival is now a registered charity. They held an event – a slide show to display the talent on show over the last few years, in the Church Rooms.
2. Twinning Association – a Quiz will be held on Friday 15.12.17 in Church Rooms. The Wassail will be on 6.1.18
3. Stogursey Well Employment Hub. Still receiving and assisting regular clients; WS Advice Bureau attends occasionally. A recruitment event is planned for late January or early February in consultation with Hinkley and new campus, they will come to the come and discuss / advise local people about vacancies and opportunities.
4. Landlord and Community Safety Team. – Host two weekly meetings in the Greyhound, to give advice on crime related issues. They are however disappointed with turnout and may change venue if no support. .

146/17 **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETNG:**

1. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall.  
The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....