

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017
IN THE VICTORY HALL STOGURSEY
To be signed at the next parish council meeting

PUBLIC FORUM:

A member of the public commented on an item from minutes of the last meeting – recycling. He said that SWP do not always take items placed in his recycling bin (e.g. drinks cartons, aerosols and plastics) and he has to take them to Bridgwater. He was advised that SWP do collect aerosols and they are increasing the other waste items they collect.

PRESENT:

Cllr Allan Searle (Chairman), Cllr Chris Morgan (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Jill Dillamore, Cllr Pat Coll, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

193/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoff Coles.

194/16 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 FEB 17:

The minutes for the meeting were APPROVED as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

195/16 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed Jill Dillamore (proposed by Cllr Goss, seconded by Cllr Ford) and Patrick Coll (proposed by Sue Jones, seconded by Cllr Brereton) who were co-opted onto the parish council. The declarations were signed and will be forwarded to WSC. **Action: Clerk**

196/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest. .

197/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Cllr Hugh Davies):

1. Somerset County Council elections will be in May; Cllr Davies will be standing again and therefore will not be at the next parish council meeting as the purdah starts 23 Mar 17.
2. The devolution is ongoing – there are 27 different authorities involved
3. The Williton Park and Ride is out to tender; work is expected to start in July, but there are drainage issues. It is proposed to have 100 spaces and approx. 6 buses
4. An initiative to address adult social care in West Somerset has been in operation for 9 months. It is a pilot project helping people to retain their independence and to live their lives the way they want. A drop in session is scheduled for Nether Stowey
5. Watchett Knight Templar School has had an Ofsted spot check and received a Good result.
6. There is a new beat manager for the Williton and Watchett area. He reported on the new mobile phone / hand held device laws which may result in a 6 points and £200 fine.
7. SCC budgets – they are looking to make £16m cuts. They have already taken back some services and hope to reduce agency staff in a bid to save costs. There will be a tax increase of 1.99% and 2% to cover adult care; the precept will also include 1.25% for Rivers authority.
8. Cllr Goss asked why the drop in is in Nether Stowey as NS is not in West Somerset – Cllr Davies said he will take that forward.
9. Cllr Morgan asked whether SCC has any plans to promote the Hendry review. Cllr Davies asked for the question to be put in writing.

198/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Goss

1. Creation of new council – the consultation period has ended and all responses will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.
2. EA flood defence work has started in Stolford by clearing the vegetation. It is hoped to start the work in the summer however there are flooding issues and the EA are looking at more affordable options.
3. The work at HPC is continuing at pace – the jetty has 20 pier supports and the welfare block has been established. Work has begun building the campus and anticipated 3000 workers on site by the end of the year.
4. As the County Cllr reported, Williton Park and Ride has drainage issues, and the Cannington Park and Ride is hoped to start in April – also out to tender.

5. It was agreed with HPC, that once the meetings became quarterly, Stogursey parish council would be able to visit HPC for an update on the work being completed. It has been a few months since the last visit – the Clerk informed councillors that a site visit is currently being planned for all Councillors.

Cllr Morgan

1. Attended the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG) AGM in Whitehaven Cumbria and reported that all other sites are moving forward with their respective builds.

199/16 POLICE REPORT

1. As the PCSO will no longer be providing statistics at meetings; the Clerk checked the police website which has recorded figures up to Dec 2016; 9 crimes were recorded in Stogursey in December.

200/16 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST (By exception):

1. **Car parking at Strongvox.** It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Strongvox to ask for a change of use of the land as it is not suitable as a burial ground. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Litter bins/Dog bins.** A bill for 2016 has still not been received, therefore the allocated sum (£1265) will be transferred to the reserves fund so it is available if a retrospective bill is received. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Signage to Stogursey from new Cannington Bypass.** A.Coupe emailed confirming that the signage to Stogursey will be erected at key points from Cannington roundabout and the C182. **Action: Complete**
4. **Water Supply.** Cllr Searle reported that the cabinet has been fitted and he retains the key. **Action: Complete**
5. **WSFG.** The Clerk reported that she has been in touch with Dan Martin and he will arrange a meeting once he has received a response from his colleagues in civil contingencies and highways. **Action: Ongoing**

201/16 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS:

See 196/16.5 above – a visit is being arranged.

202/16 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. **Village Hall.** Cllr Ford reported that 4 of the trustees had visited Cossington and Crowcome Village Halls for ideas. They were very impressed with Cossington and hope to move the project on with agreement with trustees to go back to the architects and suggest they also visit Cossington. **Action: Ongoing**
2. **Lengths-man Scheme.** No further information until Cllr Searle & Morgan meets with Andrew Cockcroft and Mark Lewis this week to discuss the way forward. **Action: Cllrs Searle & Morgan.** The clerk will write to tenderers informing them that the application to the CIM was turned down. **Action: Clerk**
3. The Planning Obligation Board sat today – Cllr Morgan will forward the report to the Clerk for circulation. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Morgan**

203/16 PLANNING:

1. 3/32/16/020 – Land 7338 Ridgeway Lane, Stolford. Prior notification for erection of 2 no agricultural buildings for storage of hay and machinery. DECIDED – Prior approval not required. Cllr Jones asked if the size of the area of land could be checked as the application states 5 hectares, however she understands that actual area is 5.4 acres, and therefore the number of buildings for the size of land is already at its limit. Cllr Morgan reported that he is still awaiting a response. Cllr Jones stated that she has also written to planning on this matter but is yet to receive a response. **Action: Cllr Morgan**
2. Cllr Morgan reported on 2 new plans - RMI/32/17/004 – Discharge conditions of complaints procedure and RMI/32/17/005 Discharge conditions of contamination removal on site (asbestos). Cllr Morgan will download and forward, **Action: Cllr Morgan/Clerk**

204/16 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:

1. **Proposal for new or improved recreational facility in or around Burgage Road Play Area - £ 22,000 available.**
 - a. An email was sent to H.Phillips with the three initial suggestions, and asked if further quotes are required for the path - we are waiting for a reply.
 - b. Adult exercise equipment. A questionnaire was placed in Stogursey asking for residents to give their feedback about an adult outdoor exercise area. The clerk has received 3 responses so far (2 in favour). Cllr Coll asked if it has been placed anywhere else. The Clerk will add it to the website (Stogursey Online). Otterhampton parish has a small area with 3 pieces of equipment provided by Wicksteed at a heavily discounted cost of £11,000 as it was installed at the same time as their children's playground. The clerk will forward any emails from play equipment companies to councillors for ideas. **Action: Clerk**
 - b. Tarmac path. No further information to date. **Action: Clerk**

c. Picnic table/bench. Cllr Ford expressed concern that this may encourage more litter; Cllr Searle said it will give parents somewhere to sit while watching their children. He also thought it would be useful as he was thinking of a community picnic or BBQ in the summer.

205/16 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 15.2.17 Steart Forum. A lot of discussion about the Hendry report. The port in Bristol dredges 4m tonne of silt per year, therefore Cardiff and Newport liable to silting. There is concern that tidal lagoons may not be economic.
2. 16.2.17 Parochial Church Council (PCC).
3. 24.2.17 SSG.
 - a. Cllr Goss reported that there will be changes to the skyline – the Turbine Hall is due to be demolished at the end of the year. The planning application for the interim storage facility did not include the encapsulation plant, but it will be placed next to the facility. When work starts there will be approx. 150-170 extra workers, though it is unknown how many lorries there will be. There are no further plans at present to receive skips from other sites. Ron Schroder has offered to speak to parish councillors and she suggested we invite him to speak. **Action: Clerk**
 - b. HPB has a good safety record.
 - c. Geological disposal facility – Cumbria volunteered to host the facility however their county council objected.
4. 28.2.17 Stogursey Parish Stagecoach AGM was well attended and received positive comments. It functions well and the community are well served by the volunteers who run it. With the withdrawal of ATWest shopper bus, the community should feel that they still have a viable option. Cllr Dillamore reported that she gets great pleasure driving passengers; one of whom stated that they have now met more people since they started using Stagecoach.
5. 3.3.17 Meeting with Oldbury-on Severn Parish Council to discuss Consultation process went well. Andrew Goodchild very kindly took time out of his busy schedule to stop by and speak to the visitors; they went away very happy with the information received and thought it very worthwhile.
6. 4.3.17 Twinning AGM. Low attendance; Cllr Elenor will be stepping down as chairman in one year, there is now a vice chair (Suky Alstop) and a new secretary (Karen Henson).
7. Cllr Jones met with Ben Crisp of EDG as residents in Stolford complained about lights shining into their bedrooms. He said he will revisit after dark. Cllr Jones suggested that maybe CIM funds could be allocated to enhance a small row of trees that may block out the light.
8. Cllr Searle met with Dave Masters – Hinkley Policing Team. Lady Gass' agent had enquired about speeding in the area. He monitored the situation and found that there was no cause for concern. There is a new Sgt – Neil Kimmins: Steve Craco has a new role as Lead of Culture.

206/16 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

- 26.4.17 Main Site Forum Victory Hall
27.4.17 Transport Forum, Puriton Village Hall

207/16 CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Parish website**. The clerk met with Jo Cavill who has been managing the website and Ralph Hammond who wanted to make more use of the website as it is still 'under construction'. The parish council had, along with the Oral History Group paid for parishioners to be trained in the use and maintenance of the site, but it is not known who else is still involved. The clerk would like to make it more interactive and to add details of announcements too late to add to the Stogursey News. The Clerk will ask for another meeting with Jo Cavill and other interested contributors to discuss further developments. **Action: Clerk**

208/16 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Somerset Stars Volunteer 2017 Nominations** – the councillors discussed potential nominations and Cllr Goss proposed the nomination of Stogursey Parrish Stagecoach seconded by Cllr Ford; Cllr Morgan proposed Mike Maddison seconded by Cllr Jones. Although M.Maddison has refused to be considered in the past, councillors feel that he should be nominated as he does a lot of work around the village, raising funds for events, deliveries, maintaining tubs, and is the Treasurer of the Victory Hall. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Rural Services Network Survey**. RSN are a national organisation seeking to speak for rural areas across England and has asked parishes to complete an online survey of facilities in the parish. All agreed to its completion. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Received/Sent (general)**.
 - a. A thank you letter was sent to Paul Tipney thanking him for his services to the parish council.
 - b. A thank you letter was sent to Keith Turpin thanking him for his services to the parish council.
 - c. Email of thanks received from J Chedgy for the donation.

- d. Email of thanks received from Colleen Blake for the donation for Stogursey Well Employment Hub. Cllr Goss reported that the cheque has not been banked yet as Colleen is waiting to find out who the cheque for payment to the church rooms should be made payable to. Cllr Dillamore asked about the responsibility for safety issues in the Church Rooms. Cllr Jones agreed to take this up at the next PCC.
- e. SID results – circulated to councillors. Although the median speed is 30mph in Shurton and 31mph in Tower Hill, the results showed that over 200 vehicles were travelling at over 40mph.
- f. Article to Stogursey News. The editorial team forwarded a letter of complaint that they had received to the parish clerk for clarification of content. The author was misinformed and led to believe that the parish council had ordered the demolition of hawthorns and bushes and had destroyed a tree. The clerk responded to the author (copy to Stogursey News Editorial Team) explaining that the responsibility was with the EA and that the parish council were not in a position to give authority. Councillors expressed disappointment that the author had not approached the parish council directly to ask for an explanation. **Action: Complete**
- g. Letter received from Mr & Mrs Cadby asking the parish council to help to find a solution to the withdrawal of the ATWest shopping bus for a friend of theirs who is unable to get to the bus stop to catch the free community bus. The clerk reported that the passenger has already approached the Stagecoach team and has arranged for a regular weekly shopping trip. She can be collected and returned to her home and will be given help with her shopping. A letter of reply will be written. **Action: Clerk**
- h. Letter received from Mrs R Nurton asking for a donation towards the cost of a new mower (which cost approx. £600) to use in the burial ground. Cllrs considered that the parish council has responsibility for the closed church yard and that maintenance of the burial ground should fall to the church, councillors are also aware that a number of donations are made to Mrs Nurton. Councillors do not wish Mrs Nurton to be disadvantaged and will support her with her liaison with the PCC. The clerk will request a statement of accounts from the church and from Mrs Nurton before any decision is made. **Action: Clerk**

209/16 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):

1. **Street Cleaning.** Cllr Searle reported that a new street cleaning service has started and will be completed on an eight week cycle. A copy of the map has been placed in the circulation file.

210/16 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):

1. More pot holes are being filled in. Councillors reported others areas for concern; Knighton Lane – worn edge of road, large hole in Shurton (50 yards from C182) and a pot hole in Burton – Cllr Searle will take these issues forward. Much of the damage is caused by large vehicles unable to pass. **Action: Cllr Searle**

211/16 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. **Balances:** Current A/C £2,171; Deposit A/C £17,346; Reserve A/C £20,546
2. **The following invoices were AGREED for payment**

WSC	£25.00 (Annual Lease BRPA)
G. Orchard	£491.67 (February salary inc £58.38 misc expenses)

212/16 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):

1. A tree had fallen near White Wick but it has now been moved.
2. HPC had erected barbed wire, resulting in razor wire intruding across a footpath. A resident met with S.Littler and it will now be moved.

213/16 GROUPS AND PANELS:

1. Visit of 51 Twinners from France on 14 April 17. A programme of events have been arranged including a trip to Weston Zoyland and a dinner in Holford.
2. St Georges Day celebrations in Victory Hall on 23 April 17. Tickets are on sale.
3. Cllr Ford reported that wifi has been enabled in the Victory Hall – contact him for the password.
4. There are a couple of vacancies for councillor representation on panels; these will be filled in May at the Annual Meeting.

214/16 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 April 2017. The Annual Assembly will start at 7pm followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall, Stogursey.

The meeting ended at 9.21 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: