

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018**  
**IN THE VICTORY HALL STOGURSEY**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES' SILENCE IN RESPECT OF PAUL TIPNEY:**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman paid respect to Paul Tipney who passed away on 25 Jan 18. Members stood for a minute's silence.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Allan Searle (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Geoff Coles, Cllr Jill Dillamore, Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), County Councillor Hugh Davies, and 8 members of the public

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

1. PCSO Sue Marks attended to answer questions on speeding and parking issues.
  - a. EDF do have practices in place in relation to fly parking. They request the public take photographs of obstructions and inform the police – posters with contact details will be distributed around the parish. People who move to the parish are entitled to park their car here, the police do not have right to move cars that are taxed and insured, however the fire service can move vehicles to enable a fire engine to get through.
  - b. PCSO Marks now has a new mobile speed detector to assist the community speed watch team. Residents are requested to take photographs of the registration number of speeding vehicles. There is a bi-monthly Road Safety Forum – HPB are keen that speeders or vehicles causing distress are identified. The police are not allowed to use unmarked while tracking speeding vehicles. Agricultural vehicles damaging the road are perceived as speeding – the SID results show that there is not a speeding problem. PCSO Marks will visit the parish more often to monitor traffic. It was suggested that the parish look at South Somerset traffic calming measures.
  - c. HPC workers can catch the bus from Stogursey, depending where they live. Acland Hood car park is overflowing, however workers should be using the Park & Rides at Junction 23 and 24, and eventually those being built in Cannington and Williton. It is observed that some of the fly parking is probably by people who miss the bus from Watchett or Williton. It is suggested that EDF tighten up their policy and have a 'one strike policy'.
  - d. The Parish council will continue to work with the Hinkley police and HPC.
2. Residents brought the new variation of the Strongvox application to change the planning consent on Paddons Farm, to the attention of the parish council, and highlighted their concerns. Cllrs C Morgan and S Goss left the room
  - a. The work started 11 years ago – a resident moved to Stogursey because of what was offered – village and community life, open spaces etc, however, Strongvox haven broken their promises, including moving the play area to an unsuitable unsafe area, near a badger set and stream which is hidden from view. The site has not been maintained or completed and residents feel very strongly about their lack of work, which they feel is destroying this village.
  - b. This is the second application to increase density of housing – there is now a proposal for an additional 11 houses within the remaining undeveloped area, which is unsustainable. It is not a 'like for like' replacement; the new homes are much smaller. This application will change the character of Paddons Farm to the detriment of residents. The proposed garaging and car spaces will be impractical – Strongvox removed 6 visitor parking spaces, and there is no disabled parking. The residents have raised the issue of S106 obligations, including transfer of land designated as burial ground, funding for carpark/toilet and maintenance arrangement for play area, with the district council but no action has been taken.

The parish council will support the residents and make comments, however they cannot make decisions.

Cllrs Morgan & Goss returned to the room.

3. A resident complained about the amount of litter in the parish, highlighting the amount she collects, and asked for something to be done. If every person picked up one piece of litter daily there would be an improvement, and suggested young people are encouraged to become included. Excess litter is more noticeable on recycling day and was suggested nets or lids are obtained. Cllr Goss has investigated obtaining lids or similar. Cllr Morgan suggested encouraging the youth club to use the available 'Essential life skills grant' to set up something that enables them to take pride in their environment. Although there has been previous issues with H&S, it is an avenue to be explored.

**167/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None

**168/17 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9.1.18**

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**169/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

None

#### **170/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

1. CCllr Davies reported on the draft road safety strategy consultation and proposed road closures on A361.
2. The Ofsted inspection of SCC Children's Services has been received and the rating increased to 'good'; the Adoption Services also rated as 'good'.
3. The Cabinet supports Family Support Services.
4. SCC has received £2m for adult social care – well supported by Somerset MPs.
5. EDF free community bus will continue to run for another 12 months; CCllr Davies is working on improvements to the service.
6. Issue of speeding, CCllr Davies asked that the pc outline concerns and requests in writing. **Action: Clerk**
7. Cllr Goss questioned the issue of flashing lights when the school closed, and asked if there are regulations which stipulate when they should be in operation. Cllr Elenor stated that the timings are set by SCC; Cllr Goss asked that CCllr Davies find out the definitive regulations.

#### **171/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

##### **1. Cllr Morgan**

Cllr Morgan reported that WSC are waiting for the decision from Secretary of State, and when that happens, then things will be start moving. Will be attending NLAG next month and will miss the next meeting.

##### **Cllr Goss**

1. Cllr Goss reported that A&S police are moving into WSC offices to share costings
2. At the Transport Forum, Andy Coupe agreed to visit the parish. We need to be more proactive, other councils have already moved their ideas forward about what they would like to see - there are plans at Combwich and Steart to make things safer. Cllr Goss proposed the parish council write to invite Andy Coupe, copy to Patrick Flaherty (SCC CEO) and CCllr Hughes. **Action: Clerk**

#### **172/17 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST (By exception)**

1. Item 7- Cover for shelter – Only one supplier, David Wright of Somerset Landscapes, has provided a quote - £1,586 plus VA T to replace the plastic cover, or £1,427 plus VAT for a steel cover. There will be an additional £100 charge as it was not completed at the same time as previous work. Cllr Ford proposed that we engage Somerset Landscapes to supply and fit the steel cover, seconded by Cllr Morgan. ALL AGREED **Action: Clerk**

#### **173/17 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):**

Nothing to report.

#### **174/17 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

1. **Village Hall.** Planning permission has been applied for.
2. **Steart Marshes Building Project.** A project group has been formed to discuss the building, and will get back to the parish council when they have agreed their plans. The clerk will send a letter of support when required. **Action: Clerk**

#### **175/17 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY.**

1. The vacancy has been re-advertised within the parish with the intention to co-opt a new councillor at the next meeting.

#### **176/17 PLANNING:**

1. 3/32/17/015 - Replacement and improvement of sluice and outfall with protection of the rear embankment at Stolford. The PC had a constructive meeting with the EA and a date for a residents meeting will follow after planning committee.
2. 3/32/17/018 – Erect a steel framed portal building at Hillside Farm, Cockwood. No objections
3. 3/32/18/001 - Approval of reserved matters following outline application 3/32/17/008, erection of agricultural workers dwelling, Land off Lime Street, Stogursey. Supported principle of building to replace the existing caravan, but did not support the size of the proposed building.
4. CA/32/18/001 – To fell three Lawson Cypress trees and to carry out management works to one Yew tree within Stogursey Conservation Area. No objections
5. 3/32/ - Erection of single storey cottage at Woolstone Cottage, Woolston Lane.
6. Cllr Jones asked about the planning application for a mobile home in Ridgeway Lane. We are unaware of its use and whether it is static and plumbed in. Cllr Morgan will investigate. **Action: Cllr Morgan**
7. The parish council has not received official notification of the application regarding Paddons Farm and are therefore unable to discuss or comment at this time.

#### **177/17 EMERGENCY PLAN**

A focus group will meet outside of the parish council meeting on Wed 7 Mar 18 at 7pm to amend / update the plan.

**Action: Cllrs Searle, Brereton, Jones, Ford**

#### **178/17 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:**

1. Works Update – The springers and benches are in situ, however SLS will return to secure the benches to the concrete. Invoices will be paid and forwarded to WSC for reimbursement. **Action: Clerk**
2. Planned Maintenance Schedule. A meeting was held essential works provisionally identified. It was agreed to walk around the site to clarify work to be completed locally and what work can be directed to a contractor. **Ongoing.**

#### **179/17 MEETING REPORTS:**

1. 5.2.18 – EA presentation. Minutes and further information from EA forwarded to Councillors. No further comments
2. 10.1.18 – MSF. Minutes previously forwarded to councillors. No further comments.
2. 24.1.17 – WSFG. Cllr Elenor was unable to attend. Cllr Goss informed the meeting that work at Newnham has been approved and funding is due in February with view to starting work in March.
3. 1.2.18 – Transport Forum. Reported above at 171/7.
4. Cllr Morgan asked if all councillors are happy with system of sending all meeting reports before the parish council meeting, for councillors to read at their leisure and comment at the meeting if necessary. All AGREED.

#### **180/17 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. 15.2.18 – Community Forum (Cllr Dillamore will attend in place of Cllr Goss, with Cllr Brereton)
2. 23.2.18 – SSG
3. 21.2.18 – Steart Forum
4. 22.2.18 – PCC meeting
5. 28.2.18 – Stagecoach AGM
6. 28.2.18 – Defibrillator Awareness
7. Dtba – EA presentation to residents

#### **181/17 CLERK REPORT:**

A copy of the notes from the SALC Clerks briefing at Somerton, was forwarded to councillors. The clerk highlighted the recent SALC bulletin (8.2.18) which stated that parish councils should not take any action on organisations offering to act as DPO until we get further information / notification from NALC.

#### **182/17 CORRESPONDENCE (The Clerk):**

1. The correspondence list had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
2. Repair of the churchyard wall – Cllr Morgan reported that he has not received any further correspondence. We are still waiting to hear back from Rachel Mulcaire (WSC). It should be noted that CIM funding cannot be used for the repair.
3. Committee on Standards on Public Life consultation – may be interesting for councillors to go online and reply and/or comment.
4. Therberton & Eastbridge PC: New Nuclear Sites – request for information and discussion to minimise potential disruption and impact of EDF. The parish council has had involvement with them previously. The information they require is already in the public domain and councillors do not consider they can help them further.

#### **183/17 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):**

1. **Litter in the Parish.** Cllr Searle suggested the Lengthsman is asked to increase the amount of litter picking. There is still funding available from last year which could be utilised for additional work before the contract recommences in April. Cllr Morgan highlighted the fact that although this is a good idea, this will be time and money that will not be used for maintenance and enhancement within the parish. It is disappointing that money is to be spent on a task that individuals / residents could assist with and pick up after themselves. Cllr Brereton sent an email to the Transport Forum following the meeting – whilst parish councils can do a bit, they are limited by resources. He was assured that the problem of litter will be addressed. It was also noted that discarded work coveralls have been found on the beaches / rock pools which could have blown offsite. A beach clear up is expected on Shurton Bars/ HP area at the end of March, early April. Cllr Goss proposed we write to Hinkley C to complain about amount of industrial waste and ask their site ops team to work with the parish council to conduct a beach clean-up. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Litter / Dog bin** – will be added to agenda for next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **184/17 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):**

1. The pot holes in Burgage Road have been marked up by highways and expected to be filled within the next two weeks. Cllr Searle has asked highways to conduct a survey from churchyard hill to the C182 where grass banks and verges have been cut up. We may need to write directly to Peter Owen directly to express our concerns about the 3 main areas (Stowey Road, Stringston Road and Stogurse Lane) and include a copy to A.Coupe and CCllr Hugh Davies. **Action: Clerk**

2. BRPA/Allotments entrance – proposed road marking. The entrance is frequently blocked by parked cars and the Lengthsman is unable to access the area to cut the grass. Cllr Searle proposed the road is marked to prevent parking, seconded by Cllr Morgan. All Agreed. **Action: Clerk**
3. Complaints have been received from residents as their garage entrance is continually blocked. Cllr Searle suggested he contact the resident and inform them that the parish council will support an application for a disabled bay. There is another disabled bay which is no longer being used; the clerk will contact SCC highways and ask for it to be removed. **Action: Clerk**

**185/17 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):**

1. Cllr Elenor reported that the footpath sign has been reinstated and steps have been added at Benhole lane.

**186/17 FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. **Balances at 31 Jan 18.** Current A/C £3270.59, Deposit A/C £16155.7; 20, Reserves A/C £67503.42.
2. 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 Morgan, seconded by Cllr Brereton and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques.

a. **Payments made since the last meeting on 9.1.18**

C J Lynch                                      £1182.00                                      BRPA Tarmac path

b. **Payments due**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	£567.20	383	Clerk Salary for Dec 17 includes £59.20. misc. expenses
HMRC	£127.00	384	Employee tax (Month 11)
G Orchard	£33.24	385	Printer Ink
CCS	£40.00	BACS	Annual renewal 2018/2019
SALC	£344.64	BACS	SALC annual Affiliation fee 2017/2018
SALC	£30.00	BACS	Clerk training 7 Jun 17
Somerset Landscapes	£1872.00	BACS	Installation of picnic benches / tables (S106 monies)
Somerset Landscapes	£1440.00	BACS	Installation of toddler springers (S106 monies)
Kompan	£2052.96	BACS	Supply of Toddler springers (S106 monies)

3. **Online payments.** An issue has arisen with the authorisation of online payments. As the Clerk has 'Full Delegate Access' any payments created are automatically authorised by the clerk. To overcome this the account has been changed to 'three to authorise' which will mean that 2 councillors will still be required to authorise payments and thereby conforming to the requirements. The clerk was advised that another person be given online access. The procedure for online banking will need to be reviewed, along with the financial regulations every two years.
4. **Request for funding towards Hall Hire (IT training) from Employment Hub.** The Employment hub has requested funding for hire charge for the Victory Hall to provide IT training to people who are looking for employment. Training is funded by 'Positive People'. The Village Hall committee has agreed to reduce the fee by 50%. Cllr Morgan proposed that the parish council pay the remaining £120, seconded by Cllr Elenor. All Agreed. **Action: Clerk**

**187/17 GROUPS AND PANELS:**

1. Employment Hub – now has officially obtained charitable status.
2. Twining Association. The AGM is on 3.3.18 in the Church Rooms; St Georges Day Dinner on 21.4.18 in Victory Hall.

**188/17 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

1. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall.
2. Councillors were reminded that the April meeting and Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 23 April 2018. The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....