

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019
IN THE YOUTH CLUB, STOGURSEY
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr Chris Morgan, (Chair), Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Rebecca Calvert, Cllr Eileen Chave, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Helga Staddon, Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr Judy Bastick, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 6 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. The chair reminded attendees that the public have 3 minutes to speak and asked residents not to repeat comments said by previous speakers. Councillors will be invited to answer if required, however this is the opportunity for residents to speak.
2. The chairman reported on the SWT planning authority protocol. If a contrary view to the officer's recommendation, is received from the Parish Council or a representative/neighbour, then the application will go to the Chair of the Planning Committee and he will decide whether the application is determined by the Planning Committee or by delegated powers of the officer. If the Parish Council and four representatives/neighbours give a contrary view to the officer's recommendation, then it automatically is determined by the Planning Committee. If it is a major scheme which will have widespread impact, then it is likely to be determined by the Planning Committee. A resident asked what constitutes a major scheme.
3. Residents made a number of points regarding Agenda item 9f (Glebe Field) Planning application
 - a. A GTH agent said the fact that the conservation has not been reviewed for about 40 years, could be enough grounds for the application to be reviewed and asked that the parish council make that point.
 - b. In light of recent events, the development will increase the risk of flooding in Castle Street.
 - c. Comments from the developers included that they will work with local officers to move it forward. A resident asked how it is possible that once the officers have expressed their opinion, the agent can respond. He asked whether the meetings are above board and whether they are minuted and whether the minutes are made public. He asked that the parish council investigate and respond to him. *(Post meeting Note: The chair visited the resident to explain the routine)*
 - d. A resident considers there are large discrepancies on the GTH report submitted, including a suggestion that there is a viable bus service, and it is acceptable to ride a bicycle to work.
 - e. The plans for a dropped kerb can cause a health issue
 - f. A resident expressed concern there is not a current conservation officer, the way flora & fauna is being protected and who makes the decision is not properly represented. The chair reported that there is a Conservation officer and he has made comments which are available online.
 - g. The Parish council will request the application goes to the planning committee
4. A resident asked whether the lighting for the car park could be reviewed for residents attending the meetings. Cllr Ford will investigate
5. A resident expressed concern on what happens with HMOs when HPC build slows down and considers there will be a lot of empty properties in the parish
6. A resident commented on Agenda Item 9e Dawlea Farm. The prevailing wind may bring smells throughout the village
7. A resident commented that the timings of planning applications are not as expected and appear to be extended for a long time. Applicants appears to have the opportunity to review the objection and go back to planning with solutions. She asked the parish council to enquire and get back to her. *Post meeting minute – The chair has visited the resident to explain the routine.*
8. Communication. A resident felt that more should be done to let residents know when the meetings are being held – information is not always on the website or on Facebook. Residents are particularly concerned about planning and would be attend the meeting if they were aware of the items being discussed. The chair responded that parish council meetings dates are promulgated on the website and in Stogursey News. The agenda is promulgated the website and displayed on noticeboards 3 days before the meeting date. The parish council will look at other alternative methods of keeping residents informed.

105/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Steve O'Driscoll; CCllr H Davies

106/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16.10.19

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

107/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

1. Following guidance from SALC the chair and Clerk outlined the procedure for declarations of interest. If a councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest (involving business and wider financial interests) on an Agenda item, they may

not participate in the discussion or vote unless they have a dispensation. The parish council are to act in the best interest of the public, therefore, if a councillor might put themselves in a vulnerable position, or it can be perceived by the public that a councillor may not be putting the public interests first, then it is recommended that they leave the room. Cllr Goss added that when a councillor leaves the room it gives the remaining councillors the opportunity to discuss the matter in hand freely. Cllr Ford made the point that all councillors are elected to represent the parish and need to carefully consider whether or not they leave the room

2. Cllr Calvert declared an interest in Agenda Item 9a – Planning (Property owner at Paddons Farm).
3. Cllr Morgan declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 as a member of the Planning Committee.

108/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. CCllr Davies sent his apologies due to Purdah and forwarded his report by email which was circulated to councillors. There were no comments.

- a. Climate Emergency Drop-In Events Rescheduled. The “Have your say” drop-in events has been scheduled to take place in each District Council areas before Christmas due to announcement of general election will now take place in January & February 2020.
- b. Upgrade for Quantock Road Roundabout, Bridgwater. The major scheme to improve Quantock Road roundabout started on Monday 4.11.19 with completion set for spring 2020. The work will provide direct safe and convenient crossing facilities for cyclists and Pedestrians plus a “Toucan” crossing on Homberg Way and Quantock Road. A longer queuing lane on the western arm of the roundabout will be introduced which will improve capacity and lane navigation for users.
- c. Squibbers Way Opening confirmed. The new £18.4m road linking Marsh Lane to Parrett Way (named by the people of Bridgwater following a public vote. Previously referred to as Coley Lane, the Southern Access Road will help ease congestion along Taunton Road and Broadway as well as opening up Brownfield land for development. SCC is working with Bridgwater Carnival and main contractor Whitemountain to organise a spectacular mini squibbing display to celebrate completion which will take place after carnival season on 11 Dec 19
- d. Temporary Closure St. Audries To Doniford from the junction with Williton to Bridgwater Road, North – Westwards for a distance of 750 metres from 19 Nov 19, and expected to last for 3 days (09:30 – 15:30) for B.T. Openreach to carry out cabling works, supported by A-Plant Lux Traffic Control.
- e. Opportunities to Join Duke of Edinburgh Adventure. SCC are looking for people to fill three new exciting Duke of Edinburgh award Volunteering opportunities. (details to follow)
- f. Pilot Scheme - Social Care in A & E. A pioneering pilot scheme to help ease pressure on NHS. Is being spearheaded by SCC and local NHS partners. A social worker is being based in Musgrove Park and Yeovil A&E. The pilot scheme will run through the winter so that social care expertise is immediately available in A&E when needed. The Council is also considering trialling basing a social worker at the South Western Ambulance Service control centre to see if this can also relieve some of the winter Pressures.
- g. SCC Christmas Closure. County Hall will close at 6pm. on Tue 24.12.19 and re – open at 7am on Thu 2.1.20.

109/19 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. Cllr Morgan reported that as the district council are in “Purdah” the planned meetings have been cancelled until after the election.

110/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST

1. Item 4 – BRPA. The clerk reported that the work by Gary Bickers (GWB Services) is almost complete but delayed due to the bad weather. He has also agreed to complete the general maintenance in the play area. The clerk will arrange a maintenance contract. **Action: Clerk**
2. Item 5 - Defibrillator. The chair spoke to the Babbling Brook who agreed in principle for a defibrillator to be located on their premises but asked about liability and responsibility. The clerk will investigate. **Action: Clerk**
3. Item 8 – Community / Emergency plan. Cllr Chave expressed concern about liability if the parish council/coordinator asked individuals to assist on their behalf (e.g. a vehicle breaks down or causes an accident or an accident occurs when using a chainsaw). Cllr Chave proposed, seconded by Cllr Ford that the plan take the format of a self-help document providing residents with information about how to prepare and what to do in an emergency. It will also ask residents to be aware of their vulnerable neighbours. **Action: Cllr Chave**

111/19 HINKLEY POINT (GENERAL)

1. Two parish councillors The visit included a tour of the Turbine Hall and Viewing gallery plus an opportunity to see the further safety precautions put in place since the Fukushima incident - eg flood gates , extra battery storage etc
2. Hinkley Point C Site have arranged a tour for residents living in its neighbouring villages, on Thu 28 Nov at 2.30pm starting from Cannington Park & Ride for approximately an hour and a half. Residents should email HPC to sign up – details are on the parish website.

112/19 HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. Victory Hall. Cllr Ford reported that the footings are in and the concrete laid.

113/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

1. 3/32/19/019 - Erection of a residential development comprising of 27 No. dwellings, relocation of children's play area and associated works: land at Paddons Farm, Stogursey, TA5 1BG. There is an ongoing dispute between the residents and SWT planning authority. The legal covenant included in the 2006 S106 agreement defined the exact position, equipment and location of the play area within the public open space. This could not be varied without permission of the parties involved. Residents maintain, supported by advice from the CPRE, that they are one of these parties - this is disputed by SWAT, the local planning authority. Cllr Goss proposed, seconded by Cllr Ford that the parish council support the residents and contact the planning department to ask for sight of the legal advice they receive. **Action: Clerk**
2. 3/32/19/024 - Variation of Condition No. 3 (occupancy restrictions) of application 3/32/16/016 to allow overnight workers to stay at the site | Burton Springs Fishery and Campsite, Lawson Farm, Shurton Road, Stogursey. Appeal lodged. No further comments
3. 3/32/19/025 - Variation of Condition No. 2 (occupancy restrictions) of application 3/32/18/037 to allow overnight workers to stay at the site | Burton Springs Fishery and Campsite, Lawson Farm, Shurton Road, Stogursey. Appeal lodged. No further comments
4. 3/2/19/037 – Change of Use of a dwelling house and annexe (C3) to a larger house of multiple occupation (Sui Generis) to accommodate 8 No. construction workers (temporarily for a 5 year period) (retention of part works already), Burton Farmhouse, Knighton Lane. It is anticipated that this application for an 8 bed HMO will be refused, however as the works are already completed, and there are only 6 residents, it is likely that the property will remain with 6 residents as planning permission is not required for a HMO of 6 residents or less. The parish council will be unable to request conditions.
5. 3/32/19/042 – Construction of a below ground concrete slurry store with associated works (retention of part works already undertaken) | Dawlea Farm, Tower Hill, Stogursey. Cllr Morgan suggested councillors conduct a site visit.
6. 3/32/19/023 – (update) Outline application with some matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 40 No. dwellings, Land south of High Street, Stogursey (The Glebe Land). The parish council will submit an additional comment/response to the amendments to the application. Although residents expressed concern with the proposed width of the road, the dropped kerbs and surface water discharge. The parish council have no influence over highway matters and can only comment on whether it is acceptable to build on a particular plot of land. Other consultees will address their concerns – access is the responsibility of Somerset County Council and the Conservation officer.
7. 3/32/19/038 - Demolition of Stone, block and brick Building on Land adjoining Tanyard Bungalow, 16 Castle St. Councillors will conduct a site visit to look at flood alleviation and health & safety concerns with regards to the footpath.
8. Ridgway Lane - Cllr Jones reported that a large building is being erected on Ridgway Lane there is not an ongoing planning application and it is now in the hands of enforcement.

114/19 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 17.10.19 – West Area Meeting, Williton. No representative.
2. 22.10.19 – WSFG (Sampford Brett). Cllr Goss asked to relinquish responsibility and asked whether another councillor would like to become the WSFG representative. Cllr Ody agreed.
3. 24.10.19 – SSG.
 - a. HPA. Cllr Goss reported that the external part of the encapsulation plant is completed and the internal part is due to be completed mid-2020. The radiological protection course has been updated, 18000 m² asbestos has been cleared and the window glass has been replaced on the blue building; the trench covers have been replaced; the below surface pipes have been checked and some removed.
 - b. HPB It has been 10 years since their last environmental issue and 13 years since the last reported nuclear event.
4. 30.10.19 – St Peter's Church update. Cllr Jones reported that they met to discuss the electricity and heating and the tenders are ongoing

116/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 14.11.19 – PCC (Cllr Jones)
2. 20.11.19 – Precept meeting
3. 21.11.19 – Transport Forum (Cllr Goss)
4. 14.01.19 – WWQ Panel (Williton) (All councillors invited to attend)
5. 23.1.19 – Community Forum (Cannington College)

117/19 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 following was highlighted:
2. Safer Together – the parish council decided not to support the request
3. VE day 75th anniversary. Councillors agreed to hold an event and will start to ask for volunteers to help organise it in the New Year.

118/19 LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT 2020:

1. The Clerk is still waiting to hear from Greenslades with a quote to provide a service in 2020. **Action: Clerk**

119/19 HIGHWAYS:

1. Mud on the roads. Following the recent issues where the roads into Stogursey were dangerously covered in mud from local farms, the rain has washed the mud into the drains. There is concern that the work that Somerset County Council and SRA are undertaking to prevent flooding may be a waste if drains become blocked with the mud that has washed down them. Cllr Morgan proposed, seconded by Cllr Bastick that the clerk contact Highways to ask them to investigate whether the drains need to be cleared to avoid flooding and will also ask them to check the drains on the road between Stogursey and Burton. **Action: Clerk**
2. Verge Trimming. The overgrown area / verge going into the village outside the church was discussed. The clerk will investigate whose responsibility it is to trim it. Although it is thought to be the responsibility of Somerset County council the clerk will also obtain quotes for the work - councillors agreed to spend up to £100 if the work is found to be the responsibility of the parish council. The clerk will also investigate what areas are maintained by Lengthsman. **Action: Clerk**

120/19 VOLUNTEER EVENT: A list of approximately 50 volunteers to be invited was forwarded to councillors – the clerk has emailed invitations to volunteers; she has also invited PCSO Sue Marks. Councillors Ford proposed the council to spend up to £100 on refreshments for the volunteers, seconded by Cllr Goss. Cllr Calvert will go shopping and submit receipts to the Clerk for reimbursement. **Action: Cllr Calvert/Clerk**

121/19 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. Balances at 31.10.19 - Current A/C £2525; Deposit A/C £23571; Reserves A/C £51165
2. Invoices for payment. 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 Ford, seconded by Cllr Bastick and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; 2 payments will be made online. **Action: Clerk**
 - a. Payments made since the last meeting on 16.10.19

Nil

b. Payments due

G Orchard	614.43	480	Clerk Salary Oct 19 includes expenses
S Foster	185.00	BP	Mowing 29.10.19
HMRC	145.31	BP	Employee PAYE & NIC / Employer NIC Oct 2019

3. Precept Meeting. The precept meeting will be held at 7pm on Wed 20 Nov 19 at Christmas Cottage. The clerk will forward a draft budget to councillors. **Action: Clerk**

122/19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 December 2019** at 7.30pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting in the Youth Club.

The meeting ended at 9.18 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: