

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019**  
**IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr A Searle (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr R Calvert, Cllr J Dillamore, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 2 members of the public

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

1. No comments

**205/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Ody, CCllr Davies

**206/18 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2019:**

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

**207/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

Cllr R Calvert – Agenda item 8b – Planning (Strongvox site).

**208/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

Cllr Goss

1. Somerset West and Taunton District Council officially began operating on 1 Apr 19, though it is being run by a shadow council until the local elections on 2 May 19 when 58 new councillors will be elected to represent the large new council area. The new website is up and running – initially incorrect information regarding green waste, however this has been rectified. The council would like users to set up an account to gain access to the services in due course. Cllr Goss attended a civic service to commemorate the end of the old council.

2. Cllr Goss reported that she considered the tone of the editorial comments in the Stogursey news disappointing regarding the local elections. It is however pleasing to see there are 4 new councillors, as well as retaining existing councillors with a wealth of knowledge.

Cllr Morgan

3. Cllr Morgan reported that the seat of district councillor for the Quantock Vale seat was uncontested and he will be the new district councillor. The seats for parish council are also uncontested and all candidates will take office from 2 May 19. Cllr Morgan commented that the parish council has lost very good councillors (including James Brereton) and will lose Jill Dillamore (who has moved out of the area and no longer eligible).

4. Cllr Morgan gave a personal thank you to Cllr Goss who provided wonderful assistance for the past eight years to the District as District Councillor as well as to the parish. She will continue on as parish councillor where her experience will be invaluable. Cllr Ford proposed a formal vote of thanks, seconded by Jones to Cllr Goss from the parish council for her hard work and dedication as District Councillor. All Agreed.

**209/18 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):**

1. Cllr Morgan reported that the sewage plant has been completed – this will hopefully reduce the amount of vehicles on the road.

**210/18 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:**

1. The up to date list was circulated to councillors to check all outstanding / ongoing actions are recorded, before presenting to the new council when they take office.

2. Cllr Goss asked about the status of the National Grid funding and questioned the outstanding mitigation funding available. The clerk registered with the NG planting scheme in 2018, unaware that there was outstanding mitigation funding (approx. £33k) – this may be linked. Cllr Goss asked, at the district council budget meeting, whether the funds could be diverted elsewhere in the parish – she has heard that, at the moment this is not possible, however Cllr Morgan will investigate further.

**211/18 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

1. Victory Hall.

a. Cllr Ford reported that the Land Registry registration for the land that the hall and youth club stand on has come through – the trustees are still waiting for the registration documents for the playing field.

- b. The funding is tight – a number of changes will need to be made to ensure all expense is within the funding received (e.g., installing a lower specification kitchen, reducing number of solar panels). However, here are still grants that are not yet confirmed (including Sport England). The stage 2 bid to Viridor is ongoing – the trustees need to extract information they are bidding to Viridor for, from the tenders, however they do not have sight of the details yet. The architect has done extra work and the cost of consultancy is increasing.
- c. Magnox funding – The trustees can apply once a year and have already applied for a small grant for the youth club, but they will investigate applying for a larger grant.

#### **212/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

1. 3/32/18/042 – Variation of Condition No. 22 (approved plans) of application 3/32/07/008 to increase the total number of permitted dwellings from 59 to 66 with changes to layout and design (resubmission of 3/32/17/012), Paddons Farm – awaiting outcome of the appeal
2. 3/32/18/035 – Conversion of storehouse into 2 No. holiday lets, former gardener's cottage and outbuilding to be converted to ancillary accommodation, erection of detached garage and 3 No. bird of prey shelters and erection of a two storey extension to the rear of the house to Shurton Lodge, Shurton Lane, Stogursey. Approved
3. 3/32/18/043 – retention of two caravans for a combination of different occupants, (seasonal farm workers, tourist accommodation) re-submission of application No. 3/32/18/019) Upper Cock Farm, Cock Lane, Stogursey. SPC has not changed their stance and objection stands.
4. 3/32/19/005 – Erection of first floor extension to rear elevation of 23 High Street, Stogursey. No objection, SPC comments submitted.
5. Public consultation – Proposed Application for a Material Change to remove the requirement to install an acoustic fish deterrent system at Hinkley Point C. HPC will host a public consultation in the Victory Hall on 30 Apr 19 and speak to available parish councillors on completion. Residents are entitled to make comments as individuals; however Cllr Ford proposed that the parish council has no objections to this proposed change, seconded by Cllr Morgan. All Agreed

#### **213/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

1. Cllr Morgan proposed, seconded by Cllr Ford that the new parish council consider formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. Other parishes have a neighbourhood plan which works well and to their advantage. A neighbourhood plan will give residents a greater say on planning and building in the parish. It was considered 6 years ago, however it was put to one side because of the HPC consultation. It will be time consuming, it is a legal document and will need to be agreed with the district council, will need an independent inspectors examination, and a public referendum. However it will give protection, which is what people hopefully will want as they can all be involved, plus the planning authority has an obligation to be involved. ALL AGREED. To be added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **214/18 MEETING REPORTS:**

1. 8.3.19 – EA presentation on Stolford Flood Defence. Cllr Jones reported that the meeting went well. M Phillips is carrying out regular visits to the area and will keep Cllr Jones informed. The only issue is dog mess on the footpath. The chair of the commoners reported problems with cattle access. The EA consulted several farmers, the consensus was that is not an issue for their cattle.
2. 20.3.19 – Community Support Meeting. Hannah Ovetts attended the meeting and gave useful information and advice regarding risk assessment and hazards. Team members will be asked to carry out checks in nominated areas
3. 20.3.19 – Defibrillator Awareness Session went well with 10 attendees. Cllr Ody prepared an application for funding which was submitted to Somerset Prepared for a grant towards additional defibrillators in Stolford and Burton/Shurton.

#### **215/18 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. 9.5.19 – Transport Forum
2. 16.5.19 – Community Forum
3. 17.7.19 – MSF

#### **216/18 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:**

1. Maintenance Contract. The clerk reported that she still has not heard from Parsons despite repeated calls and emails. There is already an extensive annual inspection carried out by the Play Inspection at a reasonable rate and the council are looking for someone to keep the area and equipment safe. Greenslades does not have anyone qualified to carry out maintenance on play equipment and would have to send their staff on a training course (at a cost to the parish council). The clerk has already consulted Comwich (Otterhampton) whose own councillors carry out the maintenance. The Clerk will contact other neighbouring parishes and ask what their routine is. **Action: Clerk**

#### **217/18 S106 EXPENDITURE:**

1. There is currently £13,866 remaining in the monies allocated as a result of the housing at Burgage Road. Cllr Ford is waiting for quotes from the Tennis Club chairman to replace the AstroTurf. The MUGA belongs to the Victory Hall therefore it is their responsibility for its upkeep, however, the parish council has set aside £2,500 to assist with the upkeep. **Action: Ongoing / Cllr Ford**

#### **218/18 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 highlighted the following:
2. Merchant Navy Day 2019. Councillors agreed to support this event and agreed to purchase a Red Ensign to fly on 3 Sep 19. The details, event planning will be discussed nearer the time. **Action Clerk.**
3. Allotments. The new tenancy agreements have been sent, most have renewed. A tenant has given up with immediate effect and another has given notice which will mean 5 new tenants this year – there has been upset about the new terms and conditions which no longer permitting the keeping of chickens. The decision about setting up an Allotment Association will be an issue one for the new council and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Meanwhile, the clerk will ask other parish councils about their routine for managing their allotments. **Action Clerk**
4. Fingerposts. Somerset County Council has arranged for a training workshop on 18 April 19 and five residents have volunteered to attend. This workshop is full and another one arranged for 24 May 19.
5. Stogursey Parish Shore Project. Mark Ward has sent a follow up email outlining the decisions made and made suggestions for the way forward with the project taking place over the summer. Volunteers have been contacted and asked to confirm their involvement with Mark.

#### **219/18 ENHANCEMENTS:**

1. Lengthsman Contract 2019. Cllr Searle reported that Greenslades have signed the new Contract for the year, and the Lengthsman has already started work. During dry weather he will spray the area around the well.
2. Stogursey & Burton Bus Shelters. Both shelters needs a clean and Stogursey shelter continually full of litter. Cllr Searle thanked the local volunteers who regularly removes the litter.
3. Litter Picking. Cllr Calvert has asked, as there are often a substantial amount of litter, if there is a routine whereby the bags of litter collected could be collected on mass from a central point and taken to the tip (as is done in Cannington) as it is too much litter to be dragged back home. It is thought that Cannington parish council have an arrangement, with Sedgemoor District Council, in Somerset it is the Somerset Waste Partnership. They have not had any response from the district council – Cllr Morgan will investigate. She also suggested that they purchase different coloured bags which can be identified and collected by other volunteers to take to the tip.

#### **220/18 HIGHWAYS:**

1. Dawlea Farm. County Highways have carried out work on the road outside the farm, however it is still flooding. They will jet the gully at the side of the road and have identified another nearby gully which they will work on.
2. The potholes on Burgage Road and corner of Lime Street have been filled.
3. The defective street light on the corner of Lime Street was reported 3 weeks ago, but has not been addressed. The chair will contact Highways. **Action: Cllr Searle**
4. Cllr Jones reported that the deep pothole on Yearmore Lane is continually full of water and dangerous. There is a pond on the neighbouring land which has overflowed onto the road, if the ditch is not cleared the water continues to the road and the pothole cannot be seen. It is the responsibility of the landowner, however the chair will speak to highways. **Action: Cllr Searle**
5. The road from Water Farm past Colepool towards Burton is being torn apart by traffic (large vehicles) from neighbouring farms throughout the parish which is carving up the grass verges, for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile, and shredding car tyres. There is concern that the roads may get worse and become unusable. The clerk will write to David Peake to ask that his department conduct a survey on the road and ask what action can be taken regarding repairing the roads. **Action: Clerk**

#### **221/18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW:**

1. Proposed diversion of public footpaths WL23/43 (parts), WL23/48 (part) WL23/52 and extinguishment of public footpaths WL23/46, WL23/50 (part), WL23/53 in the parish of Stogursey. The details were forwarded to councillors by email, and will be placed in the circulation file. **Action: Clerk**

#### **222/18 FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. Balances at 28.2.19 - Current A/C £1029; Deposit A/C £10148; Reserves A/C £58698.

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 Goss and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; 1 payment will be made online.

a. Payments made since the last meeting on 12.3.19

21.3.19	£200.40	RT Signs	Allotment numbering
21.3.19	£16.02	Water2 business	Water bill for allotments

b. Payments due

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	£577.22	448	Clerk Salary & expenses for March 2019
HMRC	£136.80	BP	Employee tax (Mar 2019)
A Searle	£145.00	448	Chairman expenses (Jan – Mar 19)
S Foster	£185.00	450	Mowing 22.3.19

c. Receipts

i. Allotment receipts £187

3. Budget Monitoring Statement 31 Mar 19. The BMS was previously circulated to councillors, there were no further comments. Cllr Dillamore proposed, seconded by Cllr Ford that the accounts be accepted. All Agreed.

4. Clerk Annual increment 1.4.19. Cllr Ford proposed, seconded by Cllr Calvert that the clerk annual increment and national pay award be awarded, meaning an annual increase of £511. All agreed

5. Engage donation. Engage no longer charge a subscription however, the parish council agreed last year to retain the subscription as a donation. Cllr Goss proposed, seconded by Cllr Dillamore that the annual standing order to Engage for £12 remain in place. All Agreed

6. Internal Audit. Councillors agreed that Eileen Chave be approached to carry out the internal audit of accounts for 2018/19.

**223/18 GROUPS AND PANELS:**

1. The Employment Hub has two new directors/ members, including Sue Goss. They are applying to the CIM fund for funding for the next 3 years.

2. Twinning. Plans for the French visitors are underway, including a visit to Taunton Museum, dinner at Spaxton village hall on Saturday and Sunday with families.

**224/18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

1. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 May 2019** at 7pm (Annual Meeting) followed by the Public Forum and Main meeting.

2. Cllr Searle reported that as the Victory Hall may have started demolition by the next meeting, the parish council will need to find another venue. The Youth Club is unavailable, however Cllr Searle will ask another group if there is the possibility in vacating once a month. The clerk reported that another option is St Audries Centre which will also cost £10 a session. Cllr Morgan suggested that the council consider another time of day for the meeting. The clerk will confirm the day, date and time of the next meeting by email to the new council. The day and venue of future meetings will be considered at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....