

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**IN THE YOUTH CLUB, STOGURSEY**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr C Morgan (Chair), Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Steve O'Driscoll, Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr Judy Bastick, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), CCllr H Davies and 6 members of the public

**Presentation by David Eccles – Head of Stakeholder Engagement HPC** – David Eccles gave a brief outline of the issues of concern and answered questions.

**Potential increase in the size of HPC workforce at HPC**

The original planning consent estimate was that the workforce would peak at approximately 5600 workers. There is now a greater understanding of the work required, how contracts will be delivered, time constraints, and how techniques are evolving since the original DCO, the peak number is likely to be greater, numbers may increase to as many as 7900 (as at Sizewell). HPC/EDF are working closely with SWT and other key organisations to identify what the numbers may be. They will assess details, what work can be completed, the impact on community and how the impacts can be addressed. A clearer way forward is expected late summer. Construction techniques are evolving quickly and some buildings are now prefabricated. The original contracts and design was 10 years ago and there is now a better understanding. There may be a need for parallel working, both on and off site - all factors, including cost implications need to be considered.

Although HPC contend that this not constitute a 'material change', the three councils question this and are seeking legal advice. Once the impacts are understood EDF will look at mitigation, e.g., consideration of the number of buses, and adjusting shift patterns to maximise usage. Some buses are being replaced to make them more efficient and compliant. HPC will recommend that SWT include and engage Stogursey parish council.

EDF are addressing housing concerns, and the impact on local towns and villages. Stogursey is reaching saturation point in terms of accommodation, the campus at Bridgwater is averaging 50% full, there is still a lot of capacity in Bridgwater and workers are also taking up accommodation as far away as Minehead.

Cllr Morgan asked whether there would be an increase in the carbon emissions from construction as the parish council were initially informed that the savings due to nuclear power generation would offset that. The Clerk will contact EDF to request a breakdown of how the increase of CO2 emission compares to the original DCO claim that HPC would be carbon neutral.

**Fly Parking**

The issue of HP workers living at Mill Farm and parking at the Acland Hood was addressed. The fly parking team have patrolled the area and two individuals have been issued notices. This is an ongoing investigation and HPC are discussing with workers to discuss what would be the ultimate time for busses, to reduce temptation to abuse the system. It appears that workers wish to 'reduce minutes of their travel time and are not using the park and ride. HPC have gone through a legal challenge and under GDPR it is not possible to identify individuals with their permitted boarding location unless they consent. The parish council are keen this situation be resolved as soon as possible. HPC send buses to where workers live; however it

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

1. A resident asked why there is such a delay on a decision regarding the planning application for the Glebe Field and why is there not a time limit? Cllr Morgan and Cllr Ody explained that the planning authority wish to ensure all details are correct they are gathering information and need to until all information is received before making an informed decision. As it is an outline planning application, the developers can keep adding and changing the application and residents can also keep adding objections.

**155/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr R Calvert

**156/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15.1.2020**

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.

**157/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

1. Cllr O'Driscoll declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Planning
2. Cllr Ford declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 – CIM Funding (Chairman of Victory Hall Trustees)

**158/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

1. Correspondence from a resident regarding a partly blocked ditch between Monkton Corner to Steyning Manor – as the resident had not received a satisfactory response from SCC, the resident contacted the CCllr for assistance. The resident

- has confirmed that the ditch has been dug out 'the best for years' however the ditch on the adjoining field needs attention and if maize is planted this may prove a further problem. However the work is now completed to the resident's satisfaction.
2. Cllr Davies was contacted by a resident due to additional deep pot holes following recent roadworks at Shurton Lane, meaning the lanes have suffered a lot more traffic. Some potholes have been filled, however the mud has not been cleared. Cllr Davies will make enquiries.
  3. Cllr Davies reported on two companies fined for not complying with safety requirements and for unauthorised road works – Verzon UK Ltd £32k and Western Power Distribution £21,900.
  4. Cllr Davies confirmed the venue for SCC Chair Awards as being Taunton Rugby Club on 9.7.20.
  5. Cllr O'Driscoll asked about correspondence regarding flooding in Stolford – a resident was unable to get a coffin out of the house and Grandfield's refused to go down the flooded road. The chair encouraged residents to report the issue to SCC Highways. Cllr O'Driscoll has made several calls to Mr Bridgwater (via the switchboard) but has not had a response from him. Cllr Davies said he would support a request from the parish council.

#### **159/19 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

1. Cllr Morgan reported that he attended the Nuclear Advisory Forum last month. NDA /Magnox may appeal the decision to refuse their application to import ILW to be stored in the HPA storage facility. The technical report submitted by SWT offered no planning reasons as to why the application should be refused. There may be a resubmission.
2. The forum included a Networking session to discuss EDF amended consent for Sizewell C project to increase number of workers by approx. 2,000, and amending DCO application would suggest a material change (which should be the same at HPC) and given impacts ensuing there should be some mitigation.
3. SWT – concerns over meeting rooms (Williton overlooked and underused) and the length of meetings. At January's planning committee meeting, the non-acceptance of the result of the vote meant a 7.5 hour meeting.
4. The Road sweeper was in Stogursey this week – unfortunately it is not advertised therefore car owners are not able to move their cars.

#### **160/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST**

1. Item 1 – S106 obligations. The parish council are still awaiting the handover of land and £15k from Strongvox. Cllr Morgan proposed, seconded by Cllr Ford that the chair raise the issue with James Hassett (CEO at SWT) to instigate a reinforcement that it be actioned. All agreed. Cllr Goss proposed that the parish council write to R Miller to ask about the other S106 obligations that are not yet fulfilled. Seconded by Cllr Ford, all agreed. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Morgan**
2. Item 2 – Castle Street Flood scheme. Allan Searle met with Ivel Aquatic on behalf of the parish council to discuss the work required. Ivel Aquatic will forward a quote. Ongoing
3. Item 5 - Defibrillator. Cllr Morgan will liaise with SWASFT and the Babbling Brook to arrange installation and clarify where it is to be installed. **Action: Cllr Morgan.** Cllr Jones reported that she is waiting for an electrician to complete the electric supply at Stolford Church. **Action: Cllr Jones**
4. Outstanding actions from previous meeting(s).
  - a. Secure storage and safety housing for Christmas lights. Ongoing. The issue of secure housing will be added to the long term action list. The clerk will report the criminal damage to the insurance company. **Action: Clerk**
  - b. Weight Limit on roads – In response to a resident query Cllr Goss received information from SCC. An increase in the number of HGVs is an ongoing problem experienced in Somerset due to the rural nature of the County and HGV's following SAT NAV direction down inappropriate roads. Due to cuts in government funding, SCC are only able to look at weight restrictions if clear evidence of road safety issues caused by HGVs travelling through our roads e.g. accidents involving personal injury, to property, walls being damaged. As no evidence can be produced, this will not happen. They are also not able to consider new or amendments to existing signing, lining, speed limits, HGV's restrictions, disabled parking bays etc. The work carried out at Cannington was in conjunction with EDF highways work and HGVs have an alternate route (the Bypass).
  - c. The clerk printed more Welcome Packs and distributed to councillor reps. The packs will need to be updated before approaching HPB to ask if they will print them in the future. **Action: Clerk**
  - d. Dog Fouling. The cost to install 2 x dog bins in the parish will be £655.80 (excl VAT). Cllr Goss proposed, seconded by Cllr O'Driscoll that the two bins are installed (Burton bus stop and Paddons Farm). All agreed. **Action: Clerk**

#### **161/19 HINKLEY POINT (GENERAL)**

1. Presentation report above refers - nothing further to report.

#### **162/19 HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

1. Victory Hall.
  - a. Cllr Ford reported that the build is progressing well, although there is a problem with teenagers trying to break into the site. This has been reported to the police who have attended. Cllr Goss proposed that a formal letter regarding antisocial behaviour and ask for a stronger police presence, copy to EDF as it is a major EDF project. **Action: Clerk**

b. Further to the request at the last meeting, (that the parish council to agree in principle that some or all can be used for additional equipment including storage cabinets for the office) the clerk has been informed by Lisa Redston (SWT CIM Funding), that the contingency needs to remain in place as a contingency fund until the building is handed over to the Victory Hall Committee, plus 3 months while any snagging or issues may arise. After this any unused contingency from the £200k can be made available for other projects in Stogursey as per the procedures set out in the S106 agreement for the Stogursey Ring-Fence. This is in line with the recommendations of the Planning Obligations Board recommendations and decision made by West Somerset Full Council on 21 Nov 2018.

#### **163/19 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.
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 and 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 refused – it did not conform to the conditions of the Local Plan. The owners have asked for a two week extension for tenants to find alternate accommodation and to keep the bus stop outside the campsite.
3. 3/32/19/023 – 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). Still under consideration.
4. 3/32/19/038 - Demolition of Stone, block and brick Building in dangerous condition on Land adjoining Tanyard Bungalow, 16 Castle St, TA5. Permission had been given previously for the owners to pollard the willow trees on site.
5. 3/32/19/043 – Change of use from dwelling house (C3) to residential care home (C2), White Waves, Sharpham Lane, Stolford TA5 1TN. Ongoing
6. 3/32/20/003 - Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to 32 No. dwellings , Land off Shurton Lane (resubmission of 3/32/19/011) and 3/32/19/011 - Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to 70 No. Dwellings, Land off Shurton Lane (*Appeal lodged*). A letter of objection will be submitted similar to the previous. The appeal will be held locally on 5 and 6 May in either the Church Room. **Action: Cllr Ody**
7. 3/32/20/006 - Notification to pollard one Willow tree within Stogursey Conservation Area, 14 St Andrews Road, TA5. Submission made by a member of the parish council (Cllr S O'Driscoll)

2035 Cllr O'Driscoll left the room

Cllr Ford proposed, seconded by Cllr Staddon that the parish council do not object. All agreed

2040 Cllr O'Driscoll returned

8. ABD/32/20/001 - Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development, Idson Farm, Idson Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1TR. SPC have not been allowed an extension for the response, Cllr Ody will arrange a site visit and prepare a response. **Action: Cllr Ody**

#### **164/19 MEETING REPORTS:**

1. 21.01.20 – WWQ Panel (West Somerset House, Williton) – no attendance, nothing to report
2. 23.01.20 – Community Forum –
  - a. Industrial strategy ministers visited the Reactor building
  - b. There were issues over the tunnel boring machine safety measures, and work stopped until they were resolved.
  - c. Forecast that 30/6/20 will be J zero for reactor 2 (concrete pour)
  - d. 40 % of the crane operators are female
  - e. The workforces is 4, 837 at present (previously 5600 at peak build). Plans to substantially increase the workforce emerged at the meeting
3. 31.1.20 – Meeting with SRA & SCC. Look at flood alleviation works at Newnham Bridge & Water farm. A couple of issues on both sides. Work required by landowner (FE), clear out stream course which has become silted. Issue at Colepool, the pipe that leads to ditch cannot do its job. Need to contact FE to ask them to complete work. At Newnham Bridge, the issue is, in heavy rain there is run off from the fields which cascades and causes problems. The parish council will need to speak to farmer and ask him to change farming practice – maize planting contributes to run off. Also need to contact riparian owners to clear their section of stream properly. Awaiting maps from SCC to show the area, to enable parish council to identify which owners need to be contacted.
4. 06.02.20 – Neighbourhood Planning initial meeting. Ann Rhodes from SWT attended and answered technical questions. There was a good representation from the parish (24) and of these, seven residents showed interest at this stage in joining part of the proposed Steering / Advisory subcommittee. Cllr Goss asked whether councillors considered that seven volunteers is enough to enable the plan to go forward. It was agreed that the clerk invite all interested parties to a meeting to form a steering group, so that the plan can be taken forward. The parish council will then formally apply to SWT for a designation area to formulate the neighbourhood plan. **Action: Clerk**

**165/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. 13.2.20 – PCC meeting (Cllr Jones)
2. 27.02.20 – MSF (Stogursey School) All residents are invited to attend. A Goodchild will give an outline of the material change regarding the plot plan.
3. 28.2.20 – SSG (Cllr Goss)
5. 26.3.20 – Transport Forum (Cllr Goss)

**166/19 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. Stogursey News deliveries to Stolford. Volunteers find it difficult to deliver to Stolford because of poor roads and damage to vehicles. Cllr O’Driscoll agreed to contact Highways again to highlight this particular issue. **Action: Cllr O’Driscoll** The parish council feel that they do not wish the residents to feel isolated, therefore Cllr Goss proposed, seconded by Cllr Ody to suggest alternatives to the editors. Either ask for volunteers if they haven’t already, post them to residents (PC to bear half the cost), or deliver to residents who could deliver to their neighbours. **Action: Clerk/ Cllr Goss**
3. Somerset County Council Chairman’s Award. Cllr Goss proposed the ladies who run the Forget me Not Café (Helen Cuttell and Rose Chalk) are nominated. Seconded by Cllr Ody all agreed. **Action: Clerk**
4. Allotments. The clerk reported that following the condition that a number of plots have been left in, whether it is worth instigating a deposit scheme for new tenants. After discussion, Cllr O’Driscoll proposed, seconded by Cllr Staddon, that a deposit of £30 be instigated. 6 councillors agreed, 1 against, 1 abstention. It was resolved to include a request for a deposit of £30 for new tenants with effect from 1.4.20 – with a check list and photographs taken before a tenant takes on the plot. **Action: Clerk**
5. SWT Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation A separate meeting is required to discuss the Local Plan and to formulate the parish council response before the consultation period ends. The clerk will source a venue and contact councillors for a suitable date. **Action: Clerk**

**167/19 ENHANCEMENTS:**

1. Nothing to report.

**168/19 HIGHWAYS:**

1. Cllr O’Driscoll reported that he had not received a response to his report and would contact the county councillor for his input.

**169/19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

1. Cllr O’Driscoll asked if the footpath to the castle will be closed during the works at the adjoining farm, and whether there is an alternate route. **Action: Cllr O’Driscoll**

**170/19 FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. To note bank balances as at 31.1.20 - Current A/C £4762; Deposit A/C £140734; Reserves A/C £5072
2. To note 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 Staddon. Two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; 2 payments will be made online. **Action: Clerk**

- a. Payments made since the last meeting on 15.1.20 – Nil
- b. Payments authorised

G Orchard	633.04	488	Clerk Salary Jan 20 includes expenses less PAYE & NIC & Pension
G Orchard	64.63	489	Stationery
NEST	14.78	DD	Employer / employee Pension contribution
HMRC	145.31	BP	Employee tax (PAYE) Employer/employee (NIC) Jan 2020

3. To note Receipts
  - a. Bank Interest - £2.63

**171/19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 March 2020** at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting in the Youth Club.  
The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....