

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018
IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr A Searle (Chair), Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Jenny Ody, CCllr H Davies, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

Presentation – NATIONAL GRID (NG) HINKLEY POINT CONNECTION PROJECT

The National Grid's (NG) Project Manager Neil Adams and Matt Wooldridge from External Affairs gave a project overview and an update on the timeline and commitments of the NG in the community. The project includes a new high voltage connection from Bridgwater to Seabank (near Bristol) plus local connection works. The NG has a licence obligation to connect HPC and other sources in the South West by 2024 before HPC goes live in 2025. As well as modifying existing overhead lines in the area, and upgrading the Hinkley to Bridgwater overhead lines, they are building a new 400,000 volt substation at Shurton to connect HPC to the electricity transmission network. Other work includes reinstating the land and planting (hedges and trees) including those of landowners whose properties are affected. There is not expected to be an increase of traffic within the area, and they anticipate the impact to residents to be minimal.

However, the Project also funds community projects that provide a range of social, economic and environmental benefits that are impacted by the NG operations. Community Grants Funds up to £20,000 will become available (all information is available on their website and updated regularly).

With regard to skills training and job opportunities – NG intend to reach an agreement with a skills provider to deliver training, and aspire that 17% will be locally employed; they are encouraging their Tier 1 providers to approach local networks to offer job opportunities. They are also providing funds for STEM outreach in schools affected by the project.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Referring to Agenda Item 15e, the Community Speed Watch (CSW) Team asked the parish council to consider the purchase of speed restriction signs which to inform parishioners that a speed watch scheme is operating. Signs are currently being used in Cannington, however the effect is not yet known. The signs cost £26.50 each, plus delivery charge of £14 for up to four signs. Cllr Goss asked about recent figures; the team has now received a new speed gun (with a half mile range) to assist the detection of speeding vehicles – the volume of traffic has increased by approximately 75% over 12 months (150 vehicles in a 45 minute period) although the number of speeding vehicles remain static.

The Chairman suspended standing orders and brought Agenda item 15e forward, to enable a decision to be made.

Cllr Elenor proposed, seconded by Cllr Goss that the parish council purchase of 4 signs to be displayed in the parish. All Agreed. The CSW will liaise with the parish council to determine the size and location of signs (suggested locations include the roads to Stogursey at both sides, Shurton and Burton). Although they are not designed to be moved, they can be moved around the parish.

2. A resident commented that he asked about the overgrown vegetation along the outside of the Babbling Brook at the last meeting, but no action has been taken. The chairman stated that he has reported it to highways, but he will ask them again. **Action: Chairman**

3. A resident thanked the parish council for their input in bringing the community together over the weekend at the memorable Commemoration event and Remembrance Day Service on the Gravel and at the church for the Centenary of the Great War.

102/18 The Chairman announced that the meeting will be recorded.

103/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Chris Morgan and Cllr Jill Dillamore

104/18 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2018

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

105/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Nil

106/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

1. County Councillor Davies reported the cancellation of the temporary road closure at Shurton (the parish council had already been informed).
2. An outcome of the SCC cabinet cuts is the "Supporting Children and Families consultation". It is proposed to stop the Get Set Service contribution to support for families with Level 2 needs.
3. Gritting areas. Cllr Davies provided councillors with a plan of the roads to be gritted this winter.
4. County wide Parking review. Stogursey will come under rural communities. If the parish wishes to be added to the second phase, we will need to contact the Strategic Manager Traffic Management and Road Safety Officer. Cllr Brereton raised concern about the point that disabled bays will no longer be dealt with by local SCC traffic engineers. CCllr Davies will raise the issue with SCC. **Action: CCllr Davies**
5. Libraries – 19 libraries will continue to run, the 15 remaining libraries can apply for a small grant to support a bid for a community run library. Our nearest library (Nether Stowey) are holding a meeting to discuss the possibility of becoming community run.
6. Communities Leisure Services. At the end of March 2019 SCC will end its role with 1610 Ltd (they provide services to 8 schools across the county). However, Bridgwater College Trust will take over and improve the sports centre provision.
7. WSC has received a grant of £182.5k from SCC for agreed activities within the delivery plan for the WS Opportunity Area Programme (a government initiative for deprived areas). Cllr Goss commented that the parish council were informed (approx. 12 months ago) that Stogursey is included, as there is low educational attainment. She has spoken to Corrine Matthews who forwarded her emails to two officers at SCC (including Julia Ridge), but she has not heard from them. The School were informed that money is available, however they have not heard anything either. CCllr Davies was asked to chase this with SCC – he will contact Julia Ridge to ask her to contact the parish council with the status of the grant for Stogursey. **Action: CCllr Davies**
8. SCC opening hours has changed from 1.11.18 while refurbishment is carried out on A Block visitor reception.

107/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Goss

1. A Chief Executive of the new council has been appointed (James Hassett). He has previously led major economic regeneration projects and is very experienced. He is due to take up his position on 2.1.19.
2. Transport forum - C182 works order been produced for various road works, includes 'Slow' signs at Claylands Corner, Shurton and Wick. For any violations involving bus travel, reports should include the 3 digit number to assist HPC track the vehicle.
3. HPC are in pre-application discussions with WSC regarding a change to one of the DCO conditions which will impact the Shurton Southern boundary. During a geological investigation, they omitted to find a layer of Westbury Shale – however this cannot be stored with the original spoil. HPC are hoping to store it on top of an existing spoil pile which is currently 35m high – it proposed to increase this to 45m high. WSC has requested further information from EDF to ensure the existing spoil will be stable, before it is approved. It is not a planning application, but a variation, and therefore WSC cannot impose conditions.

108/18 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

1. A resident approached Cllr Jones and asked whether EDF are proposing to use the Stolford route for access to the sea wall. Cllr Goss reported, that at the recent SSG, the director of HP B, explained that they will be repairing the Emergency Access route. They now have the funds, permission and contractor in place to commence work which could be what they were referring to.

109/18 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

1. One application has been received, and as the parish council has not received a request to hold an election, we can fill the vacancy by co-option at the next parish council meeting. The closing date for applications is 21 Nov 18; the clerk will contact councillors with a proposed date for an informal interview with potential candidates and will inform candidates of the date and time. **Action: Clerk**

110/18 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. **Victory Hall.**
 - a. Cllr Ford reported they are nearing the end of the technical design and will go out to tender in the New Year. The next step is to meet to agree materials. They are also considering WSC hold the budget as the Victory Hall does not have the funds in their account to meet all the invoices when they come in.
 - b. Following the last parish council meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair visited the Head at the School to explain the situation of the parish council / trustees in respect of CIM funding allocations. The clerk sent a letter to the Co-chairs of the School Governors.

- c. Cllr Ford reported that work on the Youth Club is ongoing to enable regular users of the Victory Hall to continue their regular activities.
- d. Cllr Goss expressed her thanks to Cllr Ford, Searle and other helpers for all the hard work carried out to bring the Youth Club up to a high standard.

111/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

1. Cllr Morgan sent an update of the latest planning applications and decisions to Councillors before the meeting. There were no further comments.

112/18 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 17.10.18 – MSF. The Inlet head is being built and will be shipped from Avonmouth. The deep dig is complete and finishes at 21m; the jetty is also complete and about to fit out the conveyor belt system. The campus occupancy is approx. 75 – 85% full, therefore plenty of room on site for those who wish to live in caravans. Requirement to comply with light strategy. Parishioners in Shurton area expressed concern about the effect of light pollution on their lives; the lead environment officer will look at how this can be mitigated. Cllr Jones raised the issue of residents' dissatisfaction with buses – one has knocked a resident off their bike, another issue is they park on the corner of Lime Street preventing the resident from leaving their homes. Without the numbers they cannot be reported, however the numbers are small and cannot always be seen.
2. 25.10.18 – Resilience Day. Report previously sent to Councillors. No further comments.
3. 26.10.18 – SSG. Cllr Goss reported that following the termination and enquiry into Cavendish Fluor, the Minister has decided that Magnox will no longer be run by a parent organisation, and now will be run by Magnox themselves (which will save taxpayer's money); Station Site Directors know what is needed for their Station and will be able to tailor decommissioning to suit individual sites.
4. 29.10.18 – SCC Winter Maintenance. Cllr Brereton forwarded a report to councillors. A recent email indicated that SCC will fund self hep salt bags and bins this year, using additional funding from the recent Budget. Clarity is still required including the price, and this is likely to be a one off – councils will need to precept for salt for future years. It was suggested to collect bags this year to build up the stock as it will need to be paid for in future years. Cllr Searle reminded councillors that it was previously agreed to purchase a bin to store salt in the pound, proposed by Cllr Elenor, and seconded by Cllr Ody. Cllr Jones suggested a small bin be provided in Stoford to store salt to prevent wastage. It was also agreed to source a smaller bin for Stoford. All Agreed
5. 1.11.18 – Transport Forum. A report was previously forwarded to councillors (plus see minute 107/18.2 above).

113/8 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 15.11.18 – Community Forum
2. 4.12.18 – WWQ. Cllr Goss reported that this will be a presentation by new SWP as the new recycling measures will be discussed.
3. 12.12.18 – Steart Forum
4. 11.1.19 – SSG

114/18 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:

1. Maintenance Contract. Greenslades are unable to provide a quote; Parsons will quote on receipt of the latest inspection report which the Clerk will send to them as soon as it arrives. It will be compared with those received from HAGS and Sovereign who provide routine operational inspections.
2. Cllr Searle reported that a settee was left in the play area. He had arranged for it to be moved, however young people set fire to it damaging the surface of the path, and had also set fire to a waste bin. Cllr Searle reported it to the police, and the culprits were found (one from Bridgwater and Cannington and two from Fiddington). One of the parents has agreed to pay for the damage, and removed the settee. The culprits were also set to work by the police to clear up the play area. The Clerk is waiting for quotes to arrive for repair, but has not been able to make contact with K. Richards at WSC for a quote for the bin. Cllr Goss will try to get in touch. **Action: Cllr Goss**

115/18 EMERGENCY PLAN:

1. A few residents have expressed interest, therefore a meeting will be held, initially to collate names, information and to discuss the way ahead before any potential bad weather appears. Hannah Ovet (Environment Agency) will visit in the New Year when a mutually convenient date can be arranged. **Action: Clerk**

116/18 EDF DROP IN SESSIONS – 2019

1. Cllr Goss as part of their communications strategy, EDF agreed to hold drop in sessions in Stogursey and Shurton because of the impact of HPC in the area. However EDF informed Cllr Goss that they were not continuing with the current pattern because of lack of uptake in both Stogursey and Shurton. She considers that negotiation of

any changes should be discussed with the parish council. Cllr Goss notes that Stogursey may not be as important (fly parking issues reducing), therefore quarterly in Stogursey would be sufficient. However there is concern with the Shurton sessions being reduced to quarterly, as Shurton is still at the forefront especially as there is a proposal to increase the height of the shale spoil by 10 m and add 1000m³ of shale. Additionally, the emergency access road construction will involve a lot of work activity, it is unwise not to carry on with current pattern until activities are completed, then reassess. Cllr Goss proposed the parish council write to ask EDF to carry on with current pattern of monthly drop in sessions. Parishioners attend when there is an issue and should not have to wait until quarterly to raise their concerns.

Action: Clerk

117/18 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 reported the following:
2. Somerset Brilliant Coast. Mark Ward has been invited to attend the December meeting – he is keen to get the school involved, as well as work with community to see what they would like to see.
3. AONB. Quantock Partnership Scheme Update. The PC were in consultation previously about the Community Orchard scheme, however the landowner pulled out and another site was not found. The AONB defined area cuts through our parish – the border maybe due to proximity to AONB; the clerk will query this. It was agreed to invite AONB to the February meeting. **Action: Clerk**
4. WSAB. Asking for supporting and funding – Cllr Goss commented that the work of WSAB is important to our parish, especially as Universal Credit claimants are seeking help of the voluntary bureau. A member of Stogursey Hub volunteers is also completing dual training to be able to provide the service for WSAB to our local community. Cllr Goss suggests, they are looking for financial support from the council, however, it was agreed that they will need to put a stronger case to provide the parish council with more information about their need. Cllr Goss will feed that back to WSAB. **Action: Cllr Goss**
5. Road Verge Campaign (Plant Life). An email from a resident asking the parish council to consider the campaign for managing road verges. As it is just starting, councillors will wait until more information is received before making a decision.
6. Mobile SID update. It was agreed that as there was a lack of uptake, and parish councils would have to provide their own, and fund their own. It would prove expensive and it was agreed not to install at SID at the present time.
7. Youth Club Funding. Letter received from V Boxall on behalf of the Victory Hall Trustees requesting £2000 for this year and £3000 for future years. This will enable the Youth Club to continue for another year, despite SCC funding cuts. Future years will be discussed at the Precept meeting.

118/18 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):

1. The notice board in Burton has been refurbished and will be replaced this week. Handles will be added to the one at Stolford.
2. Cllr Searle has also asked for an itemised bill. The Lengthsman started later this year (May); Cllr Searle has asked them to clear the holding pond of Himalayan balsam as it still growing wildly, and they will continue to work until the end of November.

119/18 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):

1. A culvert under the wall near Dawlea Farm has been flooded badly (as a result of large vehicles encroaching the area). Cllr Searle has reported the issue to Highways.
2. A resident reported overhanging trees in Northfield Close. The trees are the responsibility of Magna – the clerk will contact them to ask them to attend prune the trees. **Action: Clerk.**

120/18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):

1. Unsafe stiles in Shurton area – Cllr Jones has reported but still waiting for a reply.
2. Unsafe stile at Wick. Cllr Jones will report the stile to WSC.
3. Peaddon Farm – the route for a footpath has been changed.

Action: Cllr Jones

121/18 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. **Balances at 31.10.18** - Current A/C £2054.25; Deposit A/C £21,494.05; Reserves A/C £68,350.40
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 Elenor, seconded by Cllr Goss and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; 3 payment will be made online. **Action: Clerk**
 - a. **Payments made since the last meeting on 9.10.18**

25.10.18 S Foster	£200.00	Mowing and additional clearance
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b. Payments due

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	£642.31	426	Clerk Salary & expenses for October 2018
HMRC	£136.80	BACS	Employee tax (Oct 2018)
B Oates	£31.50	427	Payment for planting up Shurton flower boxes
Play Inspection	£78.00	BP	Annual inspection BRPA
G Orchard	£9.99	424	Laptop Antivirus (1 year)
Grandfield	£87.38	428	Additional items for Notice board refurbishment
P Cross	£110.00	BP	Noticeboard refurbishment

3. **Receipts** £10 for allotment rent.

4. **Armistice Event.** The clerk asked whether a small sum could be allocated to individuals for expenditure for the Armistice Event. Cllr Elenor proposed, seconded by Cllr Goss that a sum up to £100 be approved for reimbursing individuals. **Action: Clerk**

122/18 GROUPS AND PANELS:

1. Twinning Association Christmas Quiz in Church Rooms on 14 Dec 18.
2. Next year's Wassail will be at Colepool Farm on 5 Jan 19 – fundraising on behalf of Cancer Research.
3. Cllr Ford – Thanked the parish council for applying for the S106 funding to purchase the items for the Youth Club project.
4. The paintings by artists from the Art Project during the Arts Festival were going to display their work in the Arts Centre, but this has been delayed until further notice.

123/18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETNG:

1. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 6.30** with a presentation by Mark Ward of Somerset Wildlife Trust on 'Somerset's Brilliant Coast Project' followed at 7.15pm by the public forum, and the main meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 8.52 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: