

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2019
IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr Chris Morgan, (Chair), Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Judy Bastick, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Steve O'Driscoll, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Helga Staddon, Cllr Jenny Ody, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 10 members of the public

PRESENTATION BY DAVID ECCLES CBE AND ANDREW GOODCHILD - EDF

David Eccles CBE and Andrew Goodchild from EDF energy addressed the parish council to explain the increase in the optimum number of non-home based HPC workers living in the parish. There was a strategy set out in the original DCO of how non-home based workers would be accommodated. With regards to the private rented sector, in the 'Stogursey/HP cluster' (which includes Holford & Kilve), the capacity was assessed depending on the market at the time and availability of rental properties. As a result of this research the optimum number the whole cluster was set at 44. This legal agreement also stated that EDF would make a one off payment of £5k per worker in excess of this number, to the relevant local authority. In 2018, WSC therefore received a payment of £25k due to an increase of 5 workers above the optimum level. In their latest review of workers accommodation, EDF calculated that as there had been a substantial increase in available accommodation in the area, then they would raise the optimum number of workers to seventy. However, the district councils question the mechanisms used to calculate these changes and are proposing to review this with EDF as soon as possible.

Parish councillors and members of the public asked questions and made comments on several issues including the increase in optimum numbers which decreases the benefit to the parish, the low take up of campus rooms, the number of empty buses in the area, and that no thought has been given to the residents of Stogursey, the increased number of cars and the danger this brings. There are many issues that cannot be solved by a payment of £5k.

David Eccles explained that EDF are not in a position to dictate where their workers live, however they will do their best to encourage their workers to use the campuses on HP site and in Bridgwater. They expect there to be more take up of campus accommodation when the numbers of workers increase (peak expected end 2021). They also agreed to revisit the parish at a separate meeting to discuss the issues residents are facing.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A resident asked the parish council to take action on the overgrown state of the near the footpath at Bayley Brook and the increased amount of Himalayan balsam. The chair deferred the issue until Agenda item 12 – Correspondence.

55/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Rebecca Calvert, Cllr Eileen Chave, CCllr Hugh Davies

56/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11.7.19 AND PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 22.7.19

1. The minutes for both meetings were proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Goss and AGREED for signature by the Chairman as an otherwise true and accurate record of the meeting.

57/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

None

58/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. CCllr Davies sent his apologies and a short report by email (although reported here in the minutes, they were not read at the time, but were forwarded to councillors following the meeting). There were no further comments.
2. Variation of condition relating to Intermediate Level Waste 3/32/19/021 and 3/32/19/022. Cllr Davies and his colleagues will be submitting a letter to the County Regulation Committee in the autumn against this proposal
3. New Somerset mobile library vehicle – not yet informed of the routes. Cllr Davies will chase up
4. Park and Rides at Taunton. From September 2019 they will be funded by Somerset West and Taunton until March 2020.
5. Temporary road closure at Hilltop Lane, junction with Higher Hill from 17.9.19, expected work for 4 days to enable Wessex water to carry out remedial works replacing tarmac.
6. A reminder about the small grant scheme between 1.9.19 and 30.11.19 – approx. £250 each.

59/19 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. Cllr Morgan attended the NDA summit in July, discussion centred the around the GD. Overseas representatives reported on how they are moving forward and informed delegates of how they operate. Notice was given of a socio economic plan.

2. Cllr Morgan arranged a site visit to HPA and ILW on 23.7.19 as a representative of the district council, for new members of SWaT district council. Cllr Morgan will distribute a separate report on this issue.

60/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:

1. Item 3 – Local flooding issues (Shurton). Cllr Goss has spoken to David Mitchell (SRA) who confirmed that the work is still anticipated to be completed before Christmas; Burton & Shurton should no longer be flooded.
2. Item 8 – Recover MUGA. Cllr Ford reported that Victory Hall trustees consider that as the cost is anticipated to be £38k, the idea will be shelved for the time being. It will, however, remain on the Action list as funding will still be required if it is still available.
3. Item 11 – Auto Speedwatch – A&S police have reported that they will not recognise any data produced by the facility, therefore the facility will not be installed. The speed watch team are continuing to go out in the parish and have recently been supported by the PCSO.

61/19 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. Victory Hall.
 - a. Cllr Ford reported that demolition is expected to start 9.9.19, following the electricity board completing their work on 2.9.19. The project completion date is planned to be 26 June 2020. Cllr O'Driscoll asked if the demolition vehicles will be travelling through the village or if there could be an alternative route. Cllr Ford will look at the construction / traffic management plan to confirm the route and try to discourage additional traffic through the village. They are still negotiating with a local farmer with regards to the disposal of spoil – he will also investigate the disposal of spoil.
Action: Cllr Ford

62/19 HINKLEY POINT SITE VISITS:

1. HPC visit will be on 17.9.19 – the time is to be confirmed. Visits to HPA & B are yet to be confirmed. **Action: Clerk**

63/19 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. No update
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
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
4. 3/32/19/032 – Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation, Stolford Farm, Gorpit Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1TW. Cllr Ford proposed that the parish council raise no objection, seconded by Cllr Ody – all agreed. It will make a good holiday let, however it is in a flood risk area (potentially risk 3), and it is not known if it is intended for HPC workers.
5. It was previously understood that any application as a result of HPC project would go to committee and not delegated but this is no longer the case - every application that can be delegated, will be.
6. Cllr Staddon commented that the planning application for Lime Street has been on the website for well in excess of the time advertised – this is probably as there are only 3 planning officers for the area and decisions and actions are delayed. Cllr Morgan reported that Highways has objected
7. There are still caravans in Stolford without permission (previously refused). Cllr Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr Ody that the parish council contact it to the district council, all agreed. **Action: Clerk**

64/19 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 16.7.19 – WSFG. No report.
2. 17.7.19 – Main Site Forum (MSF). Different figures compared to this evening.
3. 18.7.19 – Parochial Church Council (PCC). Cllr Jones reported that the PCC has a new secretary. They discussed how to handle emergencies during a service. St Peters has been given free heating equipment. The installation of the defibrillator in the porch was discussed, they will arrange for the electrician when needed.
4. 1.8.19 – Transport Forum. The jetty received first delivery, the aggregate is arriving by rail from Avonmouth will be loaded onto containers and taken to the jetty. SCC will start maintenance on verge overruns on C192. Received verbal assurance, from D.Eccles and A Wagstock that should Burton Springs not be given planning permission, they will cease the bus stop for illegal HP workers. The tunnel boring machine is now engaged at the site.
5. 15.8.19 – Community Forum (as MSF is not held as frequently as previously, residents are able to attend the Community Forum)

65/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 3.10.19 – Community Forum (Cllr Goss reported that the increase in non-home based workers will be added to the agenda)
2. 2.10.19 - WSFG (Sampford Brett)
3. 17.9.19 – Watchet, Wiliton & Quantock Vale Panel

66/19 **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. Vegetation in Shurton Brook. The issue raised by the resident during the public forum was discussed. It is not the responsibility of the parish council and a letter has been sent to one of the riparian owners and reported to SCC (who are responsible for the footpath). The clerk will write to the other owner and a note will be put in Stogursey News to remind all residents of their riparian responsibilities. The Himalayan balsam has seeded and is likely to create more problems therefore, it does require specialist removal. **Action: Clerk**
3. Thistle Clock Making Lathe. A lathe thought to be used by the clock makers of Stogursey was purchased by residents in 2008 with the intention of gifting it to the parish, and the parish council were asked find a home for it. It was not resolved at the time and the residents are now asking that the parish council look to find a final resting place as they are finding it difficult to continue to store it. In 2008 it was suggested that it be placed in a museum – one of the options that could be facilitated with funding from HPC. However the funding has not materialised and a museum is not an option. Although it is not the responsibility for the parish council to provide a home (and the residents who own it will be informed of this fact), Cllr O'Driscoll will contact the residents to view the lathe, establish the size and the issue will be discussed at the next parish council meeting. **Action: Cllr O'Driscoll**
4. Public Conveniences – West Somerset. The clerk received an email from Williton parish council – they have learnt that although the previous West Somerset council removed funding for public conveniences, Taunton Deane continues to receive support. The clerk suggested that the allocation of funding for public conveniences for the whole of the new SWT council should be equal. Cllr Goss proposed we support the bid to reinstate funding for the conveniences, seconded by Cllr Ford. West Somerset has an ageing population and everyone in the new council area should be treated the same. **Action: Clerk**
5. BT Telephone boxes – consultation. The three public payphones in Stogursey (Vicarage Road, Forge Corner and Stolford) have been identified and proposed for removal by BT under the 90-day consultation process and the parish council has been asked if they wish to retain them. The parish council also have the opportunity to purchase them for £1 but it is then their responsibility to maintain them. As not everyone has a mobile phone, it was suggested that the phone boxes should remain in the case of an emergency. It was also commented that they have not been used for over a year therefore, it may be unreasonable to expect BT to continue to maintain them. Cllr Goss proposed that the parish council object and request that all three remain in the parish, seconded by Cllr Staddon, six voted in favour, 1 abstention. **Action: Clerk**
6. Cllr O'Driscoll has received a letter from a tenant in Stolford concerns about flooding at Gorpit Lane. Cllr O'Driscoll has contacted Kevin Bridgwater but is waiting for a response. He will contact Highways again to try to arrange a visit to the problem areas in the parish, and cc Cllr Davies. **Action: Cllr O'Driscoll**. Cllr Jones reported that the ditches are often blocked, with garden rubbish and the owners do not clear them.
7. Allotments. One of the allotment tenant who had hens has now vacated his plot – the Chairman assisted with the removal of items from the plot and it is now available for the next tenant on the list. The tenant sent a further £10 to cover any loss of rental revenue for his extended time on the plot.
8. The clerk has received an email from a resident suggesting that more social interaction and communication, e.g. social media posts (parish council information is readily available on the parish website and notice boards). This will be discussed at the next meeting.

67/19 **HIGHWAYS:**

1. Cllr Jones reported that when flood defence was built the sides of the road badly eroded and filled with coarse gravel and a lot of gravel is in the middle of the road and is causing vehicles to skid. Councillors should forward a list of highway problem areas to Cllr O'Driscoll, cc Cllr Morgan and Clerk, which will all be identified when Cllr O'Driscoll can arrange a date. **Action: All Cllrs**

68/19 **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW:**

1. Cllr Jones has reported an overgrown footpath in Shurton (WL23/56)
2. She has heard from S.Littler, although the "Two Castles" sign in Vicarage Road is misleading, it is part of the castle trail and is therefore correct.
3. The footpath to the castle is becoming overgrown again. Although it is the responsibility of SCC, the clerk will put a note in Stogursey news and parishioners will be asked to carry secateurs and 'snip as they go'. SCC can provide secateurs and gloves to parishioners if they wish. **Action: Clerk**

69/19 **FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. Balances at 31.7.19 - Current A/C £5918; Deposit A/C £16,750 Reserves A/C £52,298.

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 Morgan, seconded by Cllr Goss and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheque; 3 payments will be made online.

a. Payments made since the last meeting on 11.7.19
 S Foster £185.00 Mowing 17.7.19

b. Payments due

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	£608.78	464	Clerk Salary & expenses for July 2019
HMRC	£145.31	BP	Employee tax & NIC / Employer NIC (July 2019)
S Foster	£185.00	BP	Mowing 6.7.19
Greenslades	£1776.00	BP	Lengthsman Services – July 2019

The clerk now receives a copy of the work carried out according their monthly programme, by the Lengthsman each month for perusal. He has cut verges, cut the overgrown ivy on the church wall, and cut the grass in BRPA

c. Receipts
 £10 – Allotment Rent

70/19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETNG:

1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 September 2019** at 6.30 pm - Presentation by Ann Rhodes on Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development plan, 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting in the Youth Club.
 The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date:

