

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 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 3 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A resident asked about the planning application at 6 St Andrews Road amid concern that the cottage is listed. The resident has lodged an objection, as they understand that the cottage has been gutted and has not being restored like for like as the applicants indicated (they wish to include UPVC/plastic). The chair understands that the original application has been withdrawn and Fairfield Estate will be submitting a new application. The parish council will wait for the new application and address it accordingly.
2. A resident observed that the application for the importation of Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) skips from Magnox's Oldbury, Sizewell 'A' and Dungeness 'A' sites for encapsulation at the on-site Waste Encapsulation Plant at HP A was opposed by Somerset County Council but he understood that the parish council supported the application. Cllr Goss explained that although individual councillors have their own opinion, as a parish council, the application was opposed on a majority vote.
3. A resident spoke in support of the FOSS application to the parish council for funding for their annual community fireworks event which is always well attended. She requested that the PC look favourably on their request. FOSS has never made a profit and rely on donations although they intend to charge this year and hope to build funds to use in the future.

88/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Steve O'Driscoll; CCllr H Davies

89/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11.9.19

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

90/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

1. Cllr Calvert – Agenda Item 10a – Planning (Paddons Farm) and Correspondence (FOSS application for grant); Cllr Chave – HP matters; Cllr Staddon – Planning (6 St Andrews Rd)

91/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. CCllr Davies sent his apologies and forwarded his report by email.
2. Somerset Libraries New Outreach Vehicle. This vehicle will supplement the main Libraries – it is currently booked until 31 Oct 19. Booking details will be on the parish website.
3. Press Releases
 - a. It's ok to ask for help. Organisations and agencies across Somerset who have a part in supporting children and families. Anyone who needs extra help can speak to any professions they come into contact with (GP, nursery worker, teacher, PSCO or youth worker) or visit Somerset Choices [https:// choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/](https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/) or contact Somerset Direct 0300 123 2224
 - b. Following the transfer of the Learning Disabilities Provider Service to Discovery in 2017, Unison brought an employment tribunal claim against SCC and Discovery relating to the adequacy of information provided to staff prior to the transfer. Although SCC & Discovery believed they fulfilled their obligations, to avoid a protracted legal hearing with potential for further action as well as continued uncertainty for staff. SCC reached a financial settlement with Unison (£674.000) which has resolved the claim satisfactorily for all parties.
 - c. Civil partnerships for all. SCC Registration Service is available for couples who wish to tie the knot through a new opposite sex civil partnership next year. The service would like to hear from couples interested in booking a ceremony in 2020 following the change in Government legislation.
 - d. Planning for Brexit. SCC have appointed a Brexit Lead Officer (BLO) and a small Brexit team to make sure services are ready for Brexit.
4. Essential resurfacing work
 - a. A39 Dragon Cross starts 7.10.19 to 16.10.19
 - b. Quantock Road, Bridgwater roundabout to begin next month (4.11.19) to Spring 2020.
 - c. Squibbers Way is the name of the new link road linking mars lane to Parrett way was named by the people of Bridgwater following a public vote. Planned to celebrate the opening early December.

5. Road Traffic Regulation (21 day notice) C1182 HP road, in parishes of Otterhampton, Stockland Bristol and Stogursey. Temporary prohibition of vehicles from 18.10.19 for 21 days.
6. SCC Community Snow warden scheme – 2019/2020. Local councils can nominate new or existing emergency wardens who must
 - a. Be nominated as suitable by the council
 - b. Have received suitable training to carry out salt spreading and snow clearance
 - c. Agreed to work within the advice provided by SCC /Skanska
 - d. Agree to work to the parish council plan that has been agreed with SCC
 - e. Be registered with SCC

92/19 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. Cllr Morgan's reported that there is a change with planning. Previously if a parish council objected the application would go to planning committee, however an application will not go to the committee for decision unless at least four members of the public object.

93/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST

1. Item 5 – BRPA. Cllr Ford reported that the play area is in need of a regular cleaning contract and proposed the parish council contact Gary Bickers (GWB Services) to add general maintenance to the equipment maintenance, seconded by Cllr Jones. All agreed. **Action: Clerk**
2. Item 7 – Fingerposts Restoration. Cllr Calvert reported that the new and restored posts have been fitted by Somerset Forge and the Clerk has received the invoice, Cllr Jones noted that some of the fingerposts have previously been broken by heavy vehicles and equipment and suggested that residents are reminded to take care when cutting hedges. The Clerk will add a note to Stogursey News. **Action: Clerk**. The Chairman officially thanked the fingerpost team for the excellent work restoring all the fingerposts in the parish, it is much appreciated. A 'thank you' event for all volunteers in the parish was discussed – Cllr Ody proposed seconded by Cllr Ford, to invite all parish volunteers to a thank you event prior to the December parish council meeting. All agreed. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Calvert**
3. Item 10 - Notice boards. The clerk informed councillors that the quotes for the application for funding will need to include installation costs. The notice board company charge £400 to install the noticeboard. Other sources were suggested and discussed; Cllr Bastick proposed that the parish council use the company that provides the notice board to ensure a professional job and will prove a point of contact if there are any issues, seconded by Cllr Chave. All agreed. **Action: Clerk**

94/19 HINKLEY POINT (GENERAL)

1. Parish councillors will visit HPB on Thu 31 October at 10am.

95/19 HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

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

96/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

- Cllr Calvert left the room
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. A resident has contacted R.Miller the principal planning specialist at SW; he has previously received verbal assurances about Paddons Farm S106 conditions but also requested written confirmation. Cllr Goss proposed that the parish council support the resident and write to R.Miller to ask her to respond to his request. Seconded by Cllr Ford – all Agreed. **Action: Clerk**

- Cllr Calvert returned to the room
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.
 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.
 4. 3/32/19/034 – Siting of mobile home for managers residential use (retention of works already undertaken) (resubmission of 3/32/19/017) – Lawsons Burgage, Little Lukes Farm, Shurton Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1QL. SPC response – No comment.
 5. 3/32/19/031 – Erection of a porch to the south elevation, removal of chimney and replacement of windows and rainwater goods, 6 St Andrews Road, Stogursey. Application withdrawn. Subject to enforcement
 6. 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. This is a retrospective application - parish council concerns include that this

unlicensed HMO is unlikely to be restored to a family home. Subject to enforcement. As there has been four objections from local residents this application should go to planning committee. The parish council write to object to the application. All agreed. **Action: Cllr Ody/Clerk**

97/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

1. Discussion on the Plan has been postponed until the New Year. The clerk has added a note to Stogursey News to inform residents

98/19 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 17.9.19 – Watchet, Williton & Quantock Vale Panel (WWQ). Cllr Goss reported that there are six new planning officers at SWT, two of whom are 'floating'. SWT also have a new conservation officer – Paul Dadson.
2. 3.10.19 – Community Forum.
 - a. The jetty is operational; tunnel boring has started.
 - b. The project is not on budget and expected to have a 14 month delay.
 - c. The French government have commission an independent audit of EDF's various interests – due to be completed by the end of October.

99/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 17.10.19 – West Area Meeting, Williton
2. 22.10.19 - WSFG (Sampford Brett)
3. 24.10.19 – SSG
4. 4.11.19 - Engage Voluntary sector Forum & AGM (all councillors invited to attend)
5. 21.11.19 – Transport Forum
6. 3.12.19 – WWQ Panel (Williton) (All councillors invited to attend)

100/19 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. HPC Redetermination engagement. HP are proposing a change of radius of emergency planning arrangements from 3.5 km to 1km (residents are currently issued with iodine tablets and receive emergency notification). Residents have been contacted individually by SCC and are encouraged to respond either on line or by attending a drop in session. Cllr Goss proposed that the parish council write to strongly object to any change to the radius, seconded by Cllr Morgan, as residents will be at risk. All agreed. **Action: Clerk**
3. Church Rooms User Forum – Rev Tatham contacted the chair to ask
 - a. Whether the parish council would allow access from the Church rooms to The Pound (which has previously been refused). The User group also raised the issue of legal ownership of the Pound – they believed it belongs to Lady Gass (Fairfield Estate). The parish council has taken responsibility for many years and the chair suggested to Rev Tatham that if there is a question of legal ownership of the Dog Pound, then this should be established before any further discussion/debate takes place regarding the creation of access and that perhaps their user group could take this investigation forward, ideally liaising with the Parish. **Action: Ongoing**
 - b. Whether white lines could be added outside the street door to the Guild Room to discourage drivers from obstructing access, particularly to those who use a walker or wheelchair. (Last year Highways turned down the request due to lack of funding available). Although in a conservation area, it will benefit those who require easier access, the clerk will contact highways to ask if this will be possible. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Calvert left the room
4. FOSS – application for funding for annual fireworks event. The annual event is an important feature of the parish and is the only available safe public fireworks display, it is well attended. It was considered that the parish council should support and are pleased to note that FOSS will be charging families for the event in future to try to recoup some costs. Cllr Goss proposed, seconded by Cllr Chave to grant £250 towards the event. All Agreed. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Calvert returned to the meeting
5. A resident asked why the highway opposite the church and approach into the village is no longer being cut or cared for. The area used to be cut on a regular basis. The chairman agreed to attend to the matter himself and will investigate what is required and ascertain responsibility **Action: Chairman**
6. Thistle Clock Making Lathe. Cllr O'Driscoll spoke to the owners. Cllr Staddon reported that the lathe deserves a wider audience and as a valuable / historic piece of machinery, it would be suited to be situated in a museum. The owners would like it to be situated in museum (Taunton/Bridgwater). The parish council does not unfortunately, have the facilities or resources to accommodate it – Cllr Morgan proposed that the parish council support the owners in their quest to display the Lathe in a local museum. Seconded by Cllr Staddon, all agreed. **Action: Clerk**

101/19 LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT 2020:

1. The Lengthsman contract for next year was discussed. Cllr Goss stated that the parish council currently have a good relationship with Greenslades who provide good value for money and meets the standards the council requires. She proposed that the parish council approach Greenslades to ask them to provide a quote for a Lengthsman Service contact for next year (2020) before making a decision. Seconded by Cllr Ford, all agreed. **Action: Clerk**

102/19 HIGHWAYS:

1. Road marking - White line near Monkton Cottages. Cllr Ody will forward details to the Clerk of the suggested location of the white line road marking (as discussed at the last meeting). **Action: Clerk**
2. The hedge and vegetation alongside Glebe Field is overgrown and obstructing the road and is need of cutting back. The chairman will contact the owners to ask them to attend to it. **Action: Chairman**
3. Salt provision. The issue of salt provision and the purchase of additional storage bins (approx. £100 each) was discussed. Cllr Calvert proposed that the parish council purchase additional salt bins, seconded by Cllr Ody. Two in favour, four against, two abstentions. Cllr Ford proposed that the parish council leave things as it is, seconded by Cllr Morgan. No further action.

103/19 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. Balances at 30.9.19 - Current A/C £4,683; Deposit A/C £16,751; Reserves A/C £53,820
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; 4 payments will be made online. **Action: Clerk**

a. Payments made since the last meeting on 11.9.19

Water2business £90.80 Water bill for allotments (15.3.19-16.9.19)

b. Payments due

G Orchard	614.47	473	Clerk Salary Sep19 includes expenses
GeoXphere Ltd	36.00	BP	Parish Online annual subscription (Sep 19 – Sep 20)
S Foster	185.00	BP	Mowing 3.10.19
HMRC	145.31	BP	Employee tax (PAYE & NIC) Employer NIC Sep 2019
Greenslades	1998.00	BP	Lengthsman September 2019
C Morgan	145.00	474	Chairman expenses (Jul – Sep 19)
G Orchard	14.99	475	Laptop Antivirus – 1 year
Somerset Forge Ltd	2760.00	476	Fingerposts restoration (repair and replace fingers)
Somerset Film & Video Ltd	70.00	477	WordPress training for parish website
M Nurton	400.00	478	Repair of path alongside allotments

3. Budget Monitoring Statement/Six Monthly Accounts. The accounts were circulated to councillors before the meeting. There were no comments or questions and were approved as proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Goss.
4. Precept Meeting. The Clerk will suggest dates in November for the meeting to discuss the budget for 2020/2021 and forward to councillors. **Action: Clerk**

104/19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 November 2019** at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting in the Youth Club.

The meeting ended at 9.53 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: