

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2020
ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM

PRESENT:

Cllr Chris Morgan (Chair) Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr R Calvert, Cllr J Ody, Cllr E Chave, Cllr J Bastick, Cllr H Staddon, Richard Wand (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A resident commented on item 13 regarding transport for Stogursey. They raised concerns over the demise of the Stagecoach service and the EDF free bus service to Bridgwater and Minehead. They hoped that there would be another volunteer driving scheme in the near future. If restricted to medical and dental appointments, fewer drivers would be needed. Taxis services need to promote their services more to help residents at this time. They felt that there was also a need to update the SWT Council Planning Department regarding the lack of transport facilities. An update on the re-instatement of the free EDF bus service was expected following work to make them Covid Secure.
2. A resident asked how the community could reinstate a regular bus service into the parish. We have no regular bus service other than the free EDF service, but that was felt to be too restrictive and disabled access is important. How would we work together to establish such a service as villages such as Cannington and Nether Stowey enjoy. The Chair felt that a need would have to be proved and a financially and economically viable service would only result from having individuals who would use and pay for such a service. The County Council is responsible for overseeing bus services, so our local councillor should be approached to take the matter forward.
3. Another resident pointed out that the stagecoach service was a door to door service which was especially useful for disabled residents and any service would need to take that in to consideration. A query was raised as to why the HPC Transport forum was not on the agenda, but that was a mistake and an apology was given.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

S Wardle gave a brief update on the group's activities and meetings discussing points arising. There appears to be a mismatch of numbers in each of the sub working groups, which needs to be addressed. Two sub groups have no leaders and the lack of involvement is proving difficult. He has been trying to drum up support, but people appear to be very busy. The TOR allows for 20 members including three parish councils along with the Chair, V/Chair and Secretary as well as 14 members. The lack of a Secretary is hampering progress as is the lack of face to face meetings. The Chair suggested that the role might be shared to help spread the workload. An article on Stogursey News might also help raise support. He asked for historical information on the parish to aid the report as most plans have an introduction including such information. It was pointed out that the oral history project material and the website all have a wealth of information which could be used. There are three parish councillors involved who are willing to help out.

37/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr S Jones, Cllr H Davies and Cllr S O'Driscoll.

38/20 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2020:

1. The minutes were proposed by Cllr S Goss seconded by Cllr H Staddon and AGREED for signature by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. The minutes will be signed by the chair if the clerk can agree a convenient and mutual meeting or when the parish council next meet in person.

39/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

The Chair updated on attendance at a Code of Conduct meeting last week which he and the Clerk found helpful. The adage in respect of declaration of interests "*if in any doubt walk out.*" The session also highlighted that social media posts as well as WhatsApp, text etc. messages as well as e-mails are all subject of FOI. The Clerk asked that the usual Clerks e-mail address was used for such communication
Cllr Calvert – Planning (Paddons Farm)
Cllr Chave – Hinkley Point Power Station/EDF matters
Cllr Morgan – Planning

40/20 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. Cllr Davies was reported as unwell and get well soon messages had been sent.

41/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. Cllr Morgan had no items to report, IT issues have proved overwhelming.

42/20 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:

1. The action list has been circulated to all councillors.

The Clerk updated that the noticeboard providers were having difficulties and there will be a further delay to the new installation. Cllr Goss added that the Castle Street flooding should refer to SCC not SWT and a site meeting should be arranged.

43/20 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

1. David Eccles CBE is leaving the project shortly, which was a surprise. His last meeting is this week and leaving at the end of the summer. Cllr Goss felt he had been supportive, sympathetic, and as helpful as he could, when he can. He knows all the history which may leave a huge gap in their team. A letter of thanks was suggested.

44/20 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

Victory Hall. Cllr Ford forwarded a progress report to councillors before the meeting. The timetable for the new building construction has been revised to take into account delays caused by the Coronavirus epidemic. We now expect the building to be completed by 18 September. This is subject to there being no unforeseen delays in obtaining supplies and equipment. Over the last month most of the work has been inside the building. The underfloor heating has been installed, plastering is well underway and the electrical and plumbing wires and pipes are being installed. Externally most of the guttering is in place. The solar panels have been fitted and the roof lights installed. We have finally received confirmation from Vodaphone that the exposed fibre optic ducting and chamber can be removed. This will allow work to start on the car park. The three-phase mains cable has been installed by Western Power but it has proved difficult getting a CT meter fitted and obtaining an electricity supply agreement. This was because I knew nothing about these things and was only informed at the last moment that it was our job to make these arrangements. It will be sorted. The building was broken into Wednesday night/Thursday early morning (8-9July) and a lot of workmen's tools and protective clothing was stolen. The thieves also ripped out and stole about £1,000 worth of cabling. This is the third break-in and theft from the site. The police have been informed.

45/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

1. Current applications
 - a) 3/3/32/19/011 Land off Shurton Rd, 70 dwellings. *Additional comments sent for Appeal. Appeal Hearing delayed due to coronavirus.*
 - b) 3/32/19/019 Paddons Farm erection of 27 dwellings, relocation of children's play area and associated works: land at Paddons Farm, Stogursey, TA5 1BG. *Additional comments sent for the Appeal. Appeal Dismissed June 2020.*
 - c) 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, Glebe Field, 40 dwellings. *Response sent. Awaiting decision.* The Chair updated that the recommendation is expected to be refusal.
 - d) 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 Rd, 32 dwellings (resubmission of 3/32/19/011). *Response sent. Awaiting decision.*
 - e) 3/32/20/004 Outline application with some matters reserved, except for access, layout and scale, for the erection of 5 No. dwellings Tanyard, Castle Street, 5 dwellings. *Response sent. Awaiting decision.*
 - f) 3/32/20/009 Paddons Farm erection of 27 dwellings, resubmission of 3/32/19/019 but with revised play area. *Response sent. Awaiting decision.* Cllr Goss raised correspondence which had been received from Strongvox suggesting that the car park be secured overnight 2000-0800. SWT have asked for our suggestions for securing the car park as per the letter from the agents. The best option would be a height bar with boulders around two sides to prevent access by high vehicles. Cllr Haddon suggested that the car park could be secured by the Church lockup team each evening if required. Cllr Goss expressed the opinion that the car park is to alleviate parking issues for all the village and locking overnight 2000-0800 would be detrimental to workers. So we must reject that and fencing in would probably also lead to problems. The budget is limited and all the security provisions would eat into

that if the agents get their way. Cllr Chave supported the boulder and height barrier suggestions from Cllr Goss. Cllr Ody felt that other villages close by like Nether Stowey do not experience the issues that the agents feel we would that need security. Cllr Bastick asked for some background as she did not see why the agents can impose this sort of restriction. Cllr Goss gave the background information to answer her query. Cllr Ody proposed that we do not have a locked car park, but have a height bar and boulders/rocks to prevent access along the sides. The Chair took a vote, For – 5, Against – 1 and Abstentions - 1. The motion was CARRIED. Response to be sent to SWT outlining the Council's motion. **Action: Clerk.**

g) 3/32/20/010 Knighton Farm, Agricultural Building for livestock. **Granted**

h) 3/32/20/011 Erection of single storey extension to side and rear. 14 Town Close, Stogursey. *Response sent. Awaiting decision.*

46/20 MEETING REPORTS:

1. Main Site Forum – The new emergency access road to meet at RV4 in Shurton by Yellow Door Cottage. The work will commence from the HPC end, but there will be a road closure through Shurton at the end of July early August. The route will only be used in emergency. The footpath system will be altered to enable the works. There has been some flood prevent work as the alternative access route for the PROW are prone to flooding
The first tunnel boring machine “Mary” named by Stogursey School children is 1km out into the channel. The workforce is increasing in numbers as the Covid restrictions are eased.
There was no update on the reason for the silo collapsing in mid-June. A report is awaited following investigation.

47/20 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. HPC Traffic Forum 18th July

48/20 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.
2. SPC Vote of No confidence in SWT planning department. A letter had arrived on 14th July ahead of the meeting which was discussed. Cllr Staddon suggested that they attend a meeting with us to discuss the situation as the matter has not been resolved which the letter from the Leader had implied in the final paragraph. Cllr Bastick queried the various numbers of houses which could be built in the parish. Cllr Ody felt that SWT has such a backlog of decisions to make and the delays in the system do not help. The Clerk was asked to write and invite them to a meeting here, probably at the Youth Club to discuss the concerns raised along with clarification on the numbers of houses expected to be added to the parish.

Action: Clerk

3. Cllr Goss raised the issue of the skate park suggestion e-mailed by a resident. She felt that the location would be important as they are very noisy. An alternative may be on the Burton/Shurton end of the Victory Hall ground could be a more suitable location. Cllr Staddon agreed with Cllr Goss's concerns, but felt that we would encourage more research, gauging support and options for the location for such a facility in a future formal application. Cllr Calvert felt that we have money within the reserves for such a project if there is the support. A suitable response should be sent. **Action Clerk**
4. Castle Street silt clearance would benefit from a site visit with the SCC Flood Lead Officer.
5. Good Neighbour Scheme an invitation should be extended to the village agent to attend a future meeting if possible. **Action: Clerk.**
6. BRPA is back in use and GWB should be asked to inspect the play area now that they can be re-opened. **Action: clerk**
7. WI Market on The Gravel. Cllr Ody added that they were seeking to make the first steps in organising a regular market. They are seeking permission from the Council to use The Gravel. There may be licensing issues to be addressed. The WI have carried out a risk assessment. The Clerk outlined the need for a Street Trading licence on public land rather than private land. Cllr Goss felt that private land would be preferable if they cannot obtain the necessary licence from SWT.
There is also an issue over the slabs that are slippery when wet. It was suggested that the Lengthsman be asked to resolve the cleaning off of the slabs.

49/20 TRANSPORT FOR STOGURSEY

The Chair felt that there was a need for a consultation on the topic. Cllr Goss felt that Stogursey News could be used initially to gauge need. Cllr Staddon suggested the helping hands in Stogursey gather the evidence from their supporters on the ground and also use Stogursey News. Cllr Chave felt that we should check what is actually available to service the parish, especially the door to door type of service. The Chair felt that there is a public service to Cannington, but the financial and economic gain for the service provider needed to be gauged by need in the parish. Cllr Bastick felt that many use the free bus, predominantly due to it being free. She added that the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner has a fund which can be approached for rural funding. **Action: Clerk to research**

Cllr Staddon felt that cost benefit was for a service provider to resolve. The Slinky bus is to be discussed in August she understood and that should be monitored as there is no provision currently in the parish. The Chair felt that the need should be assessed and usage of the EDF free service should be gauged with evidence of use from the parish in each direction from EDF. Cllr Bastick added that many use the free bus when they actually have the provision of other transport e.g. college pass holders not waiting for their provided service. It was pointed out by Cllr Goss that she had raised the matter before and was told the EDF service was first come first served available for all. The Stagecoach service users required door to door so a public service bus would not be suitable. Cllr Ody outlined a minibus service in Edinburgh which shares door to door service provision, but shared that amongst other users on the route they were going. Cllr Staddon added that the Slinky bus was reluctant to provide the parish service as it came from Minehead, but there may be an option to extend the Sedgemoor service into our parish. She disagreed with the thought that our children should not use the service to get home if required.

50/20 ENHANCEMENTS:

- 1. The planters on the Gravel are looking good and he thank those who helped support those.
- 2. Cllr Goss raised the grass area at Burton which now has a dog waste bin in addition to the bench/letter box etc. which has become an eyesore. The Lengthsman has been asked to address the need for cutting. She proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mark Stacey for all his support over the years , which was agreed **Action: Clerk**

51/20 HIGHWAYS:

- 1. The Chair remarked that he had taken photographs of the highway between Water Farm and Newnham where there are a lot of skid marks. He felt that the driving of many large vehicles is unacceptable on the narrow lanes. He had passed them to the County Highways and Avon and Somerset Police for their attention. Cllr Staddon asked if the local farmers had been approached to seek their support in moderating the driving of their contractors. Cllr Ody added that do not display their number plates correctly. She had seen the markings around the pot holes in Stolford which hopefully means that they will be repaired.

52/20 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW:

- 1. The Clerk reported that there had been an e-mail circulation, but no volunteers had come forward.
- 2. The footpath from Little Luke’s to the Cricket pitch has been addressed.

53/20 FINANCE (The Clerk):

- 1. The list of Invoices for payment and monies received, (Appendix 1) and the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) and the Budget Monitoring Statement had all been forwarded to councillors before the meeting and are attached to these minutes. There were no comments or questions. The Financial Statement; the Budget Monitoring Statement and the Invoices for payment were APPROVED as proposed by Cllr Goss, seconded by Cllr Staddon, which all agreed. All payments will all be made online.

54/20 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1. Following a long discussion over a possible parish walk around viewing issues rather a zoom meeting, but it was decided that there will be a meeting to held on **Tuesday 11 August 2020** at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting on the Zoom platform.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date:

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Schedule of Receipts and Invoices for Payment 14 JULY 2020**Payments made since the last meeting on 10.6.20**

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Pmt details/</u> <u>chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
24.6.20	Quantock Ed Trust	30.00	BP	Hire of school hall (cancelled cheque 487)
24.6.20	GWB Services	195.00	BP	Mow & Strim BRPA x3 (22.4, 7.5 & 22.5.20)
29.6.20	Greenslades	1776.00	BP	Lengthsman Service May 2020
24.6.20	IONOS	5.99	Dr card	Website hosting June 2020
3.7.20	Zoom	14.39	Dr Card	Monthly subscription

Payments due 14.7.20

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Pmt details</u> <u>/chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	1186.84	BP	Clerk Salary June 2020 (includes overtime, and expenses, less PAYE, NIC, & Pension)
HMRC	450.18	BP	Employee tax (PAYE) & Employer & Employee NIC May 20
NEST	76.09	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution
IONOS	£5.99	Dr card	Website hosting July 2020 (due 25.7.20)
Zoom	£14.39	Dr Card	Monthly subscription (due 3.8.20)

Receipts Since last meeting

Bank Interest - June 2020

£2.87

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

Balances as per bank accounts 31.5.20

Treasurers Account	£4,620.68	
Deposit		
Account	£19,775.33	
Reserves & Grants Account	£50,600.44	<u>£74,996.45</u>

Plus Receipts - June 2020

Treasurers Account	£1,782.00	
Deposit		
Account	£0.79	
Reserves & Grants Account	£32.04	<u>£1,814.83</u>

Less Payments - June 2020

Treasurers Account	£4,350.55	
Deposit		
Account	£0.00	
Reserves & Grants Account	£1,480.00	<u>-£4,015.72</u>

Balances as per bank accounts 30.6.20

Treasurers Account	£2,052.13	
Deposit		
Account	£19,776.12	
Reserves & Grants Account	£49,152.48	<u>£70,980.73</u>

Less unrepresented cheques

Plus uncleared credits

Available Funds at 30/6/2020

£70,980.73

Balance as per cash book	
Treasurers Account	£2,052.13
Deposit	
Account	£19,776.12
Reserves & Grants Account	£49,152.48
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Summary of Reserves Bank Account @ 30.06.20

1621.89	Ext Grant - Stogursey Oral History Project]
4159.27	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme] Not PC Funds
226.84	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme Contingency]
23920.00	Ext Grant - (from HPC) - Lengthsman Scheme]
0.00	Defibrillator Grant]
30.00	Allotment deposit fund	
1305.37	Fingerposts project grants]
31263.37	Total External Grants	
109.11	Interest to 31.6.20	(Reserves a/c only)
3000.00	Multi Sports Area	
1250.00	WSC Election Costs 2023	
600.00	Laptop (Replacement or repair)	
2500.00	BRPA essential maintenance	
2000.00	Refurbish the Pound	
5000.00	Grounds and maintenance	
0.00	Youth Club Items	
2530.00	Emptying of Litter bins - bill not received since 2016	
900.00	Defibrillator (annual build-up of funds)	
0.00		
17889.11	Total PC funds	
49152.48	TOTAL IN RESERVES' ACCOUNT	