

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017
IN THE VICTORY HALL STOGURSEY
TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE NEXT MEETING

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing to report

PRESENT:

Cllr Allan Searle (Chairman), Cllr Jill Dillamore, Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Pat Coll, Cllr Geoff Coles, Cllr Sue Goss, County Cllr Hugh Davies, Gillian Orchard (Clerk)

42/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Morgan.

43/17 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13.6.17:

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

44/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

There were no declarations of interest.

45/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

1. County Cllr Davies congratulated Cllr Searle on his award of the BEM in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.
2. He reported that he has been conducting training which includes corporate parenting and 'looked after children'. There are currently 495 looked after children in Somerset and Somerset County Council are actively looking for Foster Carers.
3. Williton park and ride has not yet started and is anticipated to be delayed until 2018 due to drainage problems.
4. County Cllr Davies handed out an information sheet detailing Somerset County Council status on Oil and gas development (including fracking) in Somerset – there is no fracking taking place in Somerset.
5. Traffic calming measures outside Stogursey School – "20 when lights show" is due to start in September 2017.
6. The proposal for a pedestrian crossing / double yellow lines outside St Peters Junior School in Williton has been withdrawn following objections.
7. The new Northern Distributor Road is open in Taunton – drivers need to be aware of the new traffic junctions.
8. The new energy centre in Bridgwater is now open. Expenditure is expected to be £6.5m.

46/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Goss

1. The WSC/TDC transformation is progressing – awaiting the minister's approval.
2. SSG
 - a. Bill Hamilton (NDA) reported on the flawed contract to Cavendish Fluor to manage the site and its agreed termination in 2019 following a legal challenge. There is not a currently a parent body in place – Peter Montague is employed by Magnox. It is anticipated that work on the site would continue to be managed by Magnox and management after the termination is under review – there might not be another tendering competition.
 - b. HPB's five year 'no accident' record was broken following a recent accident. Cllr Dillamore added that the accident was a worker falling through a skylight on a gas turbine room roof – their safe method of working to prevent access to the skylight was not in place. The worker is expected to make a full recovery and will be returning to work.
 - c. HPC – anticipated to go over budget of £1.6bn it is also reported that there may be a 15 – 18 month delay, however it is still aiming to commence operation by 2025.
3. Transport Forum.
 - a. Stogursey pc has had little input towards C182 issues of late. Police have been carrying out traffic counts/audits on the C182 but Stogursey (Claypits Corner or Shurton Lane) was not included. Cllr Goss asked for Stogursey to be included in future.
 - b. A 50 mph speed limit is proposed for the road from Cannington roundabout to Dame Widdicome Hill and the A39 Cannington straight.
 - c. Vehicle movements will increase to approximately 1300 per day, including 600 HGV

- d. Work at Cannington Park and ride has started. It is aimed to provide parking for villages west of Cannington (e.g., Holford & Kilve), and unofficial parking areas will close.

47/17 POLICE REPORT.

1. The latest crime statistics on the Avon & Somerset Police website (not currently up to date) were obtained. Seven reported crimes including anti-social behaviour in April.

48/17 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST (By exception):

1. **St Andrews Well.** The chairman reported that S Logan has started the repairs and it is progressing. **Action: Ongoing**
2. **Defibrillator.** A meeting has been arranged with Kay Davey of SW Ambulance Trust for 21 Jul 17. **Action: Ongoing**

49/17 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

1. The site visit to HPA & B on Tue 27 June 17 went well, and proved informative and interesting. Attendees were grateful to the Site Directors, Peter Montague and Peter Evans, and their staff for giving their time. An article will be written for Stogursey News after the second visit. The second site visit has been arranged for 30.8.17. Cllrs wishing to attend are to inform the Clerk and complete the application form. **Action: Clerk**

50/17 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. **Village Hall.** Cllr Ford reported that the new build is progressing. A new small Steering group was formed to run the project and Andy Gibbons a building manager at Edf has joined in a non-executive capacity. The hall will become a registered charitable incorporated organisation, Cllr Ford will transfer the assets to the new organisation and close the original one.

51/17 DOG FOULING AND DOG NUISANCE:

1. Residents have reported that there are increased incidents of dog fouling in the parish – in particular Knighton and Burton especially on the road to the coast. There are a lot more dogs in the area (including residents and visitors / holiday makers) and it is becoming a problem. Residents have provided their own signs which they have fitted to telegraph poles. It was suggested that more signs are produced encouraging dog owners to clear up after their dogs. Cllr Coll has suitable signs and will provide them for Cllr Goss. **Action: Cllrs Coll / Goss**

52/17 LENGTHS-MAN SCHEME.

1. Greenslades has provided a Lengthsman for the past month and he has been cutting grass and spraying. With the limited time available, it may not be possible to clear the whole parish, and Cllr Searle has suggested we ask Greenslades to spray twice a year, and ask residents to clear the areas outside their own homes.
2. Edf has arranged for funds to be transferred to the parish council bank account within the next 3 days. The council will then have the funds to provide a Lengthsman service over the summer months for the next five years.

53/17 REVIEW OF RISK REGISTER.

1. The clerk had previously forwarded a copy of the risk register to councillors for perusal. It was agreed to form a sub group to review the register at a separate meeting. The clerk will arrange a mutually convenient date in August for Cllrs Searle, Coll, Dillamore and Goss to meet. **Action: Clerk**

54/17 PLANNING:

1. 3/32/16/020 – Land 7338 Ridgeway Lane, Stolford. Prior notification for erection of 2 no agricultural buildings for storage of hay and machinery. DECIDED – Prior approval not required. Cllr Jones reported that the enforcement officer has taken the decision for the plan to proceed and the case closed as the applicant has access to 5 hectares. **Action: Complete**

55/17 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:

1. **Proposal for new or improved recreational facility in or around Burgage Road Play Area - £ 22,000 available.**
 - a. The information required by WSC/TDC asset management team has been forwarded. R.Mulcaire has been on leave and a reply is expected later this week. It is expected that approval will be granted and the work will go ahead by August.
 - b. All Quotes have been received and CJ Lynch has provided a Risk Assessment and Method of working. Somerset Landscapes will provide the same on confirmation of installation of springers and benches. **Action: Ongoing**

56/17 MEETING REPORTS:

1. **20.6.17 WWQ Panel.** Cllr Dillamore reported that there was nothing of concern for Stogursey.
2. **21.6.17 Main Site Forum.**
 - a. The Property Price support scheme was being reviewed. The Chair (Jim Clayden) suggested that Edf conduct a wider consultation among parishioners and a letter was sent to all interested parties listing previous FAQs and asking for further feedback. It is hoped that the scheme will remain in force until the end of the project as it is not yet in peak build and the property market is volatile.
 - b. Project update – the jetty build is progressing; there are currently 1600 workers; a 35m Hopper – granular glass arriving from South Wales; the aggregate stores now have roofs and will house a 15 day supply of aggregate; the new power stations are required to have a plan in event of a tsunami
3. **23.6.17 SSG.** Further to the report at 46/17.2 above, Questions were asked about the strategy on nuclear waste storage; NDA reported that the strategy (which was not clear) had been endorsed as government policy.
4. **6.7.17 Transport Forum.** In addition to the report above (see 46/17.3) Cllr Brereton reported that he has arranged to accompany the police speed trapping. .

57/17 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

20.7.17 – Community Forum
26.7.17 – WSFG (VH, Stogursey)
19.9.17 – WWQ
18.10.17 - MSF
18.10.17 – WSVSF
27.10.17 – SSG
2.11.17 – Transport Forum
16.11.17 – Community Forum
5.12.17 – WWQ

58/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Free NHS Health Checks.** A request to hold a session for free NHS health checks in Stogursey was received. Cllrs were contacted and agreed to hold a session on Wed 20 Sep at 2pm. A website booking page is available and information will be placed on noticeboards, Stogursey News and Stogursey Online. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Somerset County Council Chairman's Award.** Nominations are required to be submitted by 1.9.17. Cllr Morgan previously proposed Matt Stark (for charitable fund raising). Cllr Goss suggested Peter Farmery (for services to Stogursey School over many years as both governor and Chair of governors, plus his involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme as award leader- in addition to his pivotal role in promoting local community participation in the HPC southern boundary enhancement). Cllrs discussed both suggestions and Cllr Elenor proposed that Peter Farmery be put forwarded, seconded by Cllr Goss. All Agreed. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Received / Sent - general**
 - a. CCS Consultancy (placed in circulation file)
 - b. Clerks & councillors direct (placed circulation file)
 - c. Email from Ryan Kelly – new Community Safety Project Officer
 - d. Email from WSC asking for update for Top 5 priorities – updated
 - e. Email detailing Land Management courses at College Farm, Minehead
 - f. Invoice sent to EDF for LM scheme
 - g. Thank You letter sent to P Montague for visit to HPA
 - h. Letter to Stogursey Fun – grant agreed, funds will follow in November

Cllrs Jones & Brereton arrived at
8.26pm

59/17 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):

1. **The Pound.** Cllr Jones and Jim Ward has cleared the vegetation from the walls, repointed the walls with lime mortar, erected brackets for the flag poles, painted the door with preservative and has generally tidied it up. A new lock has also been fitted. Cllr Brereton will provide a plastic storage box to stow the salt in the pound. It was agreed that the Pound should be kept in an acceptable state for it to be hired out. A sign is required warning users of the uneven ground and to take care – the ground cannot be altered as it is listed.
2. **Roses donated to the Twinning Association.** Cllr Elenor reported that P Cross has agreed to make a new planter in keeping with the current boxes for the new roses.
3. **Planters.** Cllr Searle thanked Jan and Chris Ford – and Derek Skeets for keeping the tubs watered.

4. **St Andrews Well.** The vegetation needs spraying – as it is in a public area a licence is required. Cllr Elenor proposed that the council ask Greenslades to conduct the work, seconded by Cllr Ford. All Agreed.
5. **Action:Cllr Searle**
6. **Notice Boards.** P Cross has the Stoford noticeboard. The others will be worked on in due course. Cllr Searle has arranged new aluminium signage for approximately £90. **Action: ongoing**

60/17 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):

1. The wall at Shurton Brook is being looked at on Monday – Cllr Searle will meet with Highways officer.
2. Cllr Elenor asked who is responsible for the ash tree growing out of the wall – he has removed a dead branch which looks diseased. Cllr Searle will report it to Highways during his meeting on Monday.
3. Following the removal of the telegraph poles, the one of the corner of Lime Street was placed in a position to hinder residents with pushchairs or disability vehicles when trying to go around the corner. Cllr Searle reported that this will be rectified when BT complete their work.

61/17 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. **Balances**
2. **The following invoices were AGREED for payment** as proposed by Cllr Elenor, seconded by Cllr Coles:
 - a) G.Orchard - £562.91 Clerk salary for June 2017 including £54.91 miscellaneous expenses.
 - b) HMRC - £127.00 Employee tax (Month 4)
 - c) S.Foster - £185.00 (grass cutting on 26.6.17).
 - d) A Searle – £145 Chairman expenses Apr – Jun 2017
 - e) S Jones – £24.35 Supplies for repairs to the Pound
 - f) M Maddison – £75 petrol allowance Victory Hall 1.4.16 – 31.3.17
 - g) Victory Hall - £80 Hire of Hall for meetings 1.4.16 -31.3.17
3. **Budget Monitoring Statement to 30.6.17.** Previously circulated to councillors. Cllr Goss commented that we still have not received a bill for the dog bins – the funds have been set aside in the reserves account. No other comments.
4. **Online Banking.** Cllrs Ford & Jones has banking forms for signature by two signatories to enable online access to the parish bank account. **Action: Ongoing**
5. **Review of Asset List for Insurance purposes.** It was agreed to discuss / review the Asset List at the same time as the Risk Assessment. **Action: Clerk**

62/17 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):

1. Letters from S Littler – proposed diversion WL23/2, WL23/42(part) & WL23/43(part); proposed extinguishment of WL23/44 (part) in the Parish of Stogursey. Previously forwarded to councillors by email for perusal and displayed on noticeboards.

63/17 GROUPS AND PANELS:

1. Village Hall – installation of telecom masts have begun and is expected to be complete by 24.7.17.
2. The Arts Festival group are forming a trust.
3. The Twinning Association are hosting a BBQ on 14 Jul 17 and a Cream Tea on 11 Aug 17.
4. The Arts Festival will take place between Wed 11 October and Sun 15 October 17.
5. Stogursey Parish Stagecoach has carried out over 1010 trips; June brought the most trips in one month.
6. Employment Hub has settled into their new venue in the back room of the Greyhound pub. They have been very helpful and has provided good facilities.

64/17 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

1. The next meeting on Tuesday 8 August will be a 'walk around the parish' to assess enhancement needs and opportunities. Councillors will meet at the Victory Hall, Stogursey at 7.15pm
2. The normal council meetings will resume on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall, Stogursey. .
3. Due to the clerk's holiday in April 2018, the date of next year's Annual Assembly will be Tue 24 April 2018 and the Annual Meeting will be Tuesday 15 May 2018.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: