

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017
IN THE VICTORY HALL STOGURSEY
TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Presentation by Peter Montague, Closure Director, Hinkley Point Site A

Peter Montague gave a very interesting and thorough overview of the site, going back to basics of how the station operated. He explained what waste they have and how it was generated, as well as some general information on what types of waste there are within the industry. He covered the sites past achievements and their future short, medium and long term plans. Peter explained how different wastes on the A site are processed, and what the plans are for storage of this waste. A purpose built store - an Interim Storage Facility (ISF) will be built for storing Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) until a national repository is available. The parish council are specifically interested in the planning application to move the encapsulation plant from its original planned location. Peter explained what the encapsulation plant is (a facility to grout (encapsulate) waste into concrete boxes), and how it fits into their plans in relation to the ISF.

PUBLIC FORUM:

A resident expressed concern that there are signs that appear to indicate that Burton Springs is a caravan park. The parish council reported that there were concerns when the planning application was submitted that it would be used for HPC workers and requested that planning permission be granted for 6 caravan hook ups for fishermen only. The council agreed that the sign is misleading. The resident also asked whether the footpath near Lower House, Shurton could be diverted. Cllr Jones reported that SCC are looking at footpaths in the parish with the intention to divert those which go directly across a field.

PRESENT:

Cllr Allan Searle (Chairman), Cllr Chris Morgan (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Jill Dillamore, Cllr James Brereton, Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Susan Jones, County Cllr Hugh Davies, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

22/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pat Coll, Cllr Geoff Coles, and Cllr Sue Goss.

23/17 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9.5.17:

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

24/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

There were no declarations of interest.

25/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

1. The chairman congratulated Cllr Hugh Davies on his reappointment as county councillor.
2. SCC key appointments are: Leader – Cllr David Fothergill; Deputy Leader – Cllr David Hall, Chairman – Cllr William Wallace. Cllr Davies has been appointed as representative for standards, Quantock Advisory Committee, Somerset Building Preservation Trust and SSG.
3. SCC has announced a scheme to improve cycling facilities between Cannington and Sandford Corner and will construct a new footway/cycleway alongside the A39.

26/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Morgan

1. WSC no longer look after public conveniences and they have been left to volunteers to administer.
2. The transformation project to combine West Somerset and Taunton Deane district councils continues.

27/17 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST (By exception):

1. **Lengths-man Scheme.** The clerk has received a letter from EDF informing the parish council that future work for the Lengthsman should be instructed and managed by SPC and NNB HPC shall settle a single fixed price cost of £55,000 plus VAT for the provision of a parish Lengthsman. The agreement is effective from 12.6.17 for 5 years. However, NNB HPC may elect to extend the terms for a further year (and thereafter every year). The chair and vice chair has read the conditions of purchase and are content that the parish council go ahead. Cllr Ford proposed that the clerk sign the agreement to confirm acceptance, seconded by Cllr Jones. **Action: Clerk**
2. **St Andrews Well.** The chairman reported that S Logan has started the repairs and it is progressing. **Action: Ongoing**
3. **Defibrillator.** Cllr Ford referred to an email previously circulated to councillors. A defibrillator is 300 times more effective than CPR. The SW Ambulance service can install a defibrillator for £1800 plus vat every four years. This includes training, consumables and replacement if vandalised or stolen. Cllr Ford proposed that the council go

ahead with sourcing the defibrillator, seconded by Cllr Jones. All agreed. The exact location in the Acland Hood Arms will be discussed later date. **Action: Clerk**

28/17 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

A visit has been arranged for Tue 27 June 17 to coincide with the visit of SSG members. A future visit will be arranged for councillors unable to attend. **Action: Clerk**

29/17 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. Village Hall

Cllr Ford reported that the outcome of his meeting with Jan Ross (Engage) to discuss funding, is that they have been unable to source the required £400k additional funding. Cllrs Ford and Searle met with Andrew Goodchild and revisited the CIM ring fenced funds for Stogursey and was informed that there is more than anticipated. Of the total £1.43k, £1m is allocated for the Victory Hall and £200k set aside for Stogursey School, therefore there is £230k remaining. The Village Hall Trustees are asking the parish council approval for the full amount to go to the village hall project leaving a shortfall of £170k. Cllr Elenor proposed that the additional £230k is allocated to the Victory Hall project, seconded by Cllr Jones. All AGREED.

30/17 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 she is still in correspondence with the enforcement officer **Action: Ongoing**
2. Cllr Morgan asked that all Councillors respond to any request for comments on planning applications. He stated that he should not be in a position to report on a planning application unless he receives a response from the whole council. Cllr Elenor reported that he is unable to comment on an issue on which he has no knowledge and this was acknowledged, however Cllr Morgan would like all councillor to respond, with either negative or positive comments, informed or otherwise.
3. Cllr Searle reported that Paddons Farm residents have received a letter from Strongvox and have asked the pc if they have any knowledge. Cllr Morgan has not heard anything but will investigate. **Action: Cllr Morgan**

31/17 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:

1. Proposal for new or improved recreational facility in or around Burgage Road Play Area - £ 22,000 available.

- a. WSC/TDC asset management team completed a site visit to BRPA to clarify the proposed siting of the equipment and to clarify the position of the footpath. At the visit a number of issues were raised.
 - i. It was highlighted that the lease stipulates that the tenants (parish council) are not to install, construct or erect any buildings, structures, equipment, or play apparatus on the Land without written permission. The clerk was informed that there would be a charge. In addition, with the update of the Construction and Design Management Regulations (CDM) 2015, the parish council have more obligations in respect of health and safety and are to provide a risk assessment and method statement.
 - ii. It was also pointed out that the path alongside the boundary is in need of repair and could be considered
 - iii. The clerk was informed that there will be a licence/lease fee, however they will put the three projects together so that we only incur one fee. Cllr Morgan discussed the fee with WSC and the fee was reduced from £500 to £250. The requirement to pay a fee at all was discussed; Cllr Ford opposed paying the charge as the parish council had not been charged in the past. To ensure the project goes ahead, Cllr Elenor proposed that the council approve the £250 licence charge, seconded by Cllr Brereton. A vote was taken; 6 in favour, 1 against. Motion carried.
 - iv. The asset management team were not informed of the work that took place since the lease was signed in 2012 and have requested details and paperwork. The clerk is compiling the information for WSC/TDC.
- b. As a result of the above, the proposed installation of the picnic tables and path have been delayed. The application for the springers has not yet been submitted as the pc were waiting for quotes. Somerset Landscapes have been asked to install Playground Springers (supplied by Kompan) and to install the picnic tables/benches. A site visit has been arranged for Thu 22 Jun at 10am. CJ Lynch have been asked to provide an updated quote to include the repair of the existing path. **Action: Ongoing**

32/17 MEETING REPORTS:

1. **11.5.17 Community Forum.** No report
2. **2.6.17 PCC**

Cllr Jones reported that the benefice are considering the future of St Peters Stolford. Over the past 18 months the congregation has declined, and the monthly service was suspended. The craft group, who contributed to the income of the church has also declined and the PCC will now discuss future possibilities for the church – to continue to cover the

maintenance from parish funds; to offer the building to the community (with proviso of continuing special services), or close the building and sell it.

3. 8.6.17 WSFG.

Cllr Searle, Cllr Elenor and CCllr Hugh Davies met with Dan Martin, Service Manager – Flood Risk Management and David Jones – Highways Commissioning Manager at SCC. It was a positive and constructive visit and they looked at areas in the parish; Water Farm to Little Water arm, Burton has the potential for scheme involving raising the road. If funds are available there may be the potential for a scheme at Newnham Farm They also paid a visit to see the scheme in Castle Street which appears to be working reasonably well. The parish council will be in touch with landowners.

Action: Ongoing

3. 13.6.17 Steart Forum

Cllr Jones reported that Natural England are conducting an in-depth project on the Severn Estuary and monitoring coasts at high tide. There was a large roost close to Hinkley and an in-depth presentation will be given at a later date. The World Wildlife trust has applied to the CIM fund to carry out in-depth research of the Somerset coast from Watchett to Brean, and hope to begin in October. Steart residents have complained that there are a greater number of visitors than anticipated. The EA and WWT assured residents that the area would not turn into a park, however the site is over publicised (over 140 signs) and there is increased litter. It was suggested that a small sub group is formed to address their issues.

33/17 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

20.6.17 – WWQ panel (Williton)

21.6.17 – MSF

23.6.17 – SSG (Canalside, Bridgwater)

06.7.17 – Transport Forum

20.7.17 – Community Forum

26.7.17 – WSFG (VH, Stogursey)

34/17 CLERK REPORT

The clerk reported on suggested and recommended actions as a result of Clerk Training on 7.6.17, at Somerton.

1. Online banking. It was agreed that current signatories will apply for online banking for the parish bank account and thus enable the council to conduct online payments. Proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Brereton. **Action: Bank signatories**
2. Play area inspections. It is required to carry out regular safety inspections of the play area.. Cllr Ford reported that he conducts the inspections and has a log of when carried out.
3. Councillors are reminded that Risk assessment and Asset registers are required to be updated – the clerk will send them out for review over the next few weeks.

35/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

Received/Sent:

1. Resident request for dog bins along southern boundary. The council decided not to provide another dog bin as there is one in Shurton. The clerk will reply. **Action: Clerk**
2. The Stogursey Fun group has requested a grant of £210 (to match the funds granted by the Village Hall committee) to pay for a children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall on 16.12.17. Cllr Morgan proposed that the funds are awarded, seconded by Cllr Dillamore. ALL AGREED **Action: Clerk**
3. **Letter from Seafarers UK.** Request to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3.9.17. Councillors decided that as Stogursey does not have any links to the Merchant Navy, or in possession of a Red Ensign, they have decided not to take part. **Action complete.**
4. **Sent**
 - a. Response to resident in regard to moving the bus stop. The clerk was informed that the bus stop is still in use by First bus and therefore may be an issue with buses not stopping. The resident has been informed. Action: Complete
 - b. S Logan – agree quote for work St Andrews well
 - c. CJ Lynch – agree quote – tarmac path
 - d. Wildlife Trust – support CIM application
 - e. Greenslades – request quote for Lengthsman work
 - f. Zurich – payment of cheque for annual insurance

36/17 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):

1. **Flower Boxes.** Cllr Searle thanked Cllr and Mrs Ford for their assistance in replanting the flower boxes. Cllr Ford has purchased sufficient bulbs and flowers. Cllr Searle asked for a couple of volunteers to assist with watering the boxes – now much easier with the water supply on hand.

2. **Storage in the pound.** It was proposed that plastic storage boxes are purchased to stow the salt in the pound, and will tidy up the area. Cllr Brereton said he may have a spare one. Cllr Ford proposed that the council agree to purchase one if the one Cllr Brereton is insufficient. Seconded by Cllr Elenor. ALL AGREED
3. **Notice Boards.** Cllr Morgan & Searle have removed the notice board from Stolford and taken it to P. Cross for repair. Cllr Searle will investigate an alternative signage for the top and provide quotes at the next meeting; the current sign will disappear when the board is sanded.
4. **Twinning Association - Donation of Roses.** Cllr Elenor reported that he is still sourcing planters for the roses donated by the French visitors. **Action: Cllr Elenor**

37/17 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):

1. Cllr Elenor reported a crack in the footpath in Shurton; a retaining wall has moved.
2. Cllr Jones reported that the horse crossing sign and the sign to Farrington Hill appear to have been hit and are facing the wrong way. **Action: Cllr Searle**

38/17 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. **The following invoices were AGREED for payment** as proposed by Cllr Elenor, seconded by Cllr Jones:
 - a) G.Orchard - £573.68 Clerk salary for April 2017 including £65.68 miscellaneous expenses.
 - b) HMRC - £127.00 Employee tax (Month 3)
 - c) S.Foster - £370.00 (grass cutting on 23.5.17 and 9.6.17).
 - d) G Orchard – £23.66 Ink Toner
 - e) C R Ford - £60.91 Bulbs and Flowers for Gravel
 - f) G Orchard - £15.00 Flowers for E. Chave (Internal Auditor)
2. **Annual Audit Return.** The Annual return has been completed and forwarded to Grant Thornton. The unaudited return has been placed on the website Stogursey online and parishioners can exercise their rights to examine the annual return and full accounts between 26 June and 4 August 2017.

39/17 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):

1. Cllr Elenor mentioned the path behind Shurton Mill.
2. A resident asked about the status of the footpath through Lime Street Holdings and whether it will be moved. Cllr Searle and Cllr Jones will be meeting S Littler next week and she will be attending the MSF. **Action: Cllr Searle/Jones**

40/17 GROUPS AND PANELS:

1. The Arts Festival will be hosting 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' on Sat 17 Jun 17. The Arts Festival group are forming a trust.
2. The Twinning Association are having a social event on 14 Jul 17.
3. A community BBQ is being held on Sat 17 Jun 17 as part of the Great Get together to remember Jo Cox over the anniversary of her death.

41/17 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall, Stogursey.

The meeting ended at 9.46pm

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: