

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019
IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr Sue Goss (Acting Chair), Cllr Judy Bastick, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Rebecca Calvert, Cllr Steve O'Driscoll, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Eileen Chave, Cllr Helga Staddon, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), CCllr Hugh Davies and 4 members of the public

PRESENTATION BY MATT WOOLDRIDGE – NATIONAL GRID HINKLEY CONNECTION PROJECT

Matt Wooldridge updated the parish council on the work National Grid (NG) Connection Project to connect EDF to the national grid (carrying gas & electricity around the country to regional distribution companies (hi voltage connections)). They need to be ready by 2024 and are building a new connection between Bridgwater and Seabank (near Avonmouth) using mainly T pylons. The work is in three parts, building a new Substation (at HPC), erecting new pylons and upgrading existing pylons. Overhead pylons which plug into HPB, some will be taken down, new ones fitted for HPC. A contractor has been appointed for building the Substation. The goods will be transported using the HPC delivery management system. A contractor has not yet been appointed yet for the pylons. Although most of the project WILL have T pylons, the replacement ones in the parish will be the Lattice type as already existing. Matt will report back to the PC if the plan is still in place to avoid power cables over - running Pixies Mound as previously suggested.

There may be road closures / traffic management, but will be explained / confirmed before it happens.

The National Grid are carrying out multiple skills training for the long term unemployed – a rolling programme for the next 6 years and also provide funding for schools to support STEM skills.

Cllr Goss asked whether the £38k which has been ring fenced for Stogursey parish council which is held by the district council as mitigation, can be repurposed. The parish council has not yet found a suitable project, they have been unable to locate land for a community orchard. Matt Wooldridge will investigate and report back to the parish council. Matt outlined the NG community grant fund – which can be used by the community for the duration of the project - details are on their website.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A resident questioned an entry in the draft minutes (paragraph 27/3) of the last meeting which stated that, "This was accepted previously as an area for development for the future as it will not visually affect the village, although the infrastructure will, in particular the lack of public transport" but does not recall this being discussed at the last meeting but at a previous meeting. This was mentioned at a previous meeting but reported in the last minutes. Cllr Goss explained that, this piece of land was included as an area for development in the West Somerset Local plan to 2032, and is available if someone wishes to submit an application. This has not yet been discussed by the parish council as a planning application has not actually been submitted, and therefore there is no decision.

2. A resident of Paddons Farm, commented on the new application by Strongvox to build 27 houses at Paddons Farm and brought the following to the attention of the parish council

- a. The application is virtually identical to the previous applications and appeals which have previously been refused twice by the district council.
- b. There is not an officers report, so unaware what stand the district council will take – the resident feels that they should take the line that this is a vexatious application as there has been numerous similar applications.
- c. He has entered a formal complaint to the local council ombudsman and is awaiting a response – the principal complaint is that the planning department encouraged an unlawful application.
- d. He has also written to enforcement officer asking that they proceed with enforcing the outstanding S106 conditions (approx. 12 years) which have not yet materialised – with which comes the failure of contractors to carry out maintenance of the land. The initial £15k is index linked and is now worth £28k. Although the initial plan was to include toilets on the land, it is not practical for a small council to maintain, staff and clean them. There was also an issue concerning freeholders which agreed that the contractors contribute to all unfinished properties (currently £47,790).

Cllr Goss will investigate the case officer report with the district council. She questioned the situation with the changes to the car parking facilities per household on the application. There is a plan to add additional parking slots along the road side.

37/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr J Ody

38/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2019:

1. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Goss (notwithstanding the comment by a resident in the Public Forum) and AGREED for signature by the Chairman as an otherwise true and accurate record of the meeting.

39/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Cllr Calvert – Planning (Strongvox site); Cllr Chave – Hinkley Point Power Station matters; Cllr O’Driscoll – EDF, Planning (Agenda Item 10A); Cllr Goss – Planning Agenda item 10b; Cllr Goss – Community Employment Hub

40/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. No report – Cllr Morgan absent.

41/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:

1. Item 1 – Develop land at Paddons Farm – discussed in public forum.
2. Item 2 – Castle Street Flood scheme. The new land owners/tenants at Priory Farm has agreed in principle to the additional pipe to support the flood defence. The chair and vice chair will arrange to meet them and discuss a start date.
3. Item 3 – Local flooding issues (Shurton). Cllr Goss has spoken to the officer at SRA, there has been progress, and they have marked up the highway at Newnham Farm and Little Water Farm, and are waiting for Skanska (the contractors) to allocate a slot to carry out the work to alleviate flooding at two sites. It is anticipated to be completed before Christmas.
4. Item 4 – Clean up/repaint Burton Bus Stop and Bench. A team of volunteers are still required – Cllr Goss will arrange a small working party.
5. Item 5 – BRPA. A contractor (GWB Services Ltd) has inspected the play area and highlighted the major issues that need attention – includes relocating waste bin which youths use to climb on shelter cover which also needs repair. The work will be cost £500. Cllr Ford proposed that GWB be engaged to carry out the work, seconded by Cllr Jones – ALL AGREED. They can also cut the grass in the play area for £65 each cut. It was agreed to consider engaging his services in October when the contract for the Lengthsman service for 2020 is discussed. Further use of the BRPA will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. Item 6 – Defibrillator. Cllr Jones is still waiting to meet with Anna Smith of SWAST. Cllr Ford suggested the parish council approach Stockland Bristol Parish Meeting and ask them where they got their defibrillator from. **Action: Clerk**
7. Item 7 – Fingerposts Restoration Project. The team of volunteers has surveyed the fingerposts, produced a booklet and started the restoration. A grant of £450 from CPRE was agreed, but more funding is required – one broken sign will cost £540. The team will approach the Fairfield Trust and National Grid Connection Project. Two volunteers have withdrawn - the clerk will send a thank you letter. **Action: Clerk**
8. Item 8 – Recover MUGA. Cllr Ford reported that this will not move quickly – the cost is anticipated to be £38k which is difficult to justify for the amount of use it gets. They will need to source more grant funding. It is currently used by the Active Spaces group twice a week and he has approached the school to see if wish to use it. The matter will be discussed at the next Victory Hall Trustees meeting.
9. Item 9 – Parish Shores Project. A meeting of the Project Group (Residents and councillors) is scheduled for 23.3.19. The ‘two castles trail’ was discussed – a new initiative to establish a route and encourage walkers between Nether Stowey and Stogursey castles with a trail to the beach.
10. Item 10 – Notice boards. As the funding is available for recreational facilities in or around Burgage road, the S106 can only be used for a notice board in the village (and not surrounding hamlets). Although an oak board is more in keeping with the area, it is anticipated to cost in excess of £2k, Cllr Calvert proposed, seconded by Cllr Bastick, to obtain a quote for a cheaper aluminium alternative to replace the one already there – all agreed. The clerk will investigate whether an aluminium notice board is permitted within the conservation area. **Action: Clerk**
11. Item 11 – Auto Speedwatch – This will be held in abeyance until A&S police agreed to recognise any data produced by the facility. The speedwatch coordinator has asked if the parish council will write to Sue Mountstevens. When installed the public need to be notified of the camera, however the 30mph has a camera picture – does this suffice? The position for it to be sited was discussed. Cllr O’Driscoll will investigate the best way to approach the police, which may help a more positive response. There may be data protection implications. Action: Cllr O’Driscoll

42/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. CCllr Davies reported that Crowcombe CofE VA Primary School, Stogumber CofE Primary School, Spaxton CofE Primary School, Milford Primary and Stogursey CofE Primary School are all scheduled to convert to Academy status.
2. Somerset libraries has a new outreach mobile vehicle which will include a 3D printing facility. He will seek information on the propose route.
3. The closing date for ILW responses is now 20 Jul 19.
4. Shurton Lane temporary closure on 20.8.19 for 3 days (the timescale given on the notice is the amount of time the work should be completed by)
5. Watchet Onion collective are holding an Open public meeting on 11.7.19 to discuss the proposed bio-recycling facility at the Paper Mill site in Watchet, at the Methodist Church.
6. Somerset County Council Chairman’s Award ceremony at was held at Taunton Rugby Club on 4.7.19. Stogursey Well Employment Hub received a well-deserved award. Cllr Goss reminded councillors that the parish council nominated the Hub team for the award. The team received a shield which they propose to display at the Greyhound. CClr Davies left the meeting at 2015

43/19 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. Victory Hall.

- a. Cllr Ford reported that the Victory hall be unavailable from 1 August 2019, and the anticipated date for contractors on site is 27 Aug 19. Wessex Water will not be relocating the pipes but instead will cut off the water, which will cost much less (£8k instead of £21k). A couple of porta cabins will be erected in the car park..
- b. The trustees have been notified of an award of a grant of £75k from Sport England. However there are a number of conditions to meet disability criteria affecting the layout of the building which has associated costs. The Victory Hall Committee will decide whether it is counterproductive or cost effective - they have 4 weeks to decide whether to accept it.

44/19 HINKLEY POINT SITE VISITS:

1. As there are a number of new councillors, and as it has been a while since the last visit, and in light of the number of changes to HPC, it was agreed to arrange another site visit to all 3 stations. HPC have offered an evening visit – although the workload and number of workers are reduced, it is still busy therefore councillors agreed to accept an evening visit. The clerk will contact all three sites to arrange the visit. **Action: Clerk**

45/19 ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

1. Cllr Calver reported that young people are congregating in ‘gangs’ of 20 or more, and are causing “havoc”, breaking branches off trees, and have damaged the Flogas tankers at Paddons Farm. Residents are understandably upset and have asked for parish council support. As it is a criminal offence, residents are advised to report the matter to the police (101); the more complaints they receive then maybe more will be done. The parish council will write to Strongvox on residents’ behalf to ask them to make the gas tank secure and replace the padlock, they will also write to the PCSO to report the matter and ask him to take action. **Action: Clerk**

46/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

1. 3/32/19/017 – Siting of mobile caravan for managers residential use, Lawsons Burgage, Little Lukes Farm, Shurton Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1QL. Following councillors site visit on 8.7.19, and after discussion, Cllr Ford proposed the parish council offer ‘no comment’, seconded by Cllr Jones, 5 in favour, 3 abstentions.
2. 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. The parish council discussed and considered the report by the resident in the public forum and agreed this a ‘vexatious’ application. There is very little change to the previous applications and appeals which were all refused. Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Jones proposed that the parish council will write to object to the application – 6 in favour, 2 abstentions. **Action: Clerk**
3. 3/32/19/021 - Variation of Condition No. 03 (waste storage) of application 3/32/16/018 to allow the importation of size-reduced Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) skips from Magnox’s Oldbury, Sizewell ‘A’ and Dungeness ‘A’ sites for interim storage at the on-site Interim Storage Facility (ISF) - HP A
4. 3/32/19/022 - Variation of Condition No. 03 (waste encapsulation) of application 3/32/17/005 to allow the importation of size-reduced Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) skips from Magnox’s Oldbury, Sizewell ‘A’ and Dungeness ‘A’ sites for encapsulation at the on-site Waste Encapsulation Plant – HP A.
Cllr Goss considered that there are no planning reasons why the parish council should object to the importation of waste for storage and encapsulation for interim storage, and that the parish council should outline the need for conditions and mitigation for the parish. However, Cllr Ford proposed the parish council object to the transportation of waste along our roads. Seconded by Cllr Bastick, 4 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions. **Action: Clerk**

47/19 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 12.6.19 – Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (NuLEAF) AGM. No report – Cllr Morgan absent.
2. 28.6.19 – Site Stakeholders Group (SSG). Cllr Goss reported on
 - a. Turbine hall has been demolished and 10,000 tons of rubble have been removed, 4000 of which has been recycled.
 - b. Intermediate Storage facility HPA. The cranes and heavy lifting gear are currently being tested prior to operation. The mechanical and electrical fitting out is also taking place.
 - c. HPB has received an environmental safety award, however they had a site incident where the fire service were called out. All workers were accounted for.
 - d. Following an outage, reactor 3 is now back on line.

48/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 16.7.19 – WSFG
2. 17.7.19 – Main Site Forum (MSF)
3. 18.7.19 – Parochial Church Council (PCC)
4. 1.8.19 – Transport Forum
5. 15.8.19 – Community Forum (as MSF is not held as frequently as previously, residents are able to attend the Community Forum)

49/19 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. Merchant Navy Day – 3 Sep 19. A flag hoisting event will be held on Saturday 31.8.19 (Afternoon tea), and will fly all week. A note will be put in Stogursey News and on the website to ask serving and former seafarers to attend. **Action Clerk**
3. SWT Statement of Community Involvement Consultation. Notification of a consultation before producing a new local plan. However this has been deferred until November.
4. Fire service consultation. As the fire stations in Nether Stowey and Bridgwater are not affected it was agreed not to invite the fire service to attend a parish council meeting.
5. Allotments. Another inspection of the plots was carried out and relevant letters proposed to be sent to tenants are who not adhering to the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreement. One tenant has asked that the parish council 'bear with him' as he tries to rehome his hens – all agreed. **Action: Clerk**

50/19 ENHANCEMENTS:

1. Volunteers are required to water the plants on the gravel if the parish council are to continue providing them (there are currently only 2 regular volunteers). Cllr Bastick & Cllr Staddon volunteered to help and Cllr Staddon will arrange a watering rota. **Action: Cllr Staddon**

51/19 HIGHWAYS:

1. Cllr O'Driscoll reported hi is still waiting to hear back from highways to arrange a visit around Burton/Shurton. The clerk will inform Cllr O'Driscoll of the date of the next Quantock Area Panel meeting as David Peake from Highways attends and is available to answer queries.

52/19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW:

1. Cllr Jones has reported a broken kissing gate in Shurton.

53/19 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. Balances at 30.6.19 - Current A/C £4082; Deposit A/C £8,148.69; Reserves A/C £57,223.19
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 Bastick, seconded by Cllr Chave and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the 6 cheques; 6 payments will be made online.

- a. Payments made since the last meeting on 12.6.19
S Foster £185.00 Mowing19

b. Payments due

Payee	Amount	Chq no	Details
G Orchard	£607.72	459	Clerk Salary & expenses for June 2019
HMRC	£145.31	BP	Employee tax & NIC / Employer NIC (June 2019)
G Orchard	£14.17	460	Printer Ink
C Morgan	£98.66	461	Chairman expenses (May & Jun 2019)
R Cuttell	£307.33	462	Materials for fingerpost restoration project
S Foster	£185.00	BP	Mowing 30.7.19
C Ford	£44.90	463	Flowers for planters on the Gravel
G Orchard	£77.33	464	Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day
SALC	£30.00	BP	Planning applications training (J Ody)
SALC	£50.00	BP	Councillor Essentials course (J Bastick/H Staddon)
Greenslades	£2200.00	BP	Lengthsman Services – May 2019
Greenslades	£1776.00	BP	Lengthsman Services – June 2019

c. Receipts

Nil

3. Budget Monitoring Statement to 30.6.19. The Budget Monitoring statement previously circulated to councillors was approved as proposed by Cllr Chave and seconded by Cllr O'Driscoll.

54/19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 August 2019** at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting in the Youth Club.
The meeting ended at 9.57 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: