

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2019
IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY

PRESENT:

Cllr A Searle (Chair), Cllr Ian Elenor, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Sue Goss, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr R Calvert, Cllr J Dillamore, CCllr H Davies, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 2 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A resident commented that at the last meeting, the parish council discussed the storage of contaminated waste in the parish, and feels that the parish council should oppose this. There is a proposal to import Intermediate Level Waste and HP are in pre application discussions regarding the storage until a permanent geological disposal site is found. The proposal is to import a small amount (25 yellow skips) from 3 other stations at the moment. SCC are considering their response.

146/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Morgan

147/18 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2018

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

148/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Cllr R Calvert – Agenda item 8b – Planning (Strongvox site).

149/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

1. Bus Passes. County Councillor Davies reported that further to his comments last meeting, replacements will only be sent if passes have been used in the last 18 months. If cards are used in London under their Oyster card system, these journeys will not be recorded, however other UK journeys will be. If a bus pass holder does not inform SCC of their change of address, and the new pass sent to the old address, there will be a £10 charge for renewal.
2. WSCSP – a founder member of the scheme Mrs J Humber has been awarded the BEM for her services to car schemes. West Somerset has become the model for other schemes to follow.
3. Temporary closure of Minehead to Wiliton Road on the evening of 13.2.19.

150/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Goss

1. The new CEO has taken up his post, many new staff positions have been filled, but also significant redundancies. Preparations are continuing for the formation of the new council with meetings of the shadow council / shadow committees.
2. HPC – the Knighton Noise monitor is still not installed. EDF are still waiting for electrical supply.
3. The laybys on C182 near Shurton has been damaged again by HPC buses and HGVs. Nine months ago EDF repaired the damage, however it has happened again and is now worse than before. There is also an accumulation of rubbish dumped by buses and HGVs. EDF has a moral obligation to repair the damage, but they may pass the work to SCC. Cllr Goss will raise the issue at the MSF.
4. Stogursey School has been selected to name a tunnel boring machine. The ceremony scheduled before Christmas has been postponed until the beginning of February. Three schools (approx. 90 children) will attend the ceremony, and although not able to see the machines, they will have a site visit and participate in activities
5. There is a special SSG on 11.1.19 to discuss changes to the constitution.

151/18 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

1. Nothing to report

152/18 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. Victory Hall.
 - a. Cllr Ford reported that the Victory Hall trustees expect to issue letters to contractors in the next week with an invitation to express their interest and to register their details on the WSC website. An invitation to tender will be sent to 7 contractors initially.
 - b. The registration of the land with the land registry is in the hands of the solicitors but is taking time. The land was donated in 1953 by the Fairfield Estate however the incorrect details were recorded when registered. The

VH trustees are collating paperwork which show information relating to the continued use of the land by the Victory Hall (e.g. payment for use of field, records of money spent, and planning permission granted).

153/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

1. 3/32/18/037 - Change of use of land with installation of 12 No. additional hook up points (8 with hardstanding) for touring caravans, motorhomes and tents (retention of works already undertaken). Lawson Farm, Shurton Lane. Cllr Goss expressed concern about the conditions the planning department are planning to put on the application and how the conditions will be enforced. Under GDPR campsites owners can redact if their visitors do not consent to sharing their information, therefore system open to abuse. The owners have stated that there have only been two or three HPC workers staying over a weekend with their families, however EDF have confirmed they collect approximately 10 workers daily from the site.
2. 3/32/18/043 - Retention of two caravans for a combination of different occupants, (seasonal farm workers, tourist accommodation, Hinkley Point C construction workers) (re-submission of 3/32/18/019) Upper Cock Farm, Cock Lane, Stogursey. The site already has HP workers.
3. 3/32/18/042 – Variation of Condition No. 22 (approved plans) of application 3/32/07/008 to increase the total number of permitted dwellings from 59 to 66 with changes to layout and design (resubmission of 3/32/17/012), Paddons Farm. The application went to appeal however a new application is running in tandem with the appeal.

154/18 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 12.12.18 – Steart Forum. Cllr Jones was unable to attend.
2. 18.12.18 – SALC AGM. The clerk reported that after the general AGM business, SALC conducted special business to move from an incorporated association to a new company registered with Companies House. Ashcott, Brymton, Chilcompton and Comeytrow Parish Councils and Watchet Town council were approved as the first members of the company. Other councils will become members in due course. Dave Mitton, Jean Allgrove, Loretta Whetlor and Jenny Lawrence became the first directors. The company secretary is Justin Robinson who is (was) the County executive Officer of the old SALC. Attendees voted in favour of the changes. A (useful) outline of the election process was also given. An issue for consideration is the date of the Annual Assembly as it scheduled during the period designated as purdah.

155/18 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 9.1.19 – MSF
2. 16.1.19 – Community Support (Emergency) Plan Meeting
3. 11.1.19 – SSG
4. 22.1.19 (or 23.1.19) – WSFG
5. 31.1.19 – Transport Forum
6. 7.2.19 – Community Forum

156/18 BURGAGE RD PLAY AREA:

1. Maintenance Contract. The clerk reported that Mr Parsons has been ill so unable to provide a quote at the moment. **Action: Ongoing**
2. The balance of S106 funding for recreational facilities in the Burgage Road area stands at £13,726. It can be spent in an area that Burgage Road residents can access. Cllr Ford suggested resurfacing the MUGA with AstroTurf. The total cost is estimated at approx. £30k however it was suggested that the funds be used in conjunction with money the parish council has set aside for the MUGA, and to contact other organisations (e.g. Magnox) to ask for contributions.
3. Cllr Searle reported that he has been in contact with one of the parent of the young boys involved with the fire damage in the play area. He had offered provide a new waste bin which was also burned and to repair the surface with concrete, however the parish council would prefer the surface repaired with safety surfacing. The Clerk will contact the other parents and ask them to make a contribution. **Action: Clerk**
4. The parish council has received two quotes for the repair to the path outside the allotments area, between £900 and £400. Proposed by Cllr Ody proposed, seconded by Cllr Dillamore that the local contractor be engaged to undertake the repair. All Agreed.

157/18 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.
2. Somerset Coast –proposed Stogursey Project. Councillors agreed that a project be instigated in the parish to involve both young and older residents and ask local residents to be part of a steering group. It was proposed to hold a wine and cheese event in the evening in late March. The clerk will contact Mark Ward to make arrangements.

Action: Clerk

3. Councillor Vacancy. The clerk has received an email from Cllr Brereton with his resignation from the parish council. The chair stated that he will be missed on the council and his efforts have been appreciated. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks. Although it is close to the local elections (in May), the decision was made to advertise the vacancy as usual. **Action: Clerk**
4. Localities Engagement Lead. Beccy Brown and Sam Murrell have agreed to attend the parish council meeting in March.
5. Housing Needs Survey report. B Brown forwarded the completed report and asked whether the parish council are happy for the housing survey to be published. Cllr Goss stated that there was a 28% response rate which is encouraging and a lot can be learned from the results. There are many people in high cost, low standard accommodation. She also commented on the comparison of house prices between 2012 – 2018 in the Hinkley hot spots that show how house prices have been suppressed since 2012. Although prices are now going up, the hotspot areas started at a lower level, and shows that HPC still has an effect on house prices. Councillors agreed that the results are published.
6. The Somerset Wood. The parish council were asked to contribute to a project based in the parishes of Cheddon Fitzpaine & West Monkton which will be a memorial to all Somerset residents who fought and fell in World War One. The parish council has already proposed to provide a similar memorial in Stogursey and Lady Gass has offered to provide an Oak tree, therefore the parish council have decided not to be involved.
7. Lodging Scheme. The clerk received an email asking for a meeting to outline the scheme which supports residents who wish to let a bedroom in their homes. The WSC Homefinder scheme which operates in Stogursey already includes this, therefore there is no requirement to speak to them as this would be a duplication.
8. Dog bin in Burton. The clerk received an email from resident asking when a dog bin will be installed in Burton, as agreed at a previous meeting. The clerk will contact WSC again to ask for permission for a dog bin to be installed.
Action: Clerk

158/18 ENHANCEMENTS (Cllr Searle):

1. The notice board in Stogursey has been removed for refurbishment. The posts have weakened and the owner of the Acland Hood has consented to the posts being secured to the wall.
2. The Christmas tree provided by Greenslades was admired by all, many commented on how good it looked. A thank you letter will be sent.

159/18 HIGHWAYS (Cllr Searle):

1. Dawlea Farm – the Chair is still waiting to hear from Highways to establish whether Fairfield Estate has accepted responsibility for the collapsed drain. **Action: Ongoing**
2. Idson Lane. The road is still not repaired – Cllr Searle has been informed the matter has been passed to J Sharp. The clerk will contact J Sharp to ask the status of the repair. **Action: Clerk**
3. Flood at Colepool – it is thought that the ditch opposite has flooded and is causing the problem. Cllr Searle will check with Fairfield Estate.
4. Stolford Roads. The edges of the roads through Stolford are in a bad state. The EA undertook to repair the roads and make good any damage following the work. The clerk will contact the EA, the chair will contact Highways.
Action: Clerk / Cllr Searle
5. Winter gritting. Volunteers are requested to move the salt bin to the top of the hill. Cllrs Searle/Ford/Elenor will arrange to collect 10 x 20kg salt bags from Minehead Mon – Thu between 0900 – 1300 weeks commencing 14.1.19 or 21.1.19. Free this year only. **Action: Cllr Searle / Ford / Elenor**

160/18 DOG CONTROL ORDER – DOG FOULING ON VICTORY HALL PLAYING FIELD:

1. The Victory Hall Trustees do not wish to ban dogs on the playing field at the moment, however they do wish something to be done as many owners (including those from out of the area), will drive to the field at night to let their dogs loose. There is a CCTV camera which will be upgraded when the new Hall is built and the issue monitored for the next 12 months. A number of letters of objection have been received from residents and their contents have been noted. The parish council agree that the issue of dog fouling is throughout the parish, and will investigate the provision of additional dog bins and signs. The idea of providing bags next to bins was also discussed. The clerk has contacted WSC about different types of dog control orders and will investigate what action can be taken when owners do not clear up after their dog when fouling in the parish and on the playing fields. **Action: Clerk**

161/18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW (Cllr Jones):

1. Cllr Jones reported that a broken footbridge near Headweir has been reported.

162/18 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. Balances at 31.12.18 - Current A/C £7999; Deposit A/C £13496; Reserves A/C £62396.

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 Jones, seconded by Cllr Ody and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; 2 payments will be made online.

a. Payments made since the last meeting on 11.12.18

29.12.18 Greenslades £1332.00 Lengthsman Services (November 2018)

b. Payments due

Payee	Amount	Chq no	Details
G Orchard	£617.05	433	Clerk Salary & expenses for December 2018
HMRC	£136.80	BP	Employee tax (Dec 2018)
A Searle	£145.00	434	Chair expenses Sep – Dec 18
Grandfield & Son	£29.38	435	Accessories for the notice boards
A Searle	£15.98	436	Litter picker
Greenslades	£666.00	BP	Lengthsman Services (Dec)

3. Budget Monitoring statement to 31 Dec 18. The Budget monitoring statement was circulated to councillors for perusal. There were no comments; Cllr Elenor, seconded by Cllr Ford proposed that the statement be approved. All Agreed.

4. Donation to Victory Hall rebuild. Cllr Ford stated that the account for finances has been set up and that he will be contacting the clerk to ask for £10k to be forwarded to the fund as previously agreed.

5. Lengthsman – The Clerk reported that £36,685 is remaining from the £55k donated by EdF in 2017.

163/18 GROUPS AND PANELS:

1. The Wassail held at Colepool Farm on 5 Jan 19 went well and £1100 was raised on behalf of Cancer Research UK and the Twinning Association.

2. 26.1.19 - Burns Night in the Church Rooms

164/18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETNG:

1. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** at 7.15pm – Public forum and 7.30pm - Main meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.52 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: