

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019
IN THE YOUTH CLUB, STOGURSEY
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr Chris Morgan, (Chair), Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Rebecca Calvert, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Steve O'Driscoll, Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr Judy Bastick, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), and 5 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. A resident expressed concern that the road around Dawlea Farm is still blocked with deep water on the roads. Highways had previously indicated that they would look at the underwater drainage but the problem still exists.
2. A resident expressed concern that large vehicles (he indicated that they were HPC vehicles) had ignored the road closed signs when the road was closed by Newnham Farm for repairs. Cllr Goss responded that it was unlikely to be HPC vehicles as they are closely monitored. Cllr O'Driscoll will follow this up.
3. The Village Agent, Izzy Sylvester gave an update on the work she is currently undertaking and asked those present to look out for friends and neighbours who may be struggling during the winter. There are surviving winter grants of £200 towards heating bills available. There is a new Good Neighbours scheme funded by CCS – it was piloted by Stogumber earlier this year and has proved successful. Their coordinator will be willing to attend a parish council meeting to explain how it works if necessary.

123/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr E Chave, Cllr H Staddon, CCllr H Davies

124/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13.11.19

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

125/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

1. Cllr Calvert declared an interest in Agenda Item 9a – Planning (Property owner at Paddons Farm).
2. Cllr Ford declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 – Finance as Chairman of Victory Hall Trustees

126/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. CCllr Davies sent his apologies

127/19 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. Cllr Morgan reported that the planning application for Paddons Farm had been turned down again. As every other SWT planning meeting is now held at the Taunton Office, he proposed that that any councillor attending the meeting representing the parish be reimbursed travelling expenses. This was seconded by Cllr Goss – all agreed. It was resolved that Councillors representing the parish at planning meetings be reimbursed expenses. Action: Clerk.

128/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST

1. Item 5 - Defibrillator. The clerk confirmed with SWAST that when part of their package the defibrillator is covered under their insurance so it is covered completely by them. Any damage and the equipment is all replaced. The Chair will arrange for the defibrillator to be installed. Action: Cllr Morgan
2. Item 8 – Community / Emergency plan. Cllr Jones asked the clerk for a list of names of residents who have expressed an interest. Action: Clerk

129/19 HINKLEY POINT (GENERAL)

1. Cllr Goss reported that Cannington Court was initially designated by HPC as their Fleet training centre, however it is operating at a loss and HPC now intend to rebrand it as a conference centre in order to recoup costs.

130/19 HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

1. Victory Hall. Cllr Ford reported that the build is on time and on budget.
2. SWT/EDF plaque audit. As part of the EDF reporting, SWT have been asked to conduct an audit with all CIM funded projects. There is a need to ascertain if projects have displayed a sign, a plaque, or anything else that contains the Hinkley Point C branding, and if not, whether willing to display if provided. The clerk responded that a plaque could be displayed in the BRPA if provided.

131/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

1. 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. – Reported at 127/19 above.
2. 3/32/19/024 - Variation of Condition No. 3 (occupancy restrictions) of application 3/32/16/016 to allow overnight workers to stay at the site | Burton Springs Fishery and Campsite, Lawson Farm, Shurton Road, Stogursey. Subject to enforcement – appeal lodged.
3. 3/32/19/025 - Variation of Condition No. 2 (occupancy restrictions) of application 3/32/18/037 to allow overnight workers to stay at the site | Burton Springs Fishery and Campsite, Lawson Farm, Shurton Road, Stogursey. Subject to enforcement – appeal lodged.
4. 3/2/19/037 – Change of Use of a dwelling house and annexe (C3) to a larger house of multiple occupation (Sui Generis) to accommodate 8 No. construction workers (temporarily for a 5 year period) (retention of part works already), Burton Farmhouse, Knighton Lane. Subject to enforcement
5. 3/32/19/042 – Construction of a below ground concrete slurry store with associated works (retention of part works already undertaken) | Dawlea Farm, Tower Hill, Stogursey.
6. 3/32/19/023 – (update) Outline application with some matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 40 No. dwellings, Land south of High Street, Stogursey (The Glebe Land) - ongoing
7. 3/32/19/038 - Demolition of Stone, block and brick Building on Land adjoining Tanyard Bungalow, 16 Castle St.
8. 3/32/19/039 / 3/32/19/040 – Replacement of 11 No windows, Little Ash, Shurton Lane. There were no objections. Cllr Ody proposed the parish council respond with no objections subject to the report of the conservation officer, seconded by Cllr Morgan. All agreed. **Action: Cllr Ody**

132/19 MEETING REPORTS:

1. 14.11.19 – PCC (Cllr Jones) reported that the Christmas services were discussed and are promulgated in Stogursey News. They have not received confirmation of whether the planning application has been granted.
2. 21.11.19 – Transport Forum (Cllr Goss) reported
 - a. HPC automatic number recognition has been decommissioned and they now use GPS tracking which is more accurate. The real time mapping is route compliance and vehicles in the wrong place will be spotted. The old system has been given to A&S police
 - b. They are waiting for new signage for the Combwich layby to prohibit HGVs from parking there – they layby will not support heavy vehicles.

133/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 14.01.20 – WWQ Panel (Williton) (All councillors invited to attend)
2. 23.01.20 – Community Forum (Cannington College)
3. 27.02.20 – MSF (Stogursey School)

134/19 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. Mail Dropbox. Cllr Morgan has been approached, as there is no longer the opportunity to drop hand written mail to the parish council and was asked whether the mail drop box could be replaced in the Post Office. After discussion, it was ascertained that the previous drop box was for Stogursey News articles and NOT the parish council and probably the case of mixed messages. The issue of whether mail for the parish council (parish clerk) could be let in the post office was discussed, and it was agreed that all councillor details are published in Stogursey News and on the website and the current system of contacting the clerk or parish councillors directly is sufficient. Cllr Goss proposed that the parish council do not install a mail drop box, seconded by Cllr O'Driscoll, all in favour. It was resolved NOT to install a mail drop box in the Post Office.
3. Neighbourhood Plan. An email has been received from Ann Rhodes asking if the parish council has come to a decision about a neighbourhood plan and if they are in a position to apply to SWT to request the designation of a neighbourhood area. The parish council will need to submit a letter to the district council. Before that happens, an event will be arranged a date to which residents are invited to ask for their input. The clerk will contact councillors to arrange a suitable date for January/February 2020. **Action: Clerk**
4. A geography student from Kings College, Taunton contacted the parish council to ask for support to respond to a survey regarding the impact of Hinkley point. It was agreed that individuals could contact the student directly and respond on their own behalf but not as a representative of the parish council

135/19 ENHANCEMENTS:

1. Lengthsman Contract 2020. Greenslades have confirmed that they will continue to carry out the work of the parish Lengthsman for 2020 at the same rate as last year (£185 per day). Cllr Morgan proposed, seconded by Cllr Ford to

continue to use Greenslades for the Lengthsman Services and to award them the contract for 2020. All agreed, The Clerk will prepare a contract for signature by Greenslades and the chair. **Action: Clerk**

2. Storage of Christmas Lights and Time switch. The equipment has previously been stored at the previous chairman's home, and it is now time to find new storage. It was proposed to purchase a shed and padlock and install it in the Pound. Cllr Jones agreed that she could store the lights at her home in the interim. Cllr Ford proposed that the parish council investigate a suitable lockable shed for the pound, seconded by Cllr Morgan. All agreed. It was resolved to investigate the purchase of a lockable container to store the equipment in the Pound. **Action: Cllr Ford**

3. Cllr Ford reported that three bags of rubbish have been left in the Pound following a recent party held in the church rooms. The clerk will contact them and ask them to remove it. **Action: Clerk**

4. Last year's Christmas tree is still in the pound and has not been disposed of. The Clerk agreed to remove it along with this year's tree when it is taken down. **Action: Clerk**

5. Cllr Ford highlighted the fact that the scaffold poles on which the Christmas lights are attached are not highlighted, but should be sufficiently visible. In addition, the cables for the lights and the socket lead need to be stored more safely. Cllr Morgan suggested the parish council obtain expert advice, seconded by Cllr Ford

6. The chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Ford, Allan Searle and Derek Skeats for putting up the Christmas tree and lights on the Gravel, especially in light of the very bad weather.

136/19 HIGHWAYS:

1. Overtaken vehicles – Stolford Cllr Jones produced photographs of an overturned vehicle along Idson Lane – this issue has been reported to Highways on numerous occasions. She will send further photos to Cllr O'Driscoll who will compile a report and present it as a safety issue. He has met with George Guilliford at hillside farm, who is on side with the parish council, who explained that there is a staffing shortage for the large area they need to cover. **Action: Cllr O'Driscoll**

2. The potholes at Monkton have been repaired.

3. The retaining wall to the castle is in a poor state of repair – this was highlighted at the site visit to Tanyards when it was agreed that it should be removed and was included in the response to the planning application.

4. The potholes at Shurton near the ford have been repaired.

5. The edges of the roads in the parish, especially near Claylands corner have been heavily eroded by large (mainly agricultural) vehicles and car tyres and alloy wheels are being ruined, even more so while the Shurton Road was closed.

2020 Cllr Goss left the meeting

6. Shurton Flood Relief Scheme. David Mitchell from SRA contacted the clerk – in order to get the full benefits of this work, and reduce the level of flooding at these sites, that the parish council continue to contact land owners and remind them to fulfil their riparian responsibilities. This is particularly relevant at Water Lane, especially with the stream that runs along the side of the road. He also suggested that councillors may wish to meet with SRA Contractors to discuss the areas in question. Cllrs Morgan, Jones, Bastick and Ford agreed to meet. The clerk will continue to add a note to Stogursey News to remind owners of their riparian responsibility, and contact Mr Mitchell to arrange a meeting. Once a meeting is arranged, riparian owners will also be invited to attend and listen to what is said. **Action: Clerk**

137/19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

1. SWT contacted Cllr Jones as they were approached with a concerned resident re flooding on the Common. The cattle were not removed from the common, (though they should have been removed in November) and it was not possible to walk on the common. Cllr Jones contacted the chair of the commoners, and the cattle were removed. Cllr Morgan expressed concern that SWT contacted a parish councillor direct. This is a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

2. A kissing gate where 2 footpaths join, is broken and now reported (WL23/95 and 23/107). It is unsure whether cattle were responsible

137/19 FINANCE (The Clerk):

1. Balances at 30.11.19 - Current A/C £7580; Deposit A/C £17572; Reserves A/C £51168

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 Ford, seconded by Cllr Bastick and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the cheques; 2 payments will be made online. **Action: Clerk**

a. Payments made since the last meeting on 16.10.19

2.12.19 The Play Inspection Annual inspection of BRPA and equipment

b. Payments authorised

i. The request from the VH Committee for Youth Club grant was discussed before authorisation. The VH trustees 'inherited' the responsibility of employing Youth Leaders (as owners of the building) when Somerset County Council withdrew funding. Councillors wish to ensure value for money, and issues of the number of attendees,

and whether only local youths or youths from neighbouring parishes attend was discussed. The VH trustees provide the premises and pay for heating and lighting and also source match funding, without the parish council support it is likely the youth group would end. Cllr Bastick proposed that the funding as precepted is awarded, and consideration regarding the running of the group discussed as a separate issue, seconded by Cllr Morgan, all agreed (except Cllr Ford - Chairman of VH committee). **Action: Clerk**

- ii. Cllr Ford proposed that a subcommittee is setup, and a separate informal meeting arranged with representatives of the VH committee and youth leaders, seconded by Cllr Ody, all agreed. Cllrs O'Driscoll and Bastick agreed to take part.

Stogursey & District VH Committee	3500.00	481	Grant to Youth Club (towards cost of providing Youth leaders)
G Orchard	666.27	482	Clerk Salary Oct 19 includes expenses
G Orchard	94.80	483	Bulbs for Christmas lights from Lyco
R Calvert	63.33	484	Refreshments for Volunteer drinks reception
HMRC	145.31	BP	Employee tax (PAYE & NIC) Nov 2019
SALC	75.00	BP	Budget Setting Course
SALC	35.00	BP	Allotment Management Course

- 3. To Approve Precept for 2020-2021. Cllr Bastick, seconded by Cllr Ford proposed that the sum of £28,235 be requested from Somerset West and Taunton District Council for the precept for 2020 / 21. All agreed. The clerk will forward the request to SWT. **Action: Clerk**

138/19 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 January 2020** at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting in the Youth Club.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: