STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019**

**IN THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Chris Morgan (Chair) Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Judy Bastick, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Rebecca Calvert, Cllr Steve O’Driscoll, Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr Eileen Chave, Gillian Orchard (Clerk), CCllr Hugh Davies and 3 members of the public

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

1. Intermediate Level Waste (ILW)
   1. A member of the public expressed his opposition to the storage of ILW from outside the parish. He attended the drop in session arranged by HPA, and considered that the process was already decided, and that HPA are just ‘going through the motions’ by having a drop in. He suggested that they should have used the old ‘A’ station turbine hall – the crane and building is already there, and concreted, with very little chance of seawater getting in. Though they deny it, it appears it will be there for decades (or centuries). When full the containers will be heavy and difficult to move. He also reported that the transport issue was ‘washed over’.
   2. Cllr Morgan reported, that when HPA gained permission to build the interim storage facility (ISF) for ILW, various groups have been pushing to save money – there has been a reduction in what they want to store. There is a reliance on a future Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), which has been put out to consultation, but no one has agreed to accept it. To build at other sites will cost a lot for the amount of ILW which is proposed, even though the amount has been reduced. Groups are looking at socio economic benefits such as investing in the future of decommissioning (investing in younger people) and ensuring the government look at engineering possibilities for the future. He considers that because of the size of the building only a set amount of waste will come in.
   3. Cllr Goss, addressed the resident’s points and highlighted that planning permission to build the ISF was given by the County Council who are the waste authority and not the district council. There is only a finite amount (5%) of waste that can be stored. The turbine hall is already full of waste from HP C station. The ILW being brought in is a small amount of lower dosage which will be stored around the waste and act as a buffer. There will not be the opportunity to add more waste. The ILW waste will be transported over a 3 month period and will only involve 1 extra lorry load per day, if planning is approved. The fuel being brought into B station is a higher dosage than the ILW proposed.

**19/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr H Staddon

**20/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY AND THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2019:**

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

**21/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

Cllr Calvert – Planning (Strongvox site)

Cllr Chave – Hinkley Point Power Station matters

Cllr O’Driscoll – EDF

Cllr Goss – Planning Agenda item 8f.

**22/19 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

1. CCllr Davies provided details of the cost of Somerset Care (in light of the recent panorama TV programme).
2. The SCC financial position has improved and they have a revised revenue budget (from £4.2m to £16m). There is uncertainty with regards grant funding.
3. Cllr Davies will receive a grant of £2k which is available to be spent on community / voluntary groups to help and support local residents. Members should let CCllr know of any issues that we may need funding for.

**23/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

1. Cllr Morgan reported that at the Annual SWT District Council meeting on 25.5.19, he was appointed to the Planning Committee.
2. Cllr Morgan attended the NDA Socio economic review in Bristol, the group are going to push for future investment into apprenticeship engineering training as part of mitigation.

Standing Orders were suspended – Agenda item 12b which was brought forward.to permit a member of the public to speak.

**24/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. AutoSpeedWatch. Richard Cuttell (RC) from the Community Speed Watch (CSW) team has been carrying out speed watch in the parish for 3 years. There are only 3 volunteers left on the team who they are out in all weathers, with little support (until recently) from the police and often receive abuse.
   1. Richard outlined details of a new AutoSpeedWatch system provided by a local Somerset group which consists of a roadside unit attached to a post. It will transmit data (vehicles speeding) to a server which will be processed and sent to the police. There is a one off payment of £295, which includes data for the first year, subsequent years cost £84 per year. It cannot be moved once installed. Although we know it is solar powered Richard is yet to confirm connectivity and whether it will be effective in our area. Currently, (and it will be the same with the AutoSpeedWatch system) the Police will send a warning letter to offenders. After the third letter, the offender will be approached personally by police. If speeds are excessive, they will also get a visit. Neither the Speed watch team, nor the automated system, can issue fines.
   2. The unit is not vandal proof, although it can be placed up high if required, although it does need to be in a position to capture vehicles. Suggested locations with the most problems is Burton or near the school – the 20mph limit zone is only advisory and cannot be enforced. The problem has lessened now there is a patrol crossing warden.
   3. The initial idea is that the AutoSpeedWatch will assist the current CSW, however with only 3 volunteers remaining it may turn into a standalone system. The CSW team are provided duty of care by Avon & Somerset constabulary, volunteers have to attend a training course, and there is a need for them to wear hi-vis jackets and long sleeved clothing.
   4. RC recommended that one unit is purchased (following research to ascertain the potential for vandalism, and connectivity) and install it for a one year trial. If it is successful, we can investigate a location for a second unit. Cllr Goss proposed, seconded by Cllr Calvert that Councillors work with the CSW team to investigate the way forward. ALL AGREED.

Standing orders were reinstated. 2005 CCllr Davies left the room

**25/19 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST**:

1. Item 9 – Funding under S106 agreements. Money available for community recreational facilities (which accompanied the planning permission for development in Burgage Road area)
   1. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The clerk has received details of a third quote for resurfacing the MUGA, they are now in a position to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI); this will be considered at the next meeting.
   2. Notice Boards. The clerk has been asked about provision of noticeboards in the parish for members of the public to publish details of local groups’ events and activities, and asked that monies be also allocated from S106 funding for their purchase. One is needed in the village now that posters are no longer displayed in the post office, (although consideration should be given to the conservation area). One would also be useful in Burton, where the bus stop is frequently used. Cllr Morgan would prefer them to be made of a long lasting material such as oak, and anticipates the cost approx. £800 - £1,000 each. The clerk will put a note in Stogursey News to ask residents where they would like to see a NB, or feel there is a need. The clerk will also obtain 3 quotes and add as an Agenda item at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

2015 CCllr Davies returned to the room

**26/19 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

1. Victory Hall.
   1. Cllr Morgan reported that there is a delay in demolishing the hall as Wessex Water have work to carry out first.

**27/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

* 1. Cllr Morgan reminded councilors that even if the parish council does not have an objection, as statutory consultees, we should show an interest and respond accordingly. If a site visit is arranged, a quorate is needed (minimum of 4) otherwise a decision cannot be made. Although not all councilors are available, a response is appreciated. Site meetings can also be held at weekends or evenings, depends upon the application.
  2. 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 appeal by Strongvox has been rejected with no costs awarded to developers – no further details
  3. 3/32/19/011 - Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to 70 No. dwellings - Land off Shurton Lane. 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.
  4. Movement of intermediate level waste skips – discussed at the public forum above.
  5. 3/32/19/018 – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 No. dormer bungalow, Stonecroft, 26 Lime Street, Stogursey. The application is making use of overgrown waste ground, likely to be an addition rather than a distraction. The plans were discussed further and councillors agreed with the views of those who attended the site visit and all agreed there was no objection to the outline plans; a response will be sent accordingly. **Action: Cllr Ody/Clerk**
  6. Open Enforcement Cases. Recent general advice/guidance received is that the open enforcement cases are confidential and therefore the parish council should simply acknowledge and note the fact that the district council have registered them as work without planning permission, and they should not be discussed at this stage. The clerk with contact SALC to investigate whether the parish council can comment on enforcement actions as we have commented in the past. It is also noted that a letter has been received from a resident on this issue. **Action: Clerk**

**28/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

* + - 1. Ann Rhodes, a specialist from Somerset West and Taunton (SWT) has agreed to visit the parish council to discuss how to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan / Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was agreed to invite her to attend the meeting in September. There is £9k funding available to assist. **Action: Clerk**

2035 CCllr Davies left the meeting

**29/19 MEETING REPORTS:**

1. 9.5.19 – Community Forum.
   1. The first tunnel boring machine is built and ready for boring to commence. 6000m3 of spoil will be removed and stored near southern stockpile area.
   2. Presentation on HP workers accommodation strategy. The optimum level of non-home based workers for Stogursey area is 45. At the last review this was exceeded by 5, which meant EDF paid £25k (£5k per person over the limit) to the district council which was used to fund the Housing Needs Survey. This time there are 6 additional workers; as the total is not cumulative, the district council received only £5k and not £30k, the total is only 1 above the last review (as agreed by County and district councils). Cllr O’Driscoll asked how this method can be challenged, as it appears that there is not a strong enough penalty to EDF. It was suggested that this is taken up with the District council. **Action: Cllr Morgan**
   3. Office of Nuclear Regulator (ONR) who are overseeing the work at Hinkley Point, reported on various site inspections; the latest focussed on emergency arrangements. There were only minor areas which required improvement. Reports also included the request from Hinkley to modify the design of fuel storage from wet to dry, to increase the size of storage facility and increase size of fuel store – this time a material change, it will be there approx. 60-70 years until a GDF is located. The ONR approved their regulatory change
   4. Presentation on lighting strategy resulting from complaints from locals on light pollution. A lighting survey was carried out in March, which reinforced what they should be doing in accordance with the DCO.
2. 17.5.19 – Special Site Stakeholders Group (SSG) meeting. The SSG will be contributing to the consultation,

**30/19 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. 12.6.19 – Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (NuLEAF) AGM
2. 28.6.19 – Site Stakeholders Group (SSG)
3. 17.7.19 – Main Site Forum (MSF)
4. 18.7.19 – Parochial Church Council (PCC)
5. 1.8.19 – Community Forum (as MSF is not held as frequently as previously, residents are able to attend the Community Forum)
6. 25.6.19 – Glebe Field potential planning application (6.30 – 8.30pm)
   1. Although a planning application has not been submitted to date, the Chair has been informed that a submission is imminent. Councillors agreed to hold an open planning meeting to discuss their submission to the SWT planning authorities and will invite members of the public to attend to put their points forward in relation to the plans, and for the parish council to consider the points on planning grounds. All members of the public can attend. It should be noted, the views and opinions and or objections of the parish council are not guaranteed to be taken into account by the planning committee – the planning may still go ahead. If the recommendation of the parish council is in opposition to the recommendation of the SWT planning officer, that planning application would then go to the SWT district council planning committee for decision. All members of the public may attend and will be asked to register to speak at this meeting. It will be made clear that this is not a question and answer session, and the parish council will not have answers, hence the separate drop in session hosted by the developers. Residents can submit their views to the parish council, however it will gain more weight for them to submit them direct to the district council.
7. 1.7.19 – Glebe Field Developers Drop in Session. The developers will host a drop in session in the Youth club (from 5pm – 7pm) for parishioners to see the plans and ask questions

**31/19**  **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. Auto speed watch. See minute 24/19 above.
3. VE Day 75 – 8 – 10 May 2020. Councillors agreed to register their interest and make a note in the diary to organise an event for VE day 75.
4. Burial Ground. The clerk sought advice from Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) regarding the need to provide a burial ground. The parish council has the power to provide a cemetery if it so chooses but is not under any duty to do so. The clerk will forward the email to councillors. **Action: Clerk**

**32/19 HIGHWAYS:**

1. Cllr O’Driscoll agreed to be another representative to liaise with Highways. The clerk will forward the details of County Roads to him to make contact direct. Cllr Goss reported that the edge of parts of the carriageway at the top end of Knighton lane have been badly eroded and pot holed due to parked construction vehicles forcing cars and tractors to drive on the edge of the tarmacked road surface **Action: Clerk/Cllr O’Driscoll**

**33/19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PRoW:**

1. The owner of the footpath WL23/59 (Wick), which has been closed temporarily, contacted Cllr Jones to discuss issues related to the footpath. He was referred to Glen Martin at Somerset County Council.
2. Cllr Bastick asked about clearance of the footpath leading up to the castle as it is overgrown. Cllr Morgan will investigate to see who is responsible.

**34/19 FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. Balances at 31.5.19 - 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 Goss, seconded by Cllr Ody and two authorised signatories instructed to sign the 3 cheques; 4 payments will be made online. 
   1. Payments made since the last meeting on 14.5.19

S Foster £185.00 Mowing 13.5.19

* 1. Payments due

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| Payee | Amount | Chq no | Details |
| G Orchard | £620.26 | 456 | Clerk Salary & expenses for May 2019 |
| HMRC | £145.31 | BP | Employee tax & NIC / Employer NIC (May 2019) |
| G Orchard | £13.00 | 457 | Flowers for Internal Auditor |
| S Foster | £185.00 | 458 | Mowing 28.5.19 |
| SWT collections | £25.00 | BP | Annual Lease – Burgage Road Play Area (BRPA) |
| SALC | 356.76 | BP | Annual affiliation charge |
| SALC | £25.00 | BP | Councillor Essentials course (R Calvert) |

* 1. Receipts

Nil

1. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19. The clerk reported that the unaudited accounts have been submitted to PFK Littlejohn (external auditors) and details will be added to notice boards, the website and Stogursey News. **Action: Clerk**

**35/19 GROUPS AND PANELS:**

1. Youth Club Representation. Cllr Calvert asked the parish council to consider youth representation on the parish council (as carried out on other Town and parish councils). She has found that a number of youths from other parishes (Nether Stowey and Cannington) attend the Youth Club. Members agreed to a trial; Cllr Calvert will liaise with the Youth Club to ask if they would like to send a representative. **Action: Cllr Calvert**

**36/19**  **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETNG:**

1. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 July 2019** at 6.30 pm with an update presentation by the Hinkley Point Connection Update Project, followed at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting. When the Victory Hall is demolished, meetings will be held on every second Wednesday in the Youth Club until the new hall is built. As it was not known at the time of booking, whether the hall would be available, the HPC Connection project presentation was booked for 10.7.19. It was agreed to keep the date as 10.7.19 as the presentation has already been arranged.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Signed: …..………………………………………….….. (Chairman) Date: ……………………………………