

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**  
**ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM**  
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**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Chris Morgan (Chair) Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr R Calvert, Cllr C Ford, Cllr J Ody, Richard Wand (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

S Wardle gave a brief update on the group's activities. They intend to have a consultation at the Fun Day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August on the Playing Field to collect residents' views. After that they propose to hold a zoom meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm to discuss topics raised. At this time momentum is slow, post lockdown, possible changes to the planning rules, along with the possible change to the unitary authorities all causing uncertainty. There is another consultation planned for the 29<sup>th</sup> August at the WI Market event They have recruited two new members who responded to the piece in Stogursey News and are keen on transport issues, but are still looking for a Secretary. He suggested that future updates could be sent in writing to the Clerk ahead of the Parish Council meeting, which the Chairman felt that would be helpful. He hoped many attended the event on Sunday and give positive feedback. There is another event on 29<sup>th</sup> August at Priory Barn for the WI which they will attend to gather further views.

1. A resident commented on draft minutes seeking an amendment to the wording of the issue raised at the previous meeting. The Clerk had received a clarified version of their request, which would be raised later on in the meeting. The resident then went on to raise concerns over Agenda Item 9 and the Paddons Farm planning permission being granted. The proposed new play area is on sloping land with several large trees. Councillors on the SWaT Planning Committee seemed uneasy about the suitability of the site. But they indicated that they would rather it didn't go to the Appeal Inspector yet again. One said that it was a case of profits before people i.e. relocating it for just 2 houses. They were glad to see that there were 4 objections and 1 abstention. The specification has to be approved by the Planning Authority for the new play area, so they hoped Stogursey Parish Council will have an input on behalf of residents. The lack of a site visit was also of concern. The Chair also expressed concerns over the lack of knowledge on the location and the lack of site visits affecting local residents unfavourably. The decision process is frustrating for many members and public alike, hence our vote of no confidence and we await a meeting with the Leader and senior Planning officer. Cllr Goss added that there is unlikely to be any consultation on the play area, as it is a fait accompli now the decision has been made. Cllr Ford asked who would be responsible for it and maintenance. Cllr Calvert added that the residents pay a regular management fee which is to be used for that, but Strongvox do not maintain it now, so the future does not look hopeful for any improvement.

2. There is a free Fun Day organised for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 1100 on the Playing Fields by the Victory Hall.

There were no other requests to address the meeting.

**55/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr J Bastick, Cllr E Chave, Cllr S Jones, Cllr H Staddon, CCllr H Davies and Cllr S O'Driscoll (IT issues).

**56/20 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2020:**

1. The Clerk asked that the draft minutes be amended to reflect the revised wording of the first item on the public forum, which had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The amendment was agreed and the amended minutes proposed by Cllr R Calvert seconded by Cllr J Ody and AGREED for signature by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. The minutes will be signed by the Chair if the Clerk can agree a convenient and mutual meeting or when the parish council next meet in person.

**57/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

There were no declarations made.

#### **58/20 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

1. Cllr Davies was reported as convalescing at home.

#### **59/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

1. Cllr Morgan raised concerns over the inaccessibility of officers of SWaT, not just to the public, but to members as well. The lack of answers to queries raised like Paddons S106 appalling. He found the lack of planning enforcement concerning, especially over the change of use of properties that are in business use and for accommodation despite having been refused that no action is taken most frustrating for us in the Parish. Cllr Ford asked who was actually in charge, as the processes are so undemocratic.
2. He added that the Babbling Brook is now able to start the process of having the defib fitted.

#### **60/20 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:**

1. The action list has been circulated to all councillors.
2. Cllr Ford queried the noticeboard fitting. The Clerk has chased the firm for an update and to restart the whole process.
3. Burton Bus Stop Cllr Goss asked if the action could be clarified as she did not volunteer to take on painting duties. Cllr Ford and three other volunteers had repainted the Youth Club recently and he hoped we could resolve this as soon as possible. Cllr Calvert would take on a repainting team, while the weather was favourable.
4. Cllr Ford raised the electric point for the Christmas Lights as it needs to be repaired. He asked that an electrician be engaged to make the point safe and secure as a matter of urgency. The previous clerk had put a local electrician in touch with him and he proposed that he did the repair to make it safe and useable, which the Chair seconded and was agreed. **Action:** Clerk to arrange A Taylor to attend to make safe and repair.

#### **61/20 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):**

A response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding a Non-Material Change to the HPC DCO is required by 4th Sept. Although the actual changes proposed in themselves are fairly minor (the relocation of some of the buildings, change in size of others plus the addition of a relatively small crane/ lifter) it is the cumulative impact of these changes, added to those others which are planned for the future and those that are currently under consideration, which is a matter of concern. The original DCO permission is in danger of becoming significantly changed from that which was originally permitted. The Chair agreed and welcomed her response. Cllr Ford seconded her proposal, which was carried unanimously.

#### **62/20 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:**

Victory Hall. Cllr Ford forwarded a progress report to councillors before the meeting. Work is continuing on the new hall. The floor screed has been laid and the plastering of the walls is nearly complete. The contractors have had difficulty obtaining supplies of plaster and we have reluctantly agreed to use plasterboard with taped and coated joints. The bottom 2.4 metres will use superior strength plasterboard. If we hadn't agreed to this change in specification completion of the building would have been delayed. The builders and the architects have assured us that we are unlikely to be able to detect the difference. Outside work has started on the groundworks for the car park and the paths around the building. The hall is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. He added that David Eccles C.B.E. had accepted the invitation to formally open the Hall at some stage in the future on a date to be decided.

#### **63/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

1. Current applications
  - a) 3/3/32/19/011 Land off Shurton Rd, 70 dwellings. *Additional comments sent for Appeal. Appeal Hearing delayed due to coronavirus.*
  - b) 3/32/19/023 Glebe Field application. **Withdrawn.**
  - c) 3/32/20/003 Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to 32 No. dwellings Land off Shurton Rd, 32 dwellings (resubmission of 3/32/19/011). *Response sent. Awaiting decision.*
  - d) 3/32/20/004 Outline application with some matters reserved, except for access, layout and scale, for the erection of 5 No. dwellings Tanyard, Castle Street, 5 dwellings. **Planning Granted 23.07.20 with reservations.**

- e) 3/32/20/009 Paddons Farm erection of 27 dwellings, resubmission of 3/32/19/019 but with revised play area. *Response sent. Permission Granted 23.07.20. S106 still to be resolved.*
- f) 3/32/20/012 Hillside Farm, Cockwood. Steel erection for steel work/storage. Views by 25.8.20.
- g) T/32/20/001 St Andrews Church - Tree pruning. Views by 26.8.20.

Cllr Ody updated the meeting on all the above items. It was felt that a site visit to Hillside Farm might assist in formulating a response. Cllr Ody will resolve access and timing.

Cllr Goss felt that Paddons S106 issues need to be moved on rather than left outstanding. This could result in the siting of this being moved to the West of the Paddons access road (where the Parish Council had historically accepted was the actual site). The SWaT planning manager should again be requested to meet with the Parish Council to settle this issue (plus the other outstanding S 106 agreements) ASAP. This request should include the Director of Planning, plus the Leader of the Council.

**Action:** Letter inviting Planning Officers and Leader to site visit as soon as practicable to be sent by the Clerk.

## **64/20 MEETING REPORTS:**

### **SSG meeting**

Cllr Goss An extraordinary meeting of the Hinkley B site stakeholders group was held to inform members that the station was about to apply to SCC, as Waste Authority, for permission to construct new buildings and facilities on site in order to begin Decommissioning activities in 2023. There would be opportunities for public consultation regarding this in due course.

Covid is being used as a reason not to hold public Information displays as on previous occasions, using on - line internet sessions instead, (as currently used in the Sizewell C consultation). She added that many residents there were deeply concerned over the lack of involvement and that they felt totally excluded from the process. She had pointed that out during the SSG and hoped that they would hold a meaningful consultation.

She had concerns about further construction traffic on the C 182 during these proposed works during HPC peak build and hoped that these will be addressed through a Traffic Management plan.

Both HPB reactors have been out of service since March. Safety cases are currently with the ONR (the Nuclear Regulator) for consideration. The station hope the reactors will be permitted to be returned to service in December.

She also raised concerns over the likely situation of having 3 ILW stores on the whole site, but they may share one between A and B.

### **Transport Forum**

HPC are currently fitting out their bus fleet with 'Sneeze Screens', in order of priority. The community bus will be fitted out after the Workers buses have been made safe.

The issue of social distancing and the effect this could have on availability of space on the community bus when it reaches Stogursey was again raised. HPC said that they would monitor the situation.

## **65/20 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:**

- a) 22.10.20 – MSF
- b) 26.11.20 – Transport Forum

## **66/20 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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.
- 2 The offer by BT for the Parish Council to Adopt a Kiosk was discussed, especially the liability issues, cleaning and maintenance costs surrounding such adoption which would then come from public funds. Cllr Ford proposed that neither were adopted, which the Chair seconded. Cllr Calvert was disappointed that yet another item of British institution another heritage item would be lost from the village if the Vicarage Road kiosk was removed. The proposal was carried by majority of three votes for, one against with one abstention.
3. One Somerset. The business case has been accepted by SCC. The SCC Leader David Fothergill has offered to address us at a virtual meeting. Cllr Ford has read the 148 pages and could not find a business

case within it. Cllr Goss felt appalled that it has gone to the Secretary of State without any real consultation. They can't run the services they are supposed to do now. Big isn't necessarily beautiful. Cllr Ody felt it sounds wonderful but felt that it was likely to fall into a big mess. The Chair added that the new SWaT was supposed to make savings, only additional transition costs. The redundancies have meant that the former officers now return on a higher rate of pay as agency workers, having been made redundant to assist the few that are left in the offices. It is likely that such mistakes will happen again with this. The overall size of the County with the centres of population, will mean that parishes such as ours will be forgotten and services lost. He is due to speak to us at our October meeting, virtually, so we can raise this matters directly.

**67/20 ENHANCEMENTS:**

1. **The** planters on the Gravel are looking good and the Chair thanked those who helped support by watering and caring for the plants, especially Cllr Staddon.
2. Himalayan Balsam growing on the stream adjacent to Newnham Bridge is in danger of compromising the Flood Alleviation measures recently installed there at considerable cost by the Somerset Rivers Authority. The same problem with Himalayan Balsam is also apparent on the riverbank at the confluence of Bayley's and Bum Brooks. There is also further growth on stream banks in and around Stogursey - Castle Street, Paddons and in the Water Farm area. Landowners as well as the EA, the SCC and SRA should all be notified to address this growing problem. We remind residents of the riparian owner's responsibilities. This now needs to be enforced. The Chairman proposed reporting the outbreaks for enforcement action direct to the appropriate authorities. Cllr Ford seconded his proposal, which was carried unanimously.

**Action:** Letters to be sent to EA, SRA, SCC outlining locations to be addressed.

**68/20 HIGHWAYS:**

The Chair referred to repairs done at Burton recently. He felt that ColdPool to Forge Corner also needs addressing as many use the Shurton Lane, He also felt there were issues with cyclists at Shurton where cyclists are using the short cut between the two halves of the village. The cyclists are ignoring the no cycling signs and storming through the footpath around blind bends where there is no room for a dedicated cycle lane and causing concern amongst the vulnerable users. It is an accident waiting to happen. HPC have promised action and police attendance. Ryan Kelly has been helpful, but new signs maybe needed to highlight the issues. The Chair was upset at the abuse by cyclists of the footpath. He asked that the e-mail correspondence was circulated to all members by the Clerk

**69/20 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – PROW:**

No update.

**70/20 FINANCE (The Clerk):**

1. The list of Invoices for payment and monies received, (Appendix 1) and the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) had been forwarded to councillors before the meeting and are attached to these minutes. There were no comments or questions. The Financial Statement and the Invoices for payment were APPROVED as proposed by Cllr Ody, seconded by Cllr Calvert, which all agreed. All payments will all be made online.

**71/20 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

1. Following a long discussion over a possible parish walk around viewing issues rather a zoom meeting, but it was decided that there will be a meeting to held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020** at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting on the Zoom platform.

The meeting ended at 20:49.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....

**Schedule of Receipts and Invoices for Payment 11 AUGUST 2020****Payments made since the last meeting on 14.7.20**

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>Pmt details/ chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
3.7.20	J Foster	185.00	BP	Mow & Strim Churchyard (June)
3.7.20	Zoom	14.39	DC	Monthly subscription
21.7.20	G Orchard	1186.84	BP	Clerk Salary June 2020 (includes overtime & expenses, less PAYE, NIC, pension contribution)
21.7.20	G Orchard	11.55	BP	Stationery purchase
21.7.20	SALC/NALC	362.34	BP	Affiliation fees
21.7.20	S Foster	185.00	BP	Mow & Strim Churchyard (10.7.20)
21.7.20	HMRC	540.18	BP	Employee tax & NIC contribution (PAYE) Employer NIC
24.7.20	IONOS	5.99	Dr card	Website hosting July 2020
31.7.20	NEST	83.07	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution
3.8.20	Zoom	14.39	Dr card	Monthly subscription

**Payments due 11.8.20**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>Pmt details /chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
G Orchard	350.47	BP	Clerk Salary July 2020 (includes overtime and expenses, less PAYE, NIC, & Pension)
R Wand	524.18	BP	Clerk Salary July 2020 (includes expenses, less PAYE, NIC, & Pension)
SALC	50.00	BP	Code of Conduct online Training (Chair & Clerk)
HMRC	211.60	BP	Employee tax (PAYE) & Employer & Employee NIC July 20
NEST	59.29	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution
S. Foster	185.00	BP	Mow and Strim Church Yard (27.7.20)
GWB Services	130.00	BP	Mow & Strim BRPA x2 (5.6.20 +25.6.20)
Greenslades	1776.00	BP	Lengthsman Service June 2020
IONOS	£5.99	Dr card	Website hosting August 2020 (due 25.8.20)
Zoom	£14.39	Dr Card	Monthly subscription (due 3.9.20)

**Receipts Since last meeting**

Bank Interest - July 2020	£ 2.84
SASP Inequalities Fund Grant (for SCSN Activities Day)	£1695.00

## STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AS AT 31 JULY 2020

**Balances as per bank accounts 31.7.20**

Treasurers Account	£6,164.14	
Deposit Account	£14,776.91	
Reserves & Grants Account	£49,154.53	<b>£70,095.58</b>

**Plus Receipts - July 2020**

Treasurers Account	£6,695.00	
Deposit Account	£0.79	
Reserves & Grants Account	£2.05	<b>£6,697.84</b>

**Less Payments - July 2020**

Treasurers Account	£2,582.39	
Deposit Account	£5,000.00	
Reserves & Grants Account	£0.00	<b>-£884.55</b>

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Deposit Account	£14,776.91	
Reserves & Grants Account	£49,154.53	<b>£70,095.58</b>

Less unpresented cheques  
Plus uncleared credits

**Available Funds at 31/7/2020****£70,095.58****Balance as per cash book**

Treasurers Account	£6,164.14
Deposit Account	£14,776.91
Reserves & Grants Account	£49,154.53
	<b>£70,095.58</b>

## Summary of Reserves Bank Account @ 31.7.20

1621.89	Ext Grant - Stogursey Oral History Project	]
4159.27	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme	] Not PC
226.84	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme Contingency	Funds
23920.00	Ext Grant - (from HPC) - Lenghtsman Scheme	]
0.00	Defibrillator Grant	]
30.00	Allotment deposit fund	]
1305.37	Fingerposts project grants	]
<b>31263.37</b>	<b>Total External Grants</b>	
111.16	Interest to 31.7.20	(Reserves a/c only)
3000.00	Multi Sports Area	
1250.00	WSC Election Costs 2023	
600.00	Laptop (Replacement or repair)	
2500.00	BRPA essential maintenance	
2000.00	Refurbish the Pound	
5000.00	Grounds and maintenance	
0.00	Youth Club Items	
2530.00	Emptying of Litter bins - bill not received since 2016	
900.00	Defibrillator (annual build-up of funds)	
<b>17891.16</b>	<b>Total PC funds</b>	
<b>49154.53</b>	<b>TOTAL IN RESERVES' ACCOUNT</b>	