

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2020
ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr Chris Morgan (Chair), Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Judy Bastick, Cllr Helga Staddon, Cllr Eileen Chave and from 19:04 Cllr Jenny Ody.

In attendance: Richard Wand (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

20/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Rebecca Calvert and Cllr Stephen O'Driscoll. CCllr Hugh Davies.

20/86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

No further declarations from the 13th October meeting.

20/87 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:

1. The action list has been circulated to all councillors. Items not on the agenda were reviewed.
2. Burton Bus Stop, refurbishment: The Chairman felt the whole area was looking fantastic, a real pat on the back for those who helped transform the shelter and bench for some years to come. His comments were heartily endorsed by the Vice Chairman, but she added that a white car now parks at the bus stop all day. This causes an issue for the twice daily bus service.
3. Noticeboard: Hopefully this will be fitted in November on a date yet to be notified.
4. Website accessibility is an ongoing issue which the Clerk will review on an six monthly ongoing basis and it was felt that it could be deleted from the list which was agreed unanimously. **Deleted**
5. Welcome packs: Cllr Jones and the Clerk have been working to review the contents and the last printed packs have been amended and delivered.
6. Cllr Ford was still awaiting contact from the electrician regarding the Christmas Light socket, the Clerk will chase. **ACTION: Clerk**

20/88 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

The Vice Chairman updated that the issues with HP "B" were still ongoing and that as far as was known the safety cases had not yet been submitted for approval. It was anticipated that they will restart in 2021 as Hunterston has been restarted after a very lengthy process.

20/89 HINKLEY C COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION (CIM) UPDATE:

Victory Hall

The Chairman felt that the Hall was a fantastic facility for the parish. Cllr Ford had hosted several visits members. Stogursey School has commenced using the large hall for indoor PE on several days per week. The Vice Chairman asked when the formal opening maybe. It is hoped that it will be early in the new year dependent on the Covid situation.

He expressed frustration that the current situation meant that only small groups can use the Hall as long as they comply with guideline for allowable activities. That restricts the income, which in the short term is not an issue, but the longer term financial security is dependent on hiring it out and generating income. The Quantock Room is being used fairly regularly for small meetings.

The Chairman proposed that a letter was sent to the trustees congratulating them on their fantastic and outstanding achievement. Cllr Chave seconded his resolution which was carried by majority with one abstention. **ACTION: Clerk**

20/90 MEETING REPORTS:

Paddons Farm S106 meeting with SWaTC Leader and officers.

The Chairman outlined the background and sticking points arising out of the decision reached by the Planning Committee. There is now no indexation being applied to the [S106](#) money.

The burial ground and car park area has reverted from the agreed area that we understood position from 2012 to the original 2008 application area. All the work done with Andrew Goodchild at SWaT Planning in the intervening time has not been actioned.

19:30 Cllr Bastick left the meeting.

The transfer of the land has not yet happened. When that has happened then the parish council will have to apply for planning permission to change it to what we thought had been agreed back in 2012, along with the £15,000 to achieve the transformation.

The Clerk was asked to recirculate the correspondence, which was sent by e-mail during the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

S Wardle had supplied an update to the Clerk which was read to the meeting. The Chairman added that the environment Group had met the evening before and would be auditing open spaces and historic assets in the Parish. The Vice Chairman also had highlighted grant funding for such groups, though the Clerk advised that such funding is time limited and would need to be administered by the Clerk. The Clerk sought clarification over the meeting costs the group were incurring. The Vice Chairman advised that this should be drawn, in the interim, from the parish council meetings budget head, until the group had sought and been given grant funding, which would also meet such things as virtual meeting subscriptions.

The Chairman had advised SCSN of a community funding grant from [SCF](#) project [Spreading Festive Cheer](#). Cllr Staddon highlighted the work of [Spark Somerset](#) and their new Community worker.

20/91 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

a) [22.10.20 – Main Site Forum](#)

The Vice Chairman advised the next meeting of the main site forum (22.10.20) were to be given a detailed update on the RV4 works at Shurton. The Chairman clarified that the current road closure in Shurton was not connected with that work, but due to emergency works by Wessex Water.

b) [26.11.20 – Transport Forum](#)

20/92 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence is addressed on receipt and filed; it is available to all councillors on request. A list had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The following items were discussed:

a) The Chairman felt that in order to resolve a response to correspondence from Ms Edgar regarding Castle Street flood alleviation scheme strimming and vegetation clearance that work should be undertaken. The Vice Chairman added that the money held in the reserves should be used to carry out that work as per the agreement signed in November 2019 and she proposed that to the meeting. Her proposal was seconded by Cllr Chave. This was carried by unanimously. **Action: Clerk** Cllr Ford asked if the pipework improvement that was being considered was still something being pursued. The Clerk outlined such discussions from 2015, but was not carried forward and the remaining reserve was held for clearance rather than substantial works.

b) The Chairman introduced the resolution in the name of Cllr Staddon on the agenda that stated Whilst welcoming the provision of a Slinky bus service to the parish, the Parish Council resolves to carry out a feasibility study into the provision of a regular bus service for all residents. The Chairman felt that whilst the free EDF bus service was in principle being provided, a commercial service would not be viable. The parish lost such services years ago due to lack of use and financial implications. The current Covid situation was also crippling bus services. Cllr Staddon outlined the thinking for her proposal, she welcomed the resumption of the Slinky bus and all the publicity that was being done to promote that service. She felt that there needed to be a longer view taken on transport services, even if it was just a link to Nether Stowey or Cannington to try undertake a feasibility study to measure the need. The Vice Chairman felt that raising expectations and hopes at this time was not the right course of action. It maybe sensible to wait until the EDF community bus service ends. The proposal was not seconded and the discussion ended.

c) [Stronger Somerset](#), consultation and engagement events were noted.

d) Anti-social behaviour Burgage Road Play area, to consider an application to the District Council for a [Public Space Protection Order](#) for the whole Parish. The Clerk gave a report on incidents recently highlighted within the Play area, which had been highlighted to the Police for attention.

Whilst that was a short term solution such orders can assist to prevent anti-social behaviour causing distress to residents in the medium term as they have enforcement powers and a maximum three year span, before review. The Chairman proposed that such an order should be applied for across the Parish for all public spaces. The resolution was seconded by Cllr Staddon and carried unanimously. **Action: Clerk**

- e) Cllr Staddon highlighted allotment vandalism, which had occurred over the recent weeks. Members debated any security enhancements that may assist to prevent further intrusions and damage. Gated access to the area behind the houses, and/or higher fencing might assist. The Chairman would contact Magna Housing for their comments. Balances held in reserves may need to be considered to meet any expenditure. The Clerk agreed to research that matter further.

Action: Clerk/Chairman.

- f) To resolve the involvement of the Parish Council with the SWT Council's offer of trees and support for National Tree Week (November 28th to 5th December 2020), planting locations and lead Cllr. A lack of public space suitable for additional tree planting was highlighted. Cllr Ody suggested that the offer of be extended to parishioners who may have room for a tree on their land to enhance their community.

20/93 ENHANCEMENTS:

1. Planters; Cllr Staddon requested that the planters throughout the Parish are enriched with new material to ensure a healthy growing medium. Cllr Ford proposed £300 be budgeted for replacing the compost in all the parish planters at the appropriate time. The Chairman seconded his proposal, which was carried unanimously
2. St Andrew's Well; Cllr Staddon felt that the drainage system should be checked as a priority. There is substantial weed growth apparent in the system. It was suggested as it is a public water source that Wessex Water be contacted for advice in the first instance ahead of any works being undertaken. **Action: Clerk**

20/94 HIGHWAYS:

- a) Riparian Owners responsibilities;
To resolve a motion from Cllr Bastick that where riparian owners fail to meet their responsibilities that the Parish Council consider carrying out the work and reclaim the costs incurred in engaging contractors from the riparian owners by legal action, but they would probably be able to resolve the matter more cheaply themselves, seconded by Cllr Staddon.
The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Cllr Bastick, who due to IT issues had left the meeting at 19:30 and was unable to re-join the meeting this evening.
Following a discussion Cllr Staddon withdrew her seconding and the Chairman taking advice from the Clerk, declared that as a result the proposal failed.
- b) To resolve a circulation to Riparian Owners of the parish on their duties. Members had been circulated with a draft awareness document prepared by the Clerk along with a covering letter for circulation to identified riparian owners. Cllr Ford proposed that the document and covering letter as prepared be circulated to riparian owners of the parish, which was seconded by Cllr Goss.
Following a discussion it was requested that the Clerk circulate a list of likely recipients of such correspondence for consideration and that those known to have completed works addressing the issue are acknowledged within the covering letter. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c) Cllr O'Driscoll asked for an update from SCC Highways regarding Stolford highway repairs and he had circulated a written update prior to the meeting which was noted.

20/95 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

The Chairman reported the news that the orders had been laid by Somerset County Council enabling new bridleways to be created which would provide safe routes to join the parish with Steart and enhance the rights of way network in the parish. This was welcomed by members by a majority with one abstention.

20/96 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Current applications

- g) [3/32/19/011](#) Land off Shurton Rd, 70 dwellings. Additional comments sent for Appeal. Appeal Hearing delayed due to coronavirus to **February 2021**.

- h) [3/32/20/003](#) Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to **27** dwellings (resubmission of 3/32/19/011). Land off Shurton Rd, Response sent. Awaiting decision. **Refused 9.10.20**
- i) [3/32/20/004](#) Outline application with some matters reserved, except for access and scale, for the erection of 5 dwellings on Tanyard Farm, 16 Castle Street, Stogursey, TA5 1TG **Planning Committee 8.10.20 – Awaiting S106 signing.**
- j) [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.**
- k) [3/32/20/012](#) Hillside Farm, Cockwood. Steel Building. Response sent. **Granted 18.9.20**
- l) [T/32/20/001](#) St Andrews Church - Tree pruning. **Granted 15.9.20**

CLlr Ody updated on the above applications and advised that the appeal on (a) is to be held in early February 2021, despite a later application having been refused. Three applications had been received too late for the agenda and an application for an extension had been agreed so they can be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

20/97 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.15pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting on the Zoom platform.

The meeting ended at: 20:55

Signed: (Chairman) Date:

