

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021.
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 Helga Staddon, Cllr Eileen Chave, Cllr Jenny Ody, and Cllr Rebecca Calvert.

CCllr Hugh Davies.

In attendance: Richard Wand (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Public Forum 19:15

A Resident raised the issue of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and asked that the parish council review the team make-up to enable a questionnaire to be circulated in the Summer, the level of involvement given and review the Terms of Reference for the Group under item 9 on the agenda.

19:25

20/195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Susan Jones and Cllr Steven O'Driscoll were accepted.

20/196 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 9th February 2021:

The draft minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Ody and were unanimously 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.

20/197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

There were no further declarations of Interest and Dispensations in addition to those already declared and available for public inspection on the [Somerset West and Taunton Council website](#).

20/198 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

CCllr Davies was welcomed to the meeting. He highlighted several items which had been circulated to members since the last meeting:

- SCC have awarded a grant of £400,000 to Citizens Advice Service. The Vice Chairman queried the distribution of the grant and hoped that it applied to the West Somerset Office
- SCC Climate Emergency Fund awaiting decision.
- SCC has reaffirmed its commitment to Care Workers promising them full pay for Covid-related absences – on top of committing to go an additional £10m for Adult Social Care Services next year.
- Due to public consultation the Government has now POSTPONED the ELECTIONS on 6th MAY 2021 for SCC until NEXT YEAR, (this means you will have to put up with me for at least another Year
The ELECTIONS for local Police and Crime Commissioner and Town/Parish Councils will go ahead as planned in May 2021.
- The consultation will focus on "ONE SOMERSET". From the County Council. To abolish all 5 Councils and replace with a single UNITARY AUTHORITY. From the 4 District "STRONGER SOMERSET" to replace all 5 Councils and form 2 UNITARY AUTHORITIES, South Somerset with Mendip: Somerset West & Taunton with Sedgemoor.
- Members would have visited Watchet Harbour Marina and seen the decline. After Years of negotiations with the lease owner and the owners Somerset West and Taunton District have been successful. The lease has been sold to Marine Property Group base in Cardiff. A wonderful outcome for all.
- Future Transport links and projects in Taunton, on Trenchard Way and the Firepool development along with the traffic system in Rowbarton all commencing this month.

20/199 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

The Chairman reported two items of interest:

The Somerset West and Taunton Council budget has been carried, but there was a lot of upset over the increase to the Police Budget at a time when locally less involvement the rural communities are being experienced. Many are just getting a district monthly report which does not help the Parish Councils understand their local issues.

He highlighted the length of a recent planning sub committee which over seven hours had debated three applications in respect of one site in Taunton. He emphasised that members eventually carried the proposals in line with their own Council's policies, had been recommended by the Officers and followed legal advice.

20/200 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST:

The action list has been circulated to all councillors. Items not on the agenda were reviewed and updates as below:

1. Paddons Farm; Ongoing
2. Castle Street flood alleviation: the clearance work had been undertaken and the situation would be reviewed in March. The Clerk reported that the recent rains had caused no issues for the householders, but extensive flooding of the road beyond Zoggs towards Fiddington. SCC Highways have promised jetting of the drain and some alleviation work in the new financial year.
3. Remembering the Forgotten Coast; no update
4. Community Emergency Plan; No update
5. Seek move from S106 Town and Country Planning Act to Community Infrastructure Levy. Letter circulated and responses are supportive of this being progressed by the District Councillor.
6. Public Space Protection Order: Ongoing, Sgt Jenkins contacted by the Clerk. Dog Fouling considered to be a growing issue within parish, Shurton Ford, Stolford, Victory Hall recreation ground all suffering. Evidence gathering to be done by all with feedback to inform agenda item in February's meeting.
7. St Andrew's Well: Item in recent Stogursey News seeking assistance, but no response. The Clerk was awaiting quotes for drainage inspection. Raised under enhancements.
8. Riparian Owners; Ongoing. Any identified issues to be advised to Clerk for letters to be sent.
9. Highway damage to verges and surfaces. Letter to be circulated to neighbouring affected parishes for support.

20/201 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATIONS (GENERAL):

No items raised.

20/202 FINANCE

The list of invoices for payment and monies received, ([Appendix 1](#)) and the Financial Statement ([Appendix 2](#)) had been forwarded to members before the meeting and are attached to these minutes. There were no comments or questions raised.

The Financial Statement and the Invoices for payment were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Calvert. The resolution was carried unanimously. All payments will all be made online or by debit card.

The Clerk asked that the Parish Council consider virement of funds across budget lines to reduce the overspends in Salary (23%), Home Office (48%), NIC (90%) and Defibrillators (248%). That was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Ody, carried unanimously.

20/203 MEETING REPORTS:

The Chairman gave a report on the HPC SSG meeting where presentations were given on Nuclear Fusion and funding streams that may be available for areas of excellence. The South West has put a bid in to be considered, but that 2035-2040 might be the earliest for a project start date.

A point of order was tabled regarding the presentation given on the potential for Nuclear Fusion. The point of order was to question the SSG's involvement in discussing the Nuclear Fusion project when its remit was to receive and discuss activities on the A, B and C sites.

In response the Chairman pointed out that in the past the SSG has looked at other potential projects (wind power, solar power and tidal lagoons) as they would have an impact on the present sites.

Therefore it was, in his view, a legitimate conversation to be had.

HP A had received their new crushing machine and were now producing sealed items. The crushing/compacting equipment is designed to reduce the size of ILW containers so that they can be transferred and sealed into concrete storage "boxes", then moved to the ILW storage facility.

HP B should be restarting generation by the end of this month. In six months', time there will be an outage and following which there will be another six months generation followed by a final shut down of both reactors in mid-2022 ahead of decommissioning. There will then be no generation onsite until HP C comes on stream.

There is work ongoing regarding engagement of apprentices for the decommissioning work, hopefully from the real local area. The SSG had explored wind power, solar power, barrage and lagoon generation opportunities which may affect the Hinkley Point site as that has access to the national grid. The Geological Disposal Facility project group has started work looking for suitable survey sites, "communities" which agree to a survey without commitment will be reward by a substantial grant without any actual commitment. Radioactive Waste Management will eventually take on the project. They are likely to bore test holes all over the UK to ensure that such sites will be able to prove suitability of the capping to be done for such a disposal site. Our area is not thought to be suitable for such a site.

20:02 The Chairman left the meeting due to IT issues.

The Vice Chairman, who took the chair, added that the UKEA are working with a group called ITER, an international Group from 35 countries, at a site in France working on Nuclear Fusion. The area has much expertise and available sites for work to continue, e.g., at the newly redeveloped Gravity (ex-ROF) site at Woolavington and Hinkley A & B sites.

The Main Site Forum had met, at this meeting HPC reported that they hoped tunnelling and the grid connection will be complete by the end of 2022. The Parish Councils will be informed in advance of abnormal loads moving from Combwich Wharf to HPC so that local residents, websites, social media updates can be given to minimise traffic disruption. The Vice Chairman requested that the public comments raised at the various meeting on the workforce increase would be made available to members of the public. HPC intend to restart the Community Bus in mid-April. Concerns over the RVP 4 road furniture were raised as it looks more like the A39 rather than an unobtrusive rural byway. Concerns has been raised as they have granted horse gate access, which will mean motorcycles and quad bikes have access. HPC will explore the need for the amount of signing which they said was as a result of Health and Safety concerns raised rather than SCC requirements. HPC are seeking to increase the stockpile height in the area known as the Holford Valley to the same height as the surrounding piles at 45 metres. There may be issues as the culvert under the pile may not be suitable for extra load.

20:10 the Chairman re-joined the meeting.

The Neighbour Plan Working Group was discussed as the level of involvement from the Parish Council was felt to be too low. They have no Secretary and the group need more support and direction from the Parish Council. They have sufficient volunteers, but the lack of member involvement is preventing the progression of their work, especially around the drafting of a questionnaire and funding. Cllr Calvert proposed a separate meeting was held with S Wardle to discuss the progress of the group and assistance required from the parish council, which was seconded by Cllr Staddon and carried unanimously.

Action Clerk to canvass dates/times.

20/204 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

Hinkley Point-	
Transport Forum	18.3.21
Site Stakeholder Group	20.5.21
Main Site Forum	24.6.21

20/205 CORRESPONDENCE:

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 without any items being discussed.

a) Parish Cluster and Service Options

Correspondence from Nether Stowey Parish Council was discussed in light of a possible change of unitary council and possible changing role of parish councils. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council join

the group, for exploratory discussions, but without any firm commitment, which was seconded by Cllr Ody. The Chairman asked for a recorded vote.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Ford, Ody and Calvert voted for, Cllr Staddon voted against. Carried by majority.

b) The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council “Fly the Flag for Somerset” on 8th to 11th May 2021 and to purchase of Somerset Flag up to £75, to be erected on The Gravel for the event, which was seconded by Cllr Ford and carried unanimously.

2053 Cllr Davies left the meeting.

c) Participation in the Somerset west and Taunton Council survey, the meeting agreed that individuals may respond in their own right.

20/206 ENHANCEMENTS:

Cllr Staddon had been in contact with SWT exploring their ability to supply plants for summer bedding for the parish planters. She congratulated volunteers that maintain the planters and proposed that Fran Prescott be sent a letter of thanks for her hard work on The Gravel. Cllr Ford proposed that Cllr Staddon take the lead and spend up to £150 for planting up the planters of the parish, Cllr Goss seconded, which was carried unanimously. **ACTION:** Clerk/Cllr Staddon.

The Clerk raised the issue of the drain inspection of St Andrew’s Well as he had received two quotes for the work, one for £450 + VAT, the other for £475 + VAT, both to carry out half day of work surveying the drain and supplying a copy of the recorded video to review any necessary work.

21:07 The Chairman left the meeting due to IT issues.

The Vice Chairman took the Chair and proposed that the cheaper quote was accepted, seconded by Cllr Chave, which was unanimously carried. **ACTION:** Clerk

20/207 HIGHWAYS:

There was a discussion over parking in the parish which would be affected by the workforce increase at HPC. There might be some relief once the land was transferred under the S106 agreement with Strongvox, but little may be gained by having resident’s parking permits.

21:10 The Chairman re-joined the meeting.

Residents renting out their driveways for parking was not seen as a sensible solution, which may actually increase traffic issues. The use of the Victory Hall/Youth Club Car Park for paid parking might be an option for their trustees to explore.

HPC do pick up residents who do not have transport from the parish, but most currently have to drive to the park and ride. Some bus movements are inevitable, but all are tracked. The Community Bus, which hopefully restarts next month, is supplied to offset bus movements throughout the parish. A virtual meeting with EdF/HPC to discuss the issue was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Calvert. Carried unanimously. **ACTION:** Clerk/Chairman to arrange.

The Clerk reported that SCC Highways have received several letters from the Clerk over the roadworks in Stogursey which have been so poorly signed, they failed to notify residents and it is hoped that SCC Highways will take the appropriate action to ensure the safety of residents, road users and their workforce. **Action:** Clerk to circulate correspondence to members.

The Chairman had raised the need for the replacement of the crosshatch markings on High Street by The Gravel as they have worn out, and traffic issues have increased as a result.

20/208 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

No issues had been raised by Cllr Jones.

20/209 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Cllr Ody updated on the current applications:

- a. [3/32/19/011](#) Land off Shurton Lane, 70 dwellings. Additional comments sent for Appeal. Appeal hearing held 2/3 February 2021. **Hearing closed. Decision awaited.**
- b. [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 Permission Granted. S106 legal agreement approved for off-site play contributions, awaiting signing.

- c. [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.
- d. [3/32/20/017](#) Erection of an agricultural covered feed yard (Building 1) and an agricultural livestock building (Building 2) Farringdon Hill Farm, Farringdon Hill Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1TJ **Decision awaited.**
- e. [3/32/20/028](#) Proposed alterations and extension of outbuilding and conversion to ancillary accommodation The Glebe House, Knighton Lane, Knighton TA5 1QD **Decision awaited.**

20/210 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm (Public Forum) followed by the Main meeting on the Zoom platform, preceded by the Annual Assembly commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at: 21:40

Signed: (Chairman) Date:

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Schedule of Receipts and Invoices for Payment 9th March 2021**Payments made since the last meeting on 9.2.21.**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> £	<u>Pmt details</u> <u>/chq no</u>	<u>Details</u>
S Elstob	14.39	BP	SCN Zoom Monthly Fee
R Wand	608.71	BP	Clerk Salary January 2021 (includes expenses, overtime, less PAYE & Pension)
HMRC	152.75	BP	Employee tax (PAYE) Jan 21
NEST	30.02	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution Jan 21
IONOS	5.99	Dr card	Website hosting February 2021 (due 25.2.21)
Zoom	14.39	Dr Card	Monthly subscription (due 3.3.21)

Payments due 9.3.21

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S Elstob	14.39	BP	SCN Zoom Monthly Fee
R Wand	530.71	BP	Clerk Salary January 2021 (includes expenses, less PAYE & Pension)
GWB Services	325.00	BP	BRPA maintenance and inspection (July to October 2020)
HMRC	128.80	BP	Employee tax (PAYE) Feb 21
NEST	45.10	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution Feb 21
IONOS	5.99	Dr card	Website hosting March 2021 (due 25.3.21)
Zoom	14.39	Dr Card	Monthly subscription (due 3.4.21)

Receipts Since last meeting

Bank Interest - February 2021 £ 0.53p

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AS AT 28th February 2021

Balances as per bank accounts 31.1.21

Treasurers Account	£1,251.76	
Deposit Account	£23,078.35	
Reserves & Grants Account	£44,243.18	<u><u>£68,573.29</u></u>

Plus Receipts - February 2021

Treasurers Account	£2,000.00	
Deposit Account	£0.18	
Reserves & Grants Account	£0.35	<u><u>£2,000.53</u></u>

Less Payments -February 2021

Treasurers Account	£842.77	
Deposit Account	£2,000.00	
Reserves & Grants Account	£0.00	<u><u>-£842.24</u></u>

Balances as per bank accounts 28.2.21

Treasurers Account	£2,408.99	
Deposit Account	£23,078.53	
Reserves & Grants Account	£44,243.53	<u><u>£69,731.05</u></u>

Less unpresented cheques
Plus uncleared credits

Available Funds at 28/2/2021

£69,731.05

Balance as per cash book

Treasurers Account	£2,408.99
Deposit Account	£23,078.53
Reserves & Grants Account	£44,243.53
	<u><u>£69,731.05</u></u>

Summary of Reserves Bank Account @ 28.2.21

1621.89	Ext Grant - Stogursey Oral History Project]
3859.27	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme] Not PC Funds
226.84	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme Contingency]
17445.00	Ext Grant - (from HPC) - Lenghtsman Scheme]
1860.00	Defibrillator Grant]
30.00	Allotment deposit fund]
1305.37	Fingerposts project grants]
26348.37	Total External Grants	
115.16	Interest to 28.2.21	(Reserves a/c only)
3000.00	Multi Sports Area	
1250.00	SWaTC 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)	
0.00		
17895.16	Total PC funds	
44243.53	TOTAL IN RESERVES' ACCOUNT	