

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 2023 at 1900.

Held at in the Lord St Audries Room, Victory Hall, Stogursey.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Cllr Sue Goss (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Julie Jones, Cllr Jenny Ody and Cllr Allan Searle B.E.M.

In attendance: R Wand (Clerk), Cllr H Davies and 6 member of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public raised concerns over the speed of vehicles and support for 20 mph limit in Shurton, along with humps and chicanes, but felt that enforcement was the key to speed reduction.

Other members of the public raised concerns over the speed of vehicles in Stogursey.

Stogursey Motors may have an issue with finding parking spaces close to the premises and asked for any assistance that could be given.

Concerns were raised over the state of several of the allotment plots, which was affecting the others as weeds spread.

23/49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Chris Morgan was absent and the Vice Chairman took the Chair, Cllr Gregor Millar, Cllr Scott Nurton.

23/50 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS held on 11th July 2023:

The draft minutes of the last parish council meeting had been circulated. They were proposed as amended by Cllr Ody seconded by Cllr Searle and were unanimously **AGREED** for signature by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

23/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Cllrs Ford and Searle made declarations in respect for the Victory Hall committee due to the grant application due for consideration. No further declarations of Interest and / or dispensations in addition to those already declared and available for public inspection, were made.

23/52 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The meeting noted that no election had been called, and that co-option could now take place. No applications had been received, further advertising of the vacancy would take place.

23/53 UPDATE FROM SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Cllr Woods and Cllr Davies had submitted written updates which had been previously circulated to the members were noted. Cllr Davies highlighted the changes to the Community Bus service, which commenced that week. Concerns were raised with him over the recent roadworks and accidents affecting the A39, which had impacted on the parish as vehicles diverted.

23/54 REVIEW OF LONG-TERM ACTION LIST

An update regarding the application for support for Speed Indication Devices from the Road Safety Fund, was given by the Clerk as the application had been successful a £5,000 grant was to be issued. It was unanimously agreed to accept the offer and that he could sign the agreement.

23/55 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATION

The Vice Chairman outlined discussions at the recent HPC Transport Forum meeting. The Turbine Hall construction had reached its design height, other associated works would now commence. The Environment Agency had decided that acoustic fish deterrent was no longer a requirement but further consultation on mitigation following that decision was to commence in October. Consultation on the proposed Cycle path was ongoing with HP workforce. Rumours of a consideration by HPC to increase accommodation at the onsite Campus were raised and HPC confirmed they were researching all options. G4S was now the only accredited non Police in the country for Abnormal Load escorting.

23/56 FINANCE

- a) The list of invoices for payment and monies received in July, (Appendix 1) and the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) had been forwarded to members before the meeting and are attached to these minutes. The Financial Statement was noted. It was **resolved** unanimously that the Invoices for payment were to be settled. All payments will all be made online, by cheque, direct debit or by debit card. **ACTION: Clerk**
- b) The meeting considered an application for support from Stogursey Youth Club Committee, Cllrs Ford and Searle took no part. It was resolved that a grant of £3,000 be awarded . **ACTION: Clerk**

23/57 MEETING REPORTS

- a) Unitary Council for Somerset Update: had been circulated the Chairman had attended the initial Dowsborough LCN meeting at the Victory Hall. It was suggested that issues to discuss should include Public Space Protection Orders for all parishes in the LCN, issues affecting traffic on the A39, change from S106 to CIL awards and the need for levelling up of all parishes to the same level of protection or service from Somerset Council.
- b) Paddons Farm, the land transfer research had been stalled as Somerset Council Planning cannot find a full colour copy of the signed S106 agreement, which outlined the agreed areas of land edged in yellow on Plan B of the document. The meeting discussed options and agreed that the Clerk was to continue to obtain such a copy of the agreement. When that research was exhausted that a complaint should be made regarding the actions of the Planning Department and then the Parish Council could if they wished to, enter into negotiations over the preferred areas of land to minimise the impact of any liabilities that could fall on the Parish Council and residents via the precept or reject it.

23/58 NOTIFICATION OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

HPC

Community Forum	21.09.23
Main Site Forum	19.10.23
Transport Forum	16.11.23
Site Stakeholders Group	Tba
Stear Forum	Tba
LCN meeting	xx.09.23

23/59 CORRESPONDENCE

- I. The meeting noted the update circulated by Citizens Advice west Somerset.
- II. The meeting considered a response to the informal consultation on a Proposed Bridleway Creation Order & Stopping up of Restricted Byway, Stogursey Parish, Somerset which closes on 18.8.23. They resolved to have no objections due to the current route being almost inaccessible and very wet for most of the year. **ACTION: Clerk**
Cllr Jones left the meeting at 2030.

23/60 ENHANCEMENTS

- a) Cllr Searle informed the meeting that Himalayan Balsam had been removed from the verge on Castle Street, and safely disposed of by the lengthsman. Weed reduction work had been carried out in several areas as well as the Old Pound
- b) Ongoing issue with anti social behaviour in the BRPA involving the covered seat was discussed and the meeting resolved to seek quotes for removal , which Cllr Searle agreed to obtain.

23/61 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Several matters had been highlighted for repair on Stogursey Road at Cockwood.

- a) The Clerk had circulated information from Somerset Council which outlined the procedure for Parishes to follow if they wished to fund 20mph limits within their parishes.

The meeting discussed options for speed reduction across the parish, but felt that they could not at this time progress an application. That would change when the data from the SIDs, which would be deployed in the coming months would give evidence of speeding issues. There would also be the need for a new budget line to cover the possible £15,000 costs involved in implementing such a scheme in the Parish, which would need to be resolved for the next financial year, if an application was supported. That would increase if chicanes or humps were to be deployed to reduce speed, which may cause the loss of parking spaces. Consultation with residents was also required due to the implications discussed. It was resolved not to apply this year, but to consider an application in the late summer of 2024 when the opportunity would arise again according to the correspondence.

23/62 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

No issues of concern had been raised.

23/63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Cllr Ody reported on current matters:

a) Ongoing matters

Appendix B to the agenda was noted

b) New Applications;

[3/32/23/010](#) Display of 1 No. externally illuminated fascia sign, 1 No. externally illuminated gable panel, 1 No. externally illuminated amenity board, 2 No. illuminated chalkboards, 1 No. double sided illuminated hanging sign, 1 No. play area board, 1 No. poster case to entrance, 1 No. welcome sign, 2 No. directional signs, 1 No. car park disclaimer, 4 No. portland lanterns and 4 No. warm led floodlights on Greyhound Inn, 1 Lime Street, Stogursey, TA5 1QR.

Agreed to support

[3/32/23/012](#) Erection of a manure store (1) on Culver Street Farm, Culver Street, Stogursey, TA5 1QA Agreed to support

[3/32/23/013](#) Erection of a manure store (2) on Culver Street Farm, Culver Street, Stogursey, TA5 1QA Agreed to support

[T/32/23/001](#) Notification to fell 8 ash trees, 2 Prunus, 2 maples, 7 hawthorn and 2 apple trees within Stogursey Conservation Area at Stogursey Castle, Castle Street, Stogursey.

Information only.

[3/32/23/014](#) Erection of agricultural slurry storage tower on site of slurry lagoon, Farrington Hill Farm, Farrington Hill Lane, Stogursey, TA4 1TJ

Following a discussion it was agreed to support, whilst raising concerns over the visual impact on the surroundings and concerns over the ongoing issues with the public rights of way at the farm due to slurry.

ACTION: Clerk

23/64 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.00pm meeting at the Victory Hall, Stogursey.

The meeting closed at 21:08

Signed: (Chairman)

Date:

Schedule of Receipts and Invoices for Payment 8th August 2023**Payments made since the last meeting on 11.7.23**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Details</u>
R Wand	655.51	BP	Clerk Salary June 23 (includes allowances, less PAYE & Pension contributions)
HMRC	181.40	BP	Employee tax & NIC (PAYE) & Employers NIC June 23
NEST	110.03	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution June 23
C Morgan	129.60	BP	Mileage claims – Jan to June 2023
MiJan Ltd	90.00	BP	EasyPC Accounts software annual fee (2023/2024)
Greenslades	2499.48	BP	Lengthsman Service May 2023
Greenslades	1998.58	BP	Lengthsman Service June 2023
Microsoft	11.28	DC	Business 365 monthly fee
IONOS	5.99	DC	Website hosting monthly fee
InknToner	41.94	DC	Printer ink cartridges

Payments due 8.8.2023

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J Foster	580.00	BP	Additional vegetation Clearance Closed Churchyard
S.Foster	400.00	BP	Closed churchyard mow n trim 15.6, 30.6
GWB Ltd	187.20	BP	BRPA maintenance
Microsoft	11.28	DC	Business 365 monthly fee
IONOS	5.99	DC	Website hosting monthly fee

Receipts since last meeting

Bank Interest - July 2023 £ 96.19p

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AS AT 31st JULY 2023

Balances as per bank accounts 30.6.23

Treasurers Account	£1,404.24	
Deposit Account	£31,037.19	
Reserves & Grants Account	£110,239.01	£142,680.44

Plus Receipts -July 2023

Treasurers Account	£5,181.79	
Deposit Account	£21.18	
Reserves & Grants Account	£75.01	£5,277.98

Less Payments - July 2023

Treasurers Account	£5,723.81	
Deposit Account	£1,500.00	
Reserves & Grants Account	£3,681.79	-£5,627.62

Balances as per bank accounts 31.7.23

Treasurers Account	£862.22	
Deposit Account	£29,558.37	
Reserves & Grants Account	£106,632.23	£137,052.82

Less unpresented cheques	£0.00
Plus uncleared credits	£0.00

**Available Funds at
31.7.2023****£137,052.82****Balance as per cash book**

Treasurers Account	£862.22
Deposit Account	£29,558.37
Reserves & Grants Account	£106,632.23
	£137,052.82

**Summary of Reserve Bank Account @
31.7.2023**

1621.89	Ext Grant - Stogursey Oral History Project]
3859.27	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme]
226.84	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme Contingency]
47068.89	Ext Grant - (from HPC) - Lenghtsman Scheme Fingerposts project] Not PC Funds
1305.37	grants]
1449.94	Ext Grant - Growing for Health and Wellbeing Allotment Refundable]
90.00	Deposits]
55622.20	Total External Grants]
605.02	Interest to 31.7.23	Reserves a/c only
5000.00	Multi Sports Area	
2250.00	SWTC Election Costs 2022/2027	
700.01	Laptop	
4500.00	BRPA essential maintenance	
2000.00	Refurbish the Pound Grounds and maintenance	
5000.00	Defibrillator (annual build-up of funds)	
25280.00	Contingency	
1175.00	Reopening Grant - Bench on The Gravel	
51010.03	Total PC funds	
106632.23	TOTAL IN RESERVES' ACCOUNT	