

**STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**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 Chris Morgan (Chairman), Cllr Allan Searle B.E.M., Cllr Sue Jones and Cllr Julie Jones.

In attendance: R Wand (Clerk), Cllr R Woods and 2 members of the public.

The Chairman asked that the Vice Chairman took the chair.

**PRESENTATION**

An update on the Hinkley Point C Project was given by Andrew Cockcroft. The current schedule is working on a baseline completion date, which allows for some slippage of 2030, with a worse case scenario of 2031. Costings are now £31 to £34 billion (on 2015 costings). The updated information follows a detailed review and the final design being confirmed. Final numbers of the workforce on site and their accommodation were yet to be resolved, as are any mitigations applicable.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- A member of the public asked if the Speed Indication Devices were to be in place soon. The Clerk was working with suppliers and Highways to finalise the matter as soon as practicable.
- A member of the public asked if the public footpath was to be reinstated through Little Lukes Farm (WL23/25). The Clerk would research the matter.

**23/160 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Jenny Ody Cllr Gregor Millar and Cllr Scott Nurton.

**23/161 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024:**

The draft minutes of the last parish council meeting had been circulated. Amendments in relation to Para 23/150 relating to HP "A" and HP "C" were raised and Cllr A Searle proposed the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Cllr S Jones and were unanimously **AGREED** for signature by the V/Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

**23/162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

No further declarations of Interest and / or dispensations in addition to those already declared and available for public inspection, were made.

**23/163 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The meeting noted that no applicant had come forward.

**23/164 UPDATE FROM SOMERSET COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Woods and Cllr Davies had submitted written updates which had been previously circulated to the members were noted. Cllr Woods highlighted the concerns over the ongoing budget issues for Somerset Council and the impact on services and workforce numbers, She highlighted announcements regarding the development of the Gravity site at Puriton.

**23/165 LONG TERM ACTION LIST**

In light of the reoccurring flooding it was suggested that a warning sign could be placed at either end of Castle Street to advise road users that there maybe flooding ahead. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Somerset Highways.

**23/166 HINKLEY POINT POWER STATION**

The Vice Chairman reported that at the main site forum meeting the lack of visible Police presence in the Parish was raised as being of concern, despite their being a full staffing level of the Hinkley Point Policing Team. The deflector graph survey of the C182 has been completed but the results have not been released and maybe subject of discussion at the Transport Forum

## 23/167 FINANCE

- a) The list of invoices for payment and monies received in February, (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, direct debit or by debit card. **ACTION: Clerk**
- b) The meeting adjourned discussion on the grant application from Stogursey School until a future meeting as there maybe sufficient financial support in place for the coming year.
- c) The meeting **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the Lengthsman service contract with Greenslades Grounds Maintenance for the coming year at the same rate as last.

## 23/168 MEETING REPORTS

- a) Town and Parish Clerks bi-weekly meeting. The Clerk gave a verbal update on the last meeting which focussed rights of way, on which a survey is to come out to parishes, as well as an update on LCNs, a review of term of reference is to be done into LCNs, but there will not be a change to the make up of the parishes involved in specific LCNs. There was encouragement from officers for Clerks to regularly attend LCN meetings and especially in relation to the Highways Working Groups.
- b) The Vice Chairman updated on the Highways sub group meeting which had been very useful and hopefully will be a regular meeting. The next LCN meeting is in June and will be the AGM when a new Chairman and Vice Chairman are to be elected.

## 23/169 NOTIFICATION OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

HPC Community Forum	16.05.24
HPC Main Site	20.06.24
HPC Transport Forum	14.03.24
LCN meeting (Stogursey)	18.03.24

## 23/170 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk referred to the following matters amongst circulated correspondence:

- a) The meeting **RESOLVED** to submit a letter of support to a grant application for the St Margarets Hospice Community Nursing Service.

## 23/171 ENHANCEMENTS

- a) The meeting considered the outcome of a site visit by a local electrician to The Gravel as a result of concerns over the state of the electrical supply for the Christmas Lights. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the replacement of the electrical equipment and feed. **ACTION: Clerk.**

## 23/172 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) The meeting considered further correspondence regarding the implications of seeking road closures for the short Remembrance Day Service held on The Gravel. Rev Walters did not feel that road closures were required, but members felt that a suggestion to have information signs on the roads approaching The Gravel seeking the road users to respect the minutes silence and service could be trailed for 2024. **ACTION: Clerk**
- b) The meeting considered correspondence from Somerset Council regarding Highways Service Devolution. The Clerk was asked to seek further information on Training opportunities, the Parish Price List, but not to seek further information on the Highway Steward project. **ACTION: Clerk**

## 23/173 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The weather was making many PROWs unusable and there maybe maintenance issues which arise as a result of the continued wet weather.



**Schedule of Receipts and Invoices for Payment 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Payments made since the last meeting on 13.2.2024**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Details</u>
R Wand	699.19	BP	Clerk Salary Jan 24(includes allowances, less PAYE & Pension contributions)
HMRC	201.98	BP	Employee tax & NIC (PAYE) & Employers NIC Jan 24
S Foster	200.00	BP	Closed churchyard Mow n Strim Nov 23
Play Inspections Company	99.00	BP	BRPA equipment inspection
NEST	117.93	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution Jan 24
Microsoft	12.36	DC	Business 365 monthly fee
IONOS	5.99	DC	Website hosting monthly fee & Domain renewal

**Payments due 12.3.2024**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Details</u>
R Wand	717.19	BP	Clerk Salary Feb 24 (includes allowances, meeting exps, less PAYE & Pension contributions)
HMRC	201.98	BP	Employee tax & NIC (PAYE) & Employers NIC Feb 24
NEST	117.93	DD	Employee & Employer Pension Contribution Feb 24
Taylor Electrical Solutions	120.00	BP	Install Replacement Defibrillator Case at The Gravel
Victory Hall Committee	400.00	BP	Hall Hire charges for meetings 2023-2024
H Stadden	14.25	BP	Plants for Planters
IONOS	5.99	DC	Website hosting monthly fee & Domain renewal
Microsoft	12.36	DC	Business 365 monthly fee

**Receipts since last meeting**

Bank Interest - Lloyds accounts	-	Feb 24	£55.89p
Bank Interest - Cambs & Counties	-	Feb 24	£124.57p

## STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AS AT 29th February 2024

**Balances as per bank accounts 31.1.24**

Treasurers Account	£2,944.33	
Deposit Account	£14,177.01	
Redwood Bank	£35,000.00	
Cambs & Counties Bank	£35,551.60	
Reserves & Grants Account	£36,446.55	<u><u>£124,119.49</u></u>

**Plus Receipts - February 2024**

Treasurers Account	£0.00	
Deposit Account	£15.65	
Cambs & Counties Bank	£124.57	
Redwood Bank	£0.00	
Reserves & Grants Account	£2,040.24	<u><u>£2,180.46</u></u>

**Less Payments - February 2024**

Treasurers Account	£1,336.45	
Deposit Account	£2,000.00	
Cambs & Counties Bank	£0.00	
Redwood Bank	£0.00	
Reserves & Grants Account	£0.00	<u><u>-£1,155.99</u></u>

**Balances as per bank accounts 29.2.24**

Treasurers Account	£1,607.88	
Deposit Account	£12,192.66	
Redwood Bank	£35,000.00	
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£35,676.17	
Reserves & Grants Account	£38,486.79	<u><u>£122,963.50</u></u>

Less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
Plus uncleared credits	£0.00

**Available Funds at 29.2.2024**£122,963.50**Balance as per cash book**

Treasurers Account	£1,607.88
Deposit Account	£12,192.66
Redwood Bank	£35,000.00
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£35,676.17
Reserves & Grants Account	£38,486.79
	<u><u>£122,963.50</u></u>

**Summary of Reserve Bank Account @ 29.2.2024**

£1,621.89	Ext Grant - Stogursey Oral History Project		]
£3,859.27	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme		]
£226.84	Ext Grant - Castle St Flood Scheme Contingency		]
£41,585.90	Ext Grant - (from HPC) - Lenghtsman Scheme		] Not PC Funds
£0.00	Ext Grant - (From HPC) - Rural Parking Fund		]
£1,305.37	Fingerposts project grants		]
£5,000.00	Road Safety -SIDs Project		]
£1,449.94	Ext Grant - Growing for Health and Wellbeing		]
£90.00	Allotment Refundable Deposits		]
£2,000.00	Defibrillator for Burton		]
<b>£57,139.21</b>	<b>Total External Grants</b>		]
£1,618.74	Interest to 29.2.24	Lloyds/C&C/Redwood	Reserves a/cs only
£5,000.00	Multi Sports Area		
£2,250.00	SWTC Election Costs 2022/2027		
£700.01	Laptop		
£4,500.00	BRPA essential maintenance		
£2,000.00	Refurbish the Pound		
£5,000.00	Grounds and maintenance		
£4,500.00	Defibrillator (annual build-up of funds)		
£25,280.00	Contingency		
£1,175.00	Reopening Grant - Bench on The Gravel		
<b>£52,023.75</b>	Total PC funds		
<b>£109,162.96</b>	<b>TOTAL IN RESERVES' ACCOUNTS</b>		