



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the
18th April 2016 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the 16th May 2016 Meeting*

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman) P Tully B Bartlett J White D Peaster
	District Councillor	M Caswell
	District Councillor	J Pay

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor M Cavill
Councillor K Barrow
County Councillor J Edney

2. Members of The Public

None

3. Declarations of Members Interests in Respect of Items on the Agenda

None – there were no declarations.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 15th February 2016

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Cllr. P Tully and seconded by Cllr. B Bartlett.

5. Correspondence:

None

6. Items for Discussion

- **Update on request to consider putting a road sign at the entrance to Quantock Lane**

Parish Clerk has e-mailed the relevant department at the District Council and is awaiting a reply.

- **Update on request to consider some lighting to be installed from Over Stowey Village Hall to the car park**

Information to be passed to the village hall committee for discussion. Plans would need to be submitted by them and all necessary permissions sought. The Parish Council would be willing to fund once everything in place to proceed.

- **Forestry Commission update re. events**

A meeting was held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 with the Forestry Commission, Members of the Public, Over Stowey Parish Council and mountain bikers all being represented.

The Forestry Commission actively promote the mountain bike trails and have also made steps to ensure this is done responsibly.

They will take apart dangerous trails, but these are usually rebuilt.

The mountain bikers have a website on which they also ask for responsible behaviour.

There has been some improvement since the transportation to Cockercombe has ceased.

At the meeting Councillor Ben Bartlett suggested mountain bike free days for walkers to ensure they feel safe.

It was felt that the best way to keep communication open was by the meetings that are held twice a year, where all concerns and issues can be raised and addressed.

- **Complaint from Friar resident about indecent behaviour at Ashley Combe**

Two walkers on two occasions have seen a man in a state of complete undress whilst walking his two dogs. The police have been informed and if anyone else notices the same or similar, please contact the Parish Council and notify the police as well.

A note will also be going into the Messenger to ensure people are aware of this situation.

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for 16th April 2016 meeting

Port-a-loo invoice to be paid

Councillor Ben Bartlett, during the discussion about the mountain bikers, also addressed the subject of the ponies being fed and the potential consequences of this.

A request to the public not to feed the ponies, will be going into the Messenger. Wording to be confirmed at the next meeting and the same message will also be included on the Over Stowey Parish Council website.

Update on playing fields if available.

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8. Planning:

Mr. P Cobbledick – front and rear extension and poly-tunnel.

Councilor's P Tully and D Peaster to visit and feedback on the proposals.

9. Financial Matters:

A. Clerks Wages £146.98

Proposed by Councillor D. Peaster
Seconded by Councillor B. Bartlett

B. Port-a-loo invoice (amount TBC at next meeting)

C. N.A Haggett – re-positioning of sign on the Aley Triangle £225.60

Proposed by Councillor J. White
Seconded by Councillor D. Peaster

D. Payment of £100.00 to 'Stowey Walking' from the Downing Legacy

Proposed by Councillor P Tully
Seconded by Councillor B Bartlett

10. Date of Next Meeting (Annual Parish Council Meeting) – Monday 16th May 2016

Amanda McMurren

Clerk to Over Stowey Parish Council

To: Members of the Parish Council Cllr R Curtis, Cllr B Bartlett, Cllr D Peaster, Cllr K Barrow, Cllr M Cavill, Cllr J White, Cllr P Tully, County Cllr J Edney, District Cllr M Caswell, District Cllr J Pay