



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the
19th December 2016 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the 16th January 2017 Meeting*

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis K Barrow P Tully B Bartlett J White D Peaster
	District Councillor	M Caswell

1. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor J Pay

Councillor M Cavill – attended from 7.30pm

District Councillor J Edney attended from 8.15pm

2. Members of the Public

None in attendance

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

Councillor R Curtis declared an interest in item 8 (planning application) and stated that he would leave the room at the appropriate time.

District Councillor M Caswell stated that he would also leave the room at that time.

4. Minutes of the Meeting November 21st 2016

Proposed by – Councillor J White

Seconded by – Councillor B Bartlett

5. Correspondence:

- The Clerk read the letter from Councillor Duncan McGinty regarding the Quantock Cluster. After some discussion about how disappointed the members are at the outcome and response, Councillor M Caswell stated that he was of the opinion that the Quantock cluster worked very well and he would be willing to sponsor one meeting a year to ensure the work within the rural area continued on the same basis.
- Planning - Guidance received on double glazing in the historic environment – information only for future reference. The information was passed on to Parish Council's planning representatives and the Clerk has the leaflet and letter.
- Mendip Community Transport request for a donation. The service is used by five registered users, three of which travel into Bridgwater once a week and one has used the service eighteen times in the last six months. All members agreed that an amount of £100.00 can be donated.

Proposed by Councillor K Barrow

Seconded by Councillor P Tully

6. Items for Discussion:

- Setting of precept – following the updated financial report, it was agreed that no increase would be necessary for 2017/2018.

Proposed by Councillor J White

Seconded by Councillor K Barrow

- Capital expenditure suggestions (to include re-pointing of memorial stone, replacement of memorial bench, village hall refurbishment and church grounds and graveyard path repairs/maintenance)

- One quote has been received for the re-tarmacking, with the suggestion from the contractor that the tarmac does not need to go further than the trees. This was also backed up by Councillor Curtis who has been in discussion with another party regarding the work.
- The contractor also recommended waiting until the spring to ensure the ground is warm enough to prevent the edges cracking away.

Councillors Peaster and Tully will arrange for two more quotes for the January meeting.

- Memorial Bench – the bench ends have been sourced from Nether Stowey Parish Council at a cost of £20.00 (to be refunded to the Clerk)

Proposed by Councillor K Barrow
Seconded by Councillor D Peaster

The wood will be sourced by Councillor R Curtis.

- Memorial stone – agreed at previous meeting - to be actioned
- Kitchen refurbishment – it was agreed that if this was to be taken on as a project, it needs to be done to an extremely high standard to ensure all aspects of an industrial style kitchen are covered and also longevity

District Councillor M Caswell gave information to the Clerk about grants that are available that can be used for such purposes. The Clerk will be investigating the various options.

Councillor K Barrow will communicate the above to the Village Hall and Recreational Ground Committee and will ask if quotes could be forthcoming for the February meeting.

- Western Power – information on application for un-metered electricity supply for car park lighting

The Clerk communicated that an application for Western Power is necessary to book a site visit with a plan of the area attached. It was agreed that the Clerk can proceed with this and District Councillor M Caswell will provide the plan for this.

- Recreation Ground update and RLT2 funding –the play area almost complete. The climbing frame has been salvaged and is now up. The pirate ship is still to be completed, however the soil can be put back in place and the area can be grassed.

More quotes have been obtained for the fencing.

Following feedback from the Clerk about the RLT2 funding which is still available, Councillor P Tully will arrange for the play equipment invoice to be sent to the Clerk to forward to the relevant department at Sedgemoor District Council.

- Feedback re. defibrillator for parish/CPR training from Nether Stowey Parish Council – following discussions with professionals, it appears that the general consensus is that the co-responders are better placed to react to situations and provide a fast and effective service.

The members of the Parish Council consider that First Aid training to include CPR would be an appropriate option and the Clerk will look into this.

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for January 2017 meeting:

Updates on quotes for capital expenditure

Update on grants available

‘Shopping list’ for village hall kitchen refurbishment

Update on Wester Power application for an un-metered electricity supply

Recreation ground update and information on RLT2 funding

Information on First Aid/CPR training

8. Planning:

- Application no. 40/16/0010/STP –

Councillor R Curtis left the room during the discussion about this application as did District Councillor M Caswell.

After thoroughly reviewing the plans the following was agreed:

‘There are no objections to the application in principle, however, we would like to see a more log cabin style lodge as we feel it would be more in keeping with Great Wood and the surrounding area’

There were also comments about the accessibility of the development.

9. Financial Matters:

- a) Clerks Wages - **£146.98**

Proposed by Councillor Barrow
Seconded by Councillor Tully

- b) Transparency grant payment to Clerk for work undertaken
December 2016 - **£30.00** (agreed at the September 2016 meeting)

- c) Payment by Clerk to Nether Stowey Parish Council for purchase of
two memorial bench ends - **£20.00**

Proposed by Councillor K Barrow
Seconded by Councillor D Peaster

- d) Transfer of **£3486.79** from Graveyard Account to Current Account
(Precept amount from November) to be countersigned

- e) Over Stowey Church and cemetery grass cutting (Wood-Land
Southwest Ltd) - **£978.00**

Proposed by Councillor K Barrow
Seconded by Councillor J White

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 16th January 2017

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