



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the
21st March 2016 in the Village Hall

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman) K Barrow (Vice-Chairman) M Cavill P Tully B Bartlett J White D Peaster
	District Councillor	M Caswell
	District Councillor	J Pay
	County Councillor	J Edney

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Members of Public re. Downing Legacy

Requests for donations were received from:

- Friends of Quantock
- Over Stowey Cricket Club/Village Hall
- Mendip Community Transport
- Stowey Walking Group
- Over Stowey Parochial Church Council

Please see **6. Items for Discussion** for decisions made.

No other members of the public were in attendance.

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. K Barrow and seconded by Cllr. P Tully.

5. Correspondence:

Letter re. Request to consider putting a road sign at the entrance to Quantock Lane

Clerk to contact Highways for further information

Letter from Sedgemoor District Council re. RLT2 and RLT3 contributions

Letter handed to Councillor P Tully to forward to Over Stowey Village Hall/Cricket Club for their consideration.

E-mail re. request to consider some lighting to be installed from Over Stowey Village Hall to the car park

Various relevant permissions would need to be obtained.
Clerk to investigate what is possible - will contact Highways in the first instance to establish this

E-mail re. Finger posts

No further action required at the moment – information only.

Phone Masts

Additional e-mail received 18th March 2016. Information imparted to Parish Councilors re. new regulations (see website for further details)

6. Items for Discussion

A. Downing legacy – decisions made:

- Friends of Quantock
 - Advised to re-submit an application once all necessary and relevant permissions have been received.
- Over Stowey Cricket Club/Village Hall
 - An amount of up to £5000.00 will be made available subject to various conditions being met.
- Mendip Community Transport
 - The Parish Council decided not to make funds available at this time from this legacy.
- Stowey Walking Group
 - An amount of £100.00 will be made available.
- Over Stowey Parochial Church Council
 - An amount of £5000.00 will be made available for the project with conditions attached.
 - In addition, £1200.00 will be made available to replace the graveyard gates, again with conditions attached.

B. Highways – update from Councillor Curtis

Councillor Curtis met with Lawrence Hackling and Gary Warren to inspect and discuss the roads throughout the Parish. Assessed areas that need work:

- Agreed drain not safe at Frian
- Bincombe lane
 - 1) Hedges are the responsibility of the landowner
 - 2) Pot holes – work completed
 - 3) Blocked drain – to be sorted
 - 4) Culvert – notes made

- Halsey Cross
 - 1) Pot-hole ring marked
 - 2) Additional 30 mph sign unlikely due to level of signage already apparent in the area and thinking is that the speed restriction would be ignored anyway.

C. Reply from the Forestry Commission re. Mountain bikers

Mr. Andy Harris from the Forestry Commission responded positively to the concerns communicated via the Clerk to Over Stowey Parish Council.

The Parish Council would welcome feedback following the partnership meeting due in April and would also welcome a follow up meeting at a future Parish Council meeting at which Members of the Public and Mr. Harris would be able to attend.

The Clerk will communicate this to the relevant parties and make arrangements as necessary.

D. HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday Commemorative Medal for schools and councils

Information communicated to Parish Council – decision made that levels of children in Parish dictates that due to the financial commitment required in purchasing the medals, it would not be viable.

E. Hinkley update and briefing notes

Information communicated by Councillor R Curtis re. e-mail received (see website for further information).

F. Nether Stowey Neighbourhood Plan

Information communicated by the Clerk – no impact on the Parish of Over Stowey. More detail is available on the Nether Stowey Parish Council website.

G. Wessex Water – water main replacement – Nether Stowey

Work to replace water mains throughout the area of Banneson Road is due to commence in April.

The main aspect that will affect the Parish of Over Stowey is the closure of South Lane from Tuesday 3rd May for up to seven weeks. A diversion will be operation and will be sign posted accordingly.

Further information will be on the Nether Stowey Parish website, at the Nether Stowey Parish Council office and on the Over Stowey Parish website.

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for 18th April 2016 meeting

Port-a-loo invoice to be paid

8. Planning:

None

9. Financial Matters:

A. Clerks Wages £146.98

Proposed by Councillor P Tully
Seconded by Councillor B Bartlett

B. Ink cartridges £19.50

Proposed by Councillor P Tully
Seconded by Councilor B Bartlett

C. Port-a-loo invoice

Invoice to follow – April meeting

D. Water services bill £81.00

Proposed by Councillor P Tully
Seconded by Councillor B Bartlett

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 18th April 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