



## **OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 14th April 2014 in the village hall.

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

### **1.APOLOGIES**

County Councillor	J Edney
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### **2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present tonight.

### **3.Declarations of Members Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of members interest.

### **4.MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING**

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by Cllr Cavill and seconded by Cllr Bartlett.

## **5. New Items for Discussion**

### **Bridleways**

Clerk had received a letter from Sedgemoor District Council for a Proposed Public Path Diversion Order of Bridleway BW26/80, in Over Stowey.

The application has been made due to proposed conversion and change of use of land to residential.

The Parish Council and many other Parishioners have expressed their concerns over the diversion and offered an alternative route may be a better choice.

A possible alternative route would be for the landowner to offer to divert the bridleway South of the farm buildings so that the section BW26/80 would not be entirely lost.

Mr Woodward has responded and is collating all responses and will revert back to us once they have determined a suggested way forward.

It was asked if the Landowner had any preferences, we assume Mr Woodward is in touch with the owner and is discussing all options.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **Recreational Park Update**

Clerk, Cllr Curtis and Cllr Peaster met with Mr Scott Mason, Parks Project Officer at SDC to discuss the development of the park. Mr Mason said there would be £2946 available from the RLT2 funding that could be used for such projects. He looked at the play equipment and condemned most of the apparatus, he suggested that we apply to Viridor Credits as well, this would give us the opportunity to replace all the play equipment.

Clerk has been busy meeting with various Companies to obtain quotes for re-surfacing, new gates and new park equipment. Clerk will submit the RLT2 application form this week and then once we have received confirmation that we have been granted the funds, an application for Viridor Credits can be submitted.

Once we have had the offer from RLT2 and Viridor Credits, we can then look into what park equipment etc we can get within the budget.

Clerk wanted to thank District Councillor Pay for all her help and advice for the application for Viridor Credits.

## **7. Any Other Business**

The Parish Council are looking into the possibility of buying some land adjacent to Over Stowey Cricket Club from Somerset County Council. Clerk has received an offer from Somerset County Council. Quotes need to be obtained for 150m of stock proof fencing and a new hedge on the Cricket Club side, then Clerk will organise a meeting with County Councillor Edney and Alex Meletiou, Principal Land Agent to discuss the offer and costs involved.

Last month's minutes recorded that Mr Rogers of the Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreational Ground Committee attended our March meeting, regarding obtaining additional land for the car park. Subsequently our chairman received a copy of a personal letter addressed to the adjacent landowner. Unfortunately this letter contained misleading and erroneous information which did not accord with our minutes. The minutes of the last OSVH and RGC were also in our possession and they too contained incorrect information regarding the sequence of events. The chairman will write to Mr Rogers (and copy in the landowner) to confirm the true record of events and to ask that the OSVH and RGC correct their minutes and send us the amended copy.

The ditch at Bincombe is still dangerous and grass is now starting to cover the area. Clerk to e-mail highways and report the problem again.

At the next Cluster Meeting the delegates will be meeting at Steart Peninsula at 6pm for a look and an update by Tim McGarth followed by a formal meeting if wished.

Now that the warmer weather is upon us it was mentioned about the BT phone box having its refurbishment. Clerk will get in contact with Mr Stacey about commencing the work.

## **8. PLANNING**

There were no new planning applications

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**SDC**  
**Somerset Community Foundation**  
**SDC**

**LDF Newsletter**  
**Newsletter**  
**Quantock Cluster Minutes March 2014**

## **10.FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Clerks wages	120.48
Clerks overtime	96.24
Photocopies	8.50
SALC Fees	84.04
Village Hall Rent	176.00

### **TOTAL OF APRIL 2014 BILLS 485 pounds and 26 pence**

Cllr Barrow proposed the above bills be paid, seconded by Cllr Cavill.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON  
19th May **2014 at 7PM** IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THIS WILL INCLUDE  
THE AGM.