

Chairman welcomed Mrs Hoare and handed over to her.

Mrs Hoare apologised for not coming to a meeting for a while. The first item she wanted to inform us about was at the last meeting she attended it was mentioned that they would like to start community coffee mornings. Well the pilot one will be held this coming Saturday 25th April, 10.30 til 12.30. If a Councillor could be present to represent the Parish Council that would be great. Local PC Long will be attending as well.

The next item was to update us on what has been happening. There isn't a lot of clients in Over Stowey, but the ones that have approached Mrs Hoare are about help for Carers and transport issues.

The original contract is up in August but they have managed to find funding for another 3 years. This means that 6 more village agents will be employed and Mrs Hoares remit will change. At the moment the area she covers is, Over Stowey, Spaxton, Burleigh, Bromfield, Middlezoy, Nether Stowey, Enmore, Goathurst, Chedzoy and Westonzoyland. This will change in August, all of the above apart from the zoylands will be in her area and then also Cannington and Wembdon have been added.

Chairman thanked Mrs Hoare for coming, Mrs Hoare left the meeting.

5.New Items for Discussion

Elections

Clerk has been in contact with Sedgemoor District Council about the possibility of changing the amount of Councillors that Over Stowey needs, they agreed that 6 was fine.

Update from District ref Traffic in Bridgwater

Sedgemoor District Council have invited Somerset County Council to join them for their community scrutiny meeting to discuss the traffic in Bridgwater. Unfortunately no one managed to make the meeting but did send some paperwork explaining to go online to file complaints. Once the elections have taken place SDC will again invite SCC Highways to the June scrutiny meeting to discuss the traffic problem.

6. Matters Arising

Updates on Highways Issues

Clerk had contacted highways about the issues that were raised at the last meeting. An inspector has visited the site at Cockercombe Road and a work package for the necessary repairs works have been issued to their framework contractors. The repairs haven't been done yet but they have put up red fencing to make it safe.

Clerk is still awaiting a reply about the pot hole at Aley and the warning signs at Marsh Mills.

Clerk will email again to chase the issues up.

Updates on Planning Issues

Clerk emailed the planning department about the issues raised at the last meeting and is still waiting for a reply. Another e-mail will be sent to try and chase them up. It was mentioned that it might be an idea to email the enforcement officer direct rather than the planning officers. Clerk will do this.

7. Any Other Business

Update on Viridor Credits

Clerk had been in touch with the Village Hall & Recreational Committee for an update and the forms have been resubmitted with all the extra information they asked for. This will now go to the panel in May.

Update on the Purchase of Land

Clerk had been in touch with Pardoes for an update on the purchase of land. Martin who was dealing with the matter has actually now left. Before he left he had sent back comments on the draft lease to Somerset County Council, who have e-mailed back with an attachment which contains their comments that they cannot open so are awaiting another email with a change of format. There is a license for alterations that appears not to be marked up, this will be checked, but it covers the works to construct the car park and put the fencing up. They will be back in touch as soon as they receive the refreshed email. Clerk has requested to be cc'd in all correspondence in future for our records.

It was mentioned about the sign for Plainfields still hasn't been erected, clerk to email again and see what is going on.

It has been discussed and agreed that from now on all dogs are banned from the Playing Fields in Over Stowey due to the amount of dogs fouling and being left.

Hedges at Stowey Rocks are still dangerous, clerk will get on to Alex Meletiou, Land Agent again and try to get this dealt with. Also the hedges on Marsh Mills on the way to Quantock Lodge are hanging out and making it very difficult for lorries/coaches to get past.

Cllr Peaster left the meeting at 8.20pm.

8. PLANNING

There was no planning to discuss.

09. FINANCIAL MATTERS

<u>Payments:</u>	Clerks wages	120.48
	Photocopies	8.50
	Ink	22.50

TOTAL OF APRIL 2015 BILLS 151 pounds and 48 pence

Cllr Rees proposed the above bills be paid, seconded by Cllr Bartlett.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON
18th May **2015 at 7.00 PM** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.