



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 17th December 2012 in the village hall.

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman) B Bartlett (Vice Chairman) D Peaster K Barrow P Tully S Morgan
	County Councillor	J Edeny
	District Councillor	J Pay

1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor M Caswell

Parish Councillor M Cavill

2. Members of Public

Mr & Mrs Peters and Mrs Oates joined us tonight.

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

4. Minutes of the Meeting 19th November 2012

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by Cllr Barrow and seconded by Cllr Tully.

Mr & Mrs Peters have joined us again tonight to talk about the planning application they had put in previously on Glebe Cottage. They would really like the support of the Parish Council now they have revised the plans.

Mrs Oates was very glad with the changes but was just worried about the finishes, it mentions on the plans about the windows being stained whilst the other houses around are painted in white. Mr & Mrs Peters assured us that they would be painting them white and not staining them. It was also mentioned about the tiles they would be using and again Mr & Mrs Peters assured all that they would always use materials that are in keeping with the surrounding houses.

5. New Items for Discussion

Drainage

Mr Taylor Young has been in touch with the Parish Council about a drain which had collapsed in Friarn, Heatherhurst Lane. Mr Taylor Young has been in touch with Highways and the Forestry Commission and unfortunately the situation has still not been dealt with.

Clerk will contact Highways and the Forestry Commission and arrange a meeting with them and a Councillor at the area and try and get it sorted.

It was discussed about responsibilities of land owners hedges, if the landowner does not look after and maintain their hedges the Parish Council can contact County and then the Parish Council can then forward the bill onto the land owner.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Appoint Clerk to give Dispensations

Policy for dealing with dispensations. The council may delegate (to a committee or to an officer) the power to grant dispensations, relying on s 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. A regular item could be included on the council's agenda as a standing item to cover requests for dispensations to enable these to be decided before the council moves on to the item or items for which a dispensation was requested. The four relevant circumstances under which the Parish Council could grant dispensation were detailed to the meeting. **It was proposed that the Council delegate the power to grant a dispensation to the Clerk or appointed Deputy to allow a member with a disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest to speak and/or vote at a meeting where this topic is considered with the reasons for that dispensation being recorded in the meeting minutes.**

Should members of the Parish Council disagree with the decision of the Officer, this may be put to the vote of the Council to overrule this advice

Proposed: Cllr Morgan Seconded; Cllr Bartlett

Should the Parish Council overrule the advice of the Clerk or Deputy, the proposal, proposer, seconder and vote will be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Councillors to sign a Request for a Dispensation

All Councillors signed a request for a dispensation to set the Precept in January.

Precept

Clerk explained there were some decisions that would be made by the Government about Precepts and Council Tax on 19th December and advises Cllrs it would be wise to wait for these announcements and discuss the Precept at January's meeting.

BT Phone Box

Cllr Cavill has received the 2 quotes for the work. Cllr Tully said he would speak to another company about replacing the glass and would update us at the January meeting.

Invitation to Highways to join our Meeting

Clerk had been in touch with Mr Hacking at highways and he had responded saying that for them it is easier to have a daytime meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Hacking and give him the dates of the next 2 meetings as evening meetings are better for the Council. Clerk will also give him some bullet points about what we would like to discuss. They were: Drainage, Hedge Cutting, Pot holes and finding out about Boundaries, what is classed as the Landowners responsibilities and what is County responsibilities.

Letter from Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee

Clerk sent a letter back to Mr Rogers the day after the last meeting asking him to join us at our January meeting and is still awaiting a reply.

Graveyard Wall Update

It was mentioned that the job to fix the graveyard wall is quite a big job and that it should be done properly, Mr Tully will do the work and bill us accordingly.

7. Planning

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension, two storey side (West) extension, porch to North elevation and raising of boundary wall to 2m.

Location: The Glebe Cottage, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, TA5 1HA

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Peters

The Parish Council have no objections to the above planning.

8. Correspondence

SDC	Refreshed Policies
AONB	Summary of Events Nov - Mar 2013
SCC	Self Service coming to Bridgwater Library
Avon & Somerset Police	Your PCC's First Week
Cluster meeting	A39 Static Diversion Routes

9. Financial Matters

Clerks wages November	120.48
Photocopies	6.00
Telephone Calls	2.50
Website annual fee	14.29
Grandfields	356.82
Mr Cobledick	80.00
R Curtis (Tiles)	20.00

Total of December 2012 BILLS 600 pounds and 09 pence

Cllr Morgan proposed the above bills be paid, seconded by Cllr Peaster.

10. Date of Next Meeting

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON **21st January 2013** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.