



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Note: Minutes are draft pending Council approval at the meeting on 17/03/2014

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 17th February 2014 in the village hall.

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

1.APOLOGIES

Parish Councillor	J Rees
Parish Councillor	P Tully

2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

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

There were no declarations of members interest.

4.MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Cllr Barrow and seconded by Cllr Cavill.

5.New Items for Discussion

Procedures for Help to the Parishioners

Chairman started by explaining that with the awful weather we have been experiencing, a local Parishioner had been in contact very distressed as the rain was showing no signs of subsiding and her house was very close to flooding. Highways were contacted immediately and unfortunately due to the serious flooding on the Somerset Levels Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor District Council have got all of their man power dealing with the situation. Sandbags are available from Sedgemoor District Council from Colley Lane Depot.

Chairman went down to the property in question and had a look taking with him some rods and found the blockage was a stone that was lodged. It would seem a few of the drains have these problems in the area. Tony Fairfax was contacted and came out the very next day. Clerk to contact Mr Fairfax and ask when the work will be done.

With this in mind a procedure for circumstances like this was discussed and all Cllrs agreed that they would help.

District Councillor Caswell mentioned that a few local villages have looked into having an emergency location to hold sand, bags etc. A good location would be up Hack Lane in possibly one of the garages that are empty. Clerk to contact Homes in Sedgemoor and discuss further.

6.Matters Arising

Remaining Landowners Hedge Cutting

The last few remaining hedges that need to be cut back have till 1st March. The worse areas are: Marsh Mills to the A39, South Lane and Bincombe Hill.

Refurbishment of Children's Play Area

At the last Village Hall Committee it was discussed about the children's safety surface which needs replacing up at the Cricket Grounds. It was agreed that Over Stowey Parish Council would get onto this straight away and start apply for some grants. Clerk will contact Sedgemoor District Council and also make a start on the application forms. Cllr Peaster will obtain the quotes and other paperwork that is needed and will meet with Clerk and Chairman a week on Wednesday.

7. Any Other Business

A question was put to County Councillor Edney about the purchase of Somerset County Council Land, there is a strip of land about 150 metres x 15 metres adjacent to the Cricket Club that would be very useful for extra car parking. Cllr Edney said to arrange a meeting at the location with the Land Agent, explain it would be for community use. A meeting will be arranged for Cllrs and the Land Agent to discuss further.

8. PLANNING

Planning Reference:40/14/00003/CJA

Proposal: Replacement of roof felt with cedar shingles on existing cabins

Location: Greatwood Camp, Adscombe, Over Stowey, TA5 1HN

Applicant: Mr J Simmons

No Objections

9. CORRESPONDENCE

SDC
WALC

QHJAC
SDC
SDC

**Bus Fare Consultation West of England
E-Petition Amend the National Planning
Framework
11th February Minutes & Agenda
Quantock Cluster Minutes 28 Jan 2014
Community Update for Floods**

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerks wages	120.48
Photocopies	8.50
SDC Garden Waste	46.50

TOTAL OF FEBRUARY 2014 BILLS 175 pounds and 48 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
17th March 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.