



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 16th July 2012 in the village hall.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor	J Edney
District Councillor	J Pay
Parish Councillor	T Whittingham

2. Members of Public

Patrick Tully joined us.

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

Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in respect to planning application 40/12/00009/LE, District Cllr Caswell also declared an interest and will leave the meeting when planning commences.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 18th June 2012

The minutes of the June meeting were approved by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Cavill.

5. New Items for Discussion

Adopting new Code of Conduct

Clerk explained that under the Localism Act 2012 each Town and Parish Council must adopt a code dealing with the conduct expected of members. The new regime came into effect 1 July 2012. There are a number of Codes around, 2 of which the Clerk e-mailed Parish Councillors before the meeting. The Code that Over Stowey Parish Council which to adopt is the SALC/SDC Code of Conduct. All Councillors agreed to this.

With the new Code of Conduct there was also changes to the Standing Orders, Clerk had a new copy which was e-mailed to Councillors before the meeting. All Councillors agreed to adopt the new Standing Orders.

New Members of Interest Forms were given out to all Councillors. They must be returned within 28 days of adopting the new Code.

Clerk will e-mail all Councillors with the address in which they need to send completed forms to.

Text for Quantock Messenger

It was agreed that the Clerk would deal with this.

Burial Prices

Burial Prices have not been increased for many years, since 2003 we believe. Clerk looked at other Parishes prices and recommended a 10% increase.

Approved by Cllr Barrow and seconded by Cllr Bartlett.

Co-Option of new Councillor commencing September

In the interest of the Quorum the Council would like to nominate Mr Patrick Tully to join the Council commencing from September. The vote was unanimous.

The Clerk has received Cllr Whittingham's letter of resignation. With Cllr Whittingham leaving there is a need for another Cllr to join Cllr Morley on Planning, Cllr Barrow was nominated and was agreed by all Councillors.

It was briefly mentioned again about the state of the hedges and it was agreed that the Clerk would get hold of highways at Somerset County Council and ask them to our next meeting in September.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Update for Information Boards

It was agreed for the Clerk to order the information board from Granfields.
It was mentioned that maybe for the standing information board we could ask a window company to sponsor the board.

Cllr Caswell left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Cllr Bartlett left the room.

7. Planning

Application 40/12/00009/LE

Proposal: Conversion of barns to three dwellings.

Location: Barns to the west of, Adscombe Farm, Adscombe, Over Stowey,
Bridgwater, Ta5 1HN

Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Bartlett

Cllr Barrow & Cllr Cavill went to the proposed site, they reported back and the Council have agreed to fully support the application.

Application 40/12/00008/CA

Proposal Conversions of barn to parking area.

Location The Great Barn, Plainsfield, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, TA5 1HH

Applicant Mr G Hawkes-Pippen

Cllr Barrow and Cllr Cavill will arrange a meeting to go and have a look at the proposed site.

Cllr Bartlett rejoined the meeting.

8. Correspondence

Stowey War Memorial Project Group
Hinkley Point C

Agenda & Minutes
Issue Specific Hearing Agenda
and Information for Interested
Parties

9. Financial Matters

Clerks wages September	120.48
Photocopies	6.00
Telephone Calls	2.50
Ink	10.92
Audit fees	144.00
Grass Cutting	540.00

Total of June 2012 BILLS 823 pounds and 90 pence

Cllr Barrow 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
17th September 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.