



## **OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Note: Minutes are draft pending Council approval at the meeting on 15/09/2014**

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

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

District Councillor M Caswell

### **1.APOLOGIES**

County Councillor J Edney  
District Councillor J Pay

### **2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

**Mr Whittingham joined us tonight.**

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

There were no declarations of members interest.

### **4.MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING**

The minutes of the June meeting were approved by Cllr Barrow and seconded by Cllr Peaster.

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

### **Hedge cutting**

**Clerk had been in touch with Highways to ask when the annual hedge cutting will commence. The reply was that the annual cut back of the verges alongside Class 3 & 4 roads in Somerset has commenced. The contractors have till the end of July to complete this exercise.**

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **Purchase of Land update**

Clerk has received a letter from Mr Meletiou at Somerset County Council about the purchase of extra land adjacent to the Cricket Grounds. They reply that what was received was that at this time, it is not considered appropriate to recommend the disposal of the land for the sum we suggested. However, the Council would be prepared to lease the land for the nominal rent, £1, for (initially) a fixed period of 15 years on the same terms as stated before.

Chairman will make an appointment to see Mr Rogers of the Village Hall & Recreational Committee to update him.

The next meeting of the Village Hall & Recreational Committee is 28th August.

### **Church Maintenance**

**Clerk advised that this topic would be better to be re-discussed beginning of next year. The PCC has informally notified us that in twelve months time it is their intention to serve the Parish Council three months statutory notice.**

**Chairman believes the best way forward would be to give notice to Sedgemoor District Council but with the proviso that the Parish Council carries on the maintenance of the grass cutting.**

### **BT Phone Box Update**

**Clerk had been in touch with IRB Property Maintenance and was awaiting reply. Council agreed that if the quote dated September 2013 still stands that Clerk can approve and get the work started.**

## **7. Any Other Business**

Update from Highways about the verge work repairs by Bincombe, the work was carried out in June, **but not to the standard the Parish Council feels fit. Clerk to follow up.**

## **Stear Point**

Chairman & Cllr Rees joined the Cluster Meeting at Steart Point and recommended that the council members go down one evening to see the progress. There is ample parking and next month the bird hides will be opening.

## **AONB Cuts**

Mr Whittingham joined us half way through our meeting to discuss the cut in funding that will affect the AONB. He advised that Somerset County Council (SCC) is considering reducing its contribution to Somerset AONB funds by 89% from £45000 to just £5000 for the next financial year 2015/16.

It was suggested that maybe this could be added to the agenda at the next Cluster Meeting in September. It will also be discussed at the next JAC meeting which is 22nd July.

Clerk to E-mail concerns to County Councillor Edney and David Hall at SCC .

A member of the public has made a complaint about damage that has been done to a vase in the grave yard after the last grass cutting. Council will get in contact with Woodland South West Limited and find out what happened with a view to replacing the vase.

District Councillor Caswell explained that the electoral role has now changed and all parishioners will not receive letters through the post any longer. 80% of names will be transferred over automatically and the remaining 20% will be informed .

District Councillor Caswell left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Ref the new play area at the Cricket Ground , Clerk had received some questions from Viridor which have been answered. Viridor then requested some additional letters of support from users of the cricket ground. Chairman managed to obtain support from tennis club, cricket club and recreation club, Clerk to post to Viridor. The Clerk will be informed mid August if we were successful or unsuccessful.

Clerk has received the audited end of year accounts back for 2013 - 2014.

## **8.PLANNING**

### **40/14/0004/CJA**

**Proposal: Change of use and conversion of single dwelling to two dwellings and erection of first floor extension to the East elevation**

**Location: Aley Lodge, Aley, Over Stowey, TA5 1HB**

**Applicant: Mr A Goddard**

**Cllr Tully & Cllr Cavill will arrange a site visit. It was noted from a member of the public a concern about parking for more cars would become a problem.**

## **9.CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>SDC</b>	<b>Hinkley Point C Update</b>
<b>SDC</b>	<b>SWP Latest on Fly Tipping</b>

## **10.FINANCIAL MATTERS**

<b><u>Payments:</u></b>	Clerks wages	120.48
	Photocopies	8.50
	Audit	30.00
	Grass Cutting	384.00

**TOTAL OF JULY 2014 BILLS 542 pounds and 98 pence**

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

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

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON 15th September **2014 at 7.30 PM** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.