



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 18th March 2013 in the village hall.

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman) K Barrow P Tully M Cavill
	District Councillor	M Caswell

1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor	J Edney
District Councillor	J Pay
Parish Councillor	B Bartlett D Peaster

2. Members of Public

Mr Herbert, Mr Rogers & Mr Rich joined us tonight.

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

Cllr Caswell & cllr Morgan declared an interest in 8. Planning.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 18th february 2013

The minutes of the February meeting were approved by Cllr Tully and seconded by Cllr Cavill.

5. New Items for Discussion

Mr Herbert joined us tonight to discuss the planning application for the Change of use of Farm Slurry Tank to Store Digestate. Cllr Curtis explained that the chief worries that parishioners have expressed relate to: frequency and speed of vehicle movements, offensive odour from digestate spread on fields and mud spread on roads when leaving farms.

Vehicle movements to White Horse Farm will be limited to 15 loads a week and will be restricted to Monday to Friday, 0800 hours to 1800 hours. However these will only occur while the tank is being filled, once it is full they will cease. The tank can only be emptied on two occasions per year and after this would be refilled. Mr Herbert is going to instruct the drivers to drive slowly through the narrow section of the road.

Regarding odour from earlier digestate, this occurred because it was leaving the Cannington tanks while still warm and being deposited in lagoons while the bacteria were still active. Planning permission has now been sought for additional tanks at Swang Farm so digestate will leave in future, in a cool non-active state. The digestate will subsequently not be spread on fields but injected directly under the soil. This will occur only in an eighteen day window, granted twice a year, and is also subject to suitable weather and ground conditions.

Cannington Enterprise lorries delivering digestate will only have to drive onto concrete at the farm so this should create no mess. When tractors arrive to inject the digestate they will make every effort to clean up before leaving the farm but Cannington Enterprises have agreed to clear any excess mud from the road should this occur.

Cllr Curtis thanked Mr Herbert for joining us, Mr Herbert left the meeting at 7.45.

Cllr Curtis welcomed Mr Rogers & Mr Rich to the meeting and explained the reason he had invited them was to ask if it would be of interest to themselves to meet once a year to update each other on future projects and plans.

Mr Rich explained that the Cricket Club are striving to make it a good village and they have a very good intake for Cricket, 60 children are in training and they also have evening and league cricket.

Mr Rich asked if there was anyway the Parish Council could help them find out about Grants. The entrance to the car park is dangerous and they would like to move the gates back and cut the hedges to make it visually safer. It was discussed that a site visit would be good and it was arranged for the coming Sunday.

Cllr Caswell commented on grants that were out there. He supplied Mr Rich and the Clerk the information and contact details.

Cllr Curtis thanked Mr Rogers and Mr Rich for attending the meeting.

Grass Cutting Prices

It was agreed that the Parish Council has to obtain three quotes.

Forestry Commission

Clerk had received an e-mail from Andy Harris about keeping the Parish Council informed of upcoming events within the forest, he is very keen to keeping communications frequent.

It was asked about the Fun Ride that is coming up in May, do visitors have to pay for parking? Clerk will find out.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Pot holes at Adscombe still haven't been done, Clerk will get in contact with Highways. Clerk will also mention about the pot holes on Bincombe Hill.

7. Any Other Business

There was no any other business.

8. Planning

Application: 40/13/0003/BM

Proposal: Change of use of Farm Slurry Tank to Store Digestate

Location: White Horse Farm, Over Stowey, TA5 1HG

Applicant: Cannington Enterprises Ltd

No objections were raised about the above planning.

9. Correspondence

Sedgemoor in Somerset Partnership (SiSP) SCC	Minutes & Agenda Sept/Feb Adoption of Somerset Waste Core Strategy
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue	DSFRS Draft Plan Consultation

10. Financial Matters

Clerks wages September	120.48
Photocopies	6.00
Telephone Calls	2.50
SALC	85.25

Total of March 2013 BILLS 214 pounds and 23 pence

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

11. Date of Next Meeting

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON **15th April 2013** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.