



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman) J Rees D Peaster K Barrow M Cavill P Tully
	District Councillor	J Pay
	District Councillor	M Caswell

1.APOLOGIES

County Councillor	J Edney
Parish Councillor	B Bartlett (Vice Chairman)

2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Garth Rogers 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 FEBRUARY MEETING

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

5.New Items for Discussion

6.Matters Arising

Village hall Car Park

Mr Rogers joined us tonight to discuss the parking area in the Village. At the moment the Village Hall Committee have a 99 year lease for the car park but Mr Rogers asked if the parish Council could share the responsibility for cost of maintenance. He is also going to ask the Church. It was pointed out that the Parish Council pay hire costs when they use the Village Hall for their monthly meeting, and this includes use of the car park. Mr Rogers also raised the issue of the capacity of the car park which he feels is insufficient. He wished the Parish Council to know that the Village Hall committee would like to acquire more land to extend the car park.

With the location of the Village Hall and the Church, parking has always been an issue in the village, many people park alongside the wall adjacent to the Church. This causes major problems for village residents and local traffic especially agricultural vehicles. The councilors decided that Cllr Curtis and Cllr Rees would approach the local landowner. However Cllr Curtis reported that having had previous informal conversations with local residents a favorable response was unlikely to be obtained. Maintenance of the existing car park had been poor and despite plenty of space in the car park, many visitors do not use it but obstruct the road in the centre of the village instead. This was explained to Mr Rogers when he asked for a letter of support. It was suggested that his committee firstly arrange for the fencing be repaired, the surface re-leveled and visitors requested to use the park when space is available.

The lack of signage and lighting has always been a problem as non-local people visiting the Church or Village Hall generally do not know that a car park exists. To install lighting for the car park would be very hard if not impossible as there are several restrictive regulations in the road traffic act relating to car parks. The issue of using solar lighting, turned on by a switch when required, was discussed. Any signs would have to be approved by Highways.

Recreational Ground

Clerk has spoken with Harley Cook and he recommended 2 quotes would be enough and that to resurface the play area and provide new fencing and a gate is exactly what the RLT2 funding is for, so there should be no problems with the application. 2 quotes have been obtained for the supply and fitting of the fencing and gates. Clerk to speak to Mr Cook again and ask for a meeting at the proposed location. Once the funding has been approved, Clerk will then apply for the remaining funding from Viridor Credits.

7.Any Other Business

Remaining Landowners Hedge Cutting

Thank you to all Landowners who have cut back their hedges this year. It is good to see that most have been cut back unfortunately there are still a few remaining landowners that have not done theirs.

Potholes

There are still a few bad pot holes around, Chairman will contact Mr Fairfax and do a tour around the areas affected.

8.PLANNING

There were no new planning applications

9.CORRESPONDENCE

SDC	LDF Newsletter
Somerset Community Foundation	Newsletter

10.FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerks wages	120.48
Photocopies	8.50
Wessex Water	84.00

TOTAL OF MARCH 2014 BILLS 212 pounds and 98 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 14th April **2014** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.