



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Note: Minutes are draft pending Council approval at the meeting on 17/12/2012

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 19th November 2012 in the village hall.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor	J Pay
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2. Members of Public

Mr & Mrs Peters joined us tonight.

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

Cllr Caswell declared an interest in planning and will not make any recommendations or input.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 15th October 2012

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

Cllr Curtis started the meeting by asking Mr & Mrs Peters to speak.

Mr & Mrs Peters have joined us tonight to talk about the planning application they had put in previously on Glebe Cottage. They have withdrawn the original planning and re-submitted revised plans taking into consideration the points other members of the public had been concerned about. They wanted to explain to us the changed plans and to see if we had any questions.

They would still be building out the front of their property but this would only be a porch. The footprint of the bungalow will stay the same they will just be building up another level.

Cllr Curtis thanked them very much for coming to the meeting and explained that we can't comment or act on any planning application until we have the plans. Clerk will keep Mr & Mrs Peters updated on when we have the plans and at what meeting we will be discussing it.

5. New Items for Discussion

Winter Salt Collection

Cllr Barrow said he would go and collect the salt for Over Stowey Parish.

Roof on the Bus Shelter at the Cricket Ground damaged

It was noticed by a Councillor that the roof on the bus shelter by the Cricket Ground had been damaged, it looks like it might have happened whilst the hedges were being cut. The Parish Council will investigate replacing the tiles.

Fir Tree overgrown in the Cemetery

Mr Grandfield contacted Cllr Curtis about a fir tree in the cemetery at the top right hand side that has overgrown and is taking over a lot of the plots. Cllr Curtis had been and asked Mr Cobbledick for a quote on how much it would be to remove the tree. £80 but this also included the removal of a thorn bush in the Laurel Hedge. Cllr Morgan approved & Cllr Cavill seconded for the work to go ahead.

Whilst we were on the subject of grass cutting, Clerk was asked to invite A Date to our February 2013 meeting.

Precept

The new Precept is due in January so at the next meeting it will need to be discussed in detail and a decision to be made.

Cllr Edney did comment that the Government is talking about introducing a capping system in the near future and also that the local Parishes will have to take on more on the expenses.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cemetery Wall

Work on the Cemetery wall will commence as soon as the weather allows. Hopefully early December. Be nice to have it finished by the end of the year.

BT Phone Box

The BT Phone box in Aley is in definite need of some TLC, early next year when the weather is dry we will get a professional in to re-paint. It was also decided to put some shelves in for a book exchange for parishioners and a pin board for the minutes and agendas to go.

Information Board

Clerk had been in touch with Grandfields and they will have the Information board finished by the end of the month.

Letter from Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee

We have received a letter from Mr Rogers from the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee about raising funds to make the rear of the hall extension into a pleasant area where outdoor events can be held and to be know as “The Jubilee garden”. They would like to know if Over Stowey Parish Council would donate the money that we had offered for a celebration for The Diamond Jubilee.

Some of this money has been used already to purchase a granite stone that has gone by the bench in Bincombe with the other celebration stones.

It was agreed that we would be more than happy to contribute and have invited Mr Rogers to our January meeting to show us the plans and the budget.

Cllr Caswell left the meeting at 8.15pm

7. Planning

There was no planning

8. Correspondence

SCC	Diversion routes in the event of an accident on the A39
SALC	Smaller Councils Committee
JAC	Quantock Hills JAC 15th Nov 2012 Papers
SCC	Somerset Waste Core Strategy
SDC	Planning reforms announced September

9. Financial Matters

Clerks wages September	120.48
Photocopies	6.00
Telephone Calls	2.50
Grass Cutting	160.00

Total of November 2012 BILLS 288 pounds and 98 pence

Cllr Morgan 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 December 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.