



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 15th October 2012 in the village hall.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman)
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2. Members of Public

Mr & Mrs Oates & Mrs White joined us.

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 17th September 2012

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

Planning

Application 40/12/00013/DRT

The meeting started tonight with a discussion about planning.

Mrs Oates joined us tonight, 90% as the ex-chair of Over Stowey Parish Council and 10% member of the public. Mr Oates joined us tonight as a member of public as did Mrs White.

Mrs Oates went on to discuss the Parish Design Statement (PDS), the PDS for Over Stowey was accepted and passed by Sedgemoor District Council in 2006. With the PDS in mind the planning application for Glebe Cottage does not take this into consideration, the size, design, external appearance etc.

It was agreed by all present that although they are not apposed to improvements to the bungalow, they are apposed to the size of the build they wish to do especially considering the location. The plans that were put forward also lacked detail, the Council would like to have seen much more detailed plans, with information of materials they would be using, with this in mind it was unanimously agreed to object to the above application, the reasons being,

The effect it will have on the landscape and most importantly the impact upon the character and appearance of the area or street including the appropriateness of design, materials and landscaping.

The Parish Design Statement for Over Stowey, adopted by Sedgemoor District Council on 23 August 2006 as a Supplementary Guidance, is a material consideration in the planning process. The designs that we received did not show what materials were being used and were very vague.

We felt that the plans did not have enough detail on them in respect to materials that would be used and for such a big build that is at a visually prominent location and the entrance to the village we would like to of seen a more detailed plan.

5. New Items for Discussion

Accounts

Clerk passed around copies of the up to date accounts.

Speed Indicator Devices for Parish Councils

Speed Indicator Devices are portable battery operated vehicle activated signs. The County Council provides them and the revised policy now removes the need for a financial contribution to be made by local councils as long as certain criteria is met. Unfortunately we do not meet the criteria so we will not be able to benefit from this.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Car Park Notice Board

Mr Oates commented about the information board in the car park and how it looks a bit run down and there also seems to be quite a bit of overgrown shrubs around. Clerk will get onto Granfields to see how they are doing with making the boards.

Information Panel

Cllr Cavill has noticed that the new Information panel we have recently had done seems to be rotting at the joints. Clerk will speak to AONB and Viper and ask what can be done about this.

7. Planning

Application 40/12/00013/DRT

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension, two storey extension and porch to North elevation and raising of boundary wall to 2M

Location: The Glebe Cottage, Over Stowey, Bridgwater

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Peters

Application 40/12/00014/SJH

Proposal Replacement of timber holiday accomadation

Location Coombe Cottage, Plainsfield,Over Stowey, Bridgwater, TA5 1HH

Applicant Mr & Mrs Knox

The Council had no objections to the above planning, it was felt that the improvements would make a considerable difference.

8. Correspondence

SDC
Community Council
SCC

Cluster minutes 21/08/12
Police Crime Commissioner Elections
Speed Indicator Devices for Parishes

9. Financial Matters

Clerks wages September	120.48
Photocopies	6.00
Telephone Calls	2.50
Grass Cutting	390.00

Total of September 2012 BILLS 518 pounds and 98 pence

Cllr Tully 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
19th November 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.