



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 21st October 2014 in the village hall.

Present:

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

1.APOLOGIES

County Councillor	J Edney
District Councillor	M Caswell

2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

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

There were no declarations of members interest.

4.MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

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

5.New Items for Discussion

Letter of Request for a Donation

Clerk explained that the local School had been in contact about a possible donation. The letter explained about the Government agreeing for all 5-7 year olds are to receive free school meals which started in September this year. This was a great idea but unfortunately they were not given enough money to set up for this.

EDF - Magnox were in the pipeline to donate £1000 to help cover costs for the new plates, bowls and trays that was needed to make the children become more independent, unfortunately they never followed through with the grant and was hoping the Parish Council could help with these costs.

Also the school would like us to consider a donation to help with changing lunchtimes to make it more of an organised play time.

It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Cllr Edney and see if there was any money available from Somerset County Council for this and also Sedgemoor District Council for any community funds. Then at the following meeting we can re-discuss any donations.

Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund

The Landscape Development Fund is a new grant scheme which has been created to enhance the landscape of the Quantock Hills and surrounding vale. It supports projects that bring environmental, including landscape and biodiversity, benefits to the area. It was discussed about possibly applying to rebuild the damaged Sluice gate at Rooksbridge. We need to find out costings first to make sure that it is a viable project.

6.Matters Arising

BT Phone Box Update

IRB Property Maintenance has completed the work on the telephone box. Councillors all agreed what a good job had been done. Parish Council have also received lovely comments from local Parishioners.

7.Any Other Business

Mr Grandfield has been in touch with regards to a few matters in the Cemetery. There is a lot of over grown grass located at the back of the Cemetery and thought it might be a good idea to let sheep go in there to graze. There is also a lot of uneven ground around the area and it might be an idea to top up with top soil. Clerk will make sure a notice goes out in the next messenger to ask all family members to contact the Parish Council if they have any objections to this.

Dog walkers are still continually letting their dogs mess and are not cleaning it up. Another reminder will be posted in the messenger.

8.PLANNING

Planning Reference Number: 40/14/00008/SJH

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to the South elevation
Location: Land at, Plainsfield Farm, Plainfield, Over Stowey, TA5 1HH
Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Heal

No objections

9.CORRESPONDENCE

SDC	Dredging Updates
SDC	Avon & Somerset Constabulary Police Station Opening Hours
SDC	Environment Agency Update
Somerset Community Foundation	Newsletter
SCC	Temporary Road Closure A39

10.FINANCIAL MATTERS

<u>Payments:</u>	Clerks wages	120.48
	Photocopies	8.50
	IRB Property Maintenance	485.00

TOTAL OF OCTOBERS 2014 BILLS 613 pounds and 98 pence

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON
17th November **2014 at 7.30 PM** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.