



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Note: Minutes are draft pending Council approval at the meeting on 21/10/2013

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 16th September 2013 in the village hall.

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

1.APOLOGIES

District Councillor	M Caswell
Parish Councillor	S Morgan

2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Andy Harris from the Forestry Commission joined us tonight. He started by saying that the communication between himself and the Clerk was on-going and he hoped that this was seen as a positive start.

Litter and the dropping of BBQs was the main reason we invited Mr Harris here tonight.

Mr Harris started by explaining that the Forestry Commission has changed the areas in which they work. They used to be the Peninsula Beat which was Cornwall up to Somerset, this has now changed and they have now become West District, they now cover from Chester to Lands End. Mr Harris deals with Somerset and East Devon.

The outside Contractors that used to deal with the litter was not meeting the European Regulations. Due to this the Forestry Commission have changed

Contractors to Mitie. As they are a new Contractor they have had some teething problems, if anyone does see or know of an area that is in need of looking at then please contact the Forestry Commission and they will deal with it.

The disposal of BBQs especially at Ramscombe has always been a problem and the ideas of installing bins has been mentioned before but this can lead to people leaving more rubbish and making the area look unsightly. This can also lead to people fly tipping.

An idea that has been talked about is building more stone BBQs as the area is becoming more and more busy.

A question was asked about how the parking meters were working, especially as this Summer has been so good were the takings up?

Mr Harris said he hasn't had the figures back as G4S collect all the monies but they are hopeful that the takings will be up this year.

It was also mentioned that there is a lot of people now having BBQs in the open fields. Mr Harris said that Owen Jones who works for the AONB also works along side The Forestry Commission and is aware of this.

There has been a complaint from a Parishioner about an aggressive dog situated on Forestry Commissions land. Mr Harris is aware of this and procedures have been put in place but needs Parishioners to contact them but also to log it with the Police and the local Dog Wardens.

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

Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in 8. Planning.

4. MINUTES OF JULY MEETING

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by CllrTully and seconded by Cllr Peaster.

5. New Items for Discussion

6. Matters Arising

Aley Phone Box

Clerk has received new updated quotes. The supplier bills had not gone up so both quotes stayed the same price as last year.

Cllr Pay mentioned that she herself has a phone box and it might be worth replacing the glass and instead of keeping the original beading, as this works out very costly re-fit with putty.

It was noted by Cllr Edney that phone boxes are an asset and are “listed buildings”.

It was discussed and decided that the Clerk would contact Roman Glass and ask for a quote to supply and glaze a phone box. Then we would get the phone box painted and restored back.

7. Any Other Business

Cutting Road Hedges.

The time of year has come again where local Landowners need to start cutting back their hedges. Clerk will send out a letter to local Landowners reminding them that this has to be done. Especially after the snow we had last year, the snow caused a lot of problems by breaking branches and trees etc making it very hard for emergency vehicles to get through.

If local Landowners are struggling to find someone to help with this then we are advising them to get in touch with the Clerk who can help with this.

Mr Geoff Grandfield has been in touch to discuss the possibility of a Lady who would like to reserve a plot at Over Stowey cemetery. It was discussed how many spaces we had left and if reserving a plot should be allowed. It was agreed to leave the decision with Mr Grandfield seen as he has all the details of plots etc.

8. PLANNING

Planning Reference: 40/13/00015/LE

Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Building to form lambing shed, partly on site of existing (to be demolished)

Location: On land to the North of, Broom Squires, Bincombe, Over Stowey, TA5 1HR

Applicant: Mr L Bartlett

No objections.

Planning Reference: 40/13/00016/LE

Proposal: Erection of agricultural Building

Location: Land to the North of, Adcombe Lane, Over Stowey

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bartlett

No objections.

Planning Reference: 40/13/00017/18/19/20/21/22

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 40.13.0004/05/06/07/08/09 to read "The buildings shall only be used in connection with the land as part of a provision for outdoor

education, religious instruction and field study for children , youth and adults and temporary overnight accommodation for such events.

Location: Greatwood Camp, Adscombe, Over Stowey, TA5 1HN

Applicant: Great Wood

No objections.

9.CORRESPONDENCE

SDC	Cluster Minutes 30th July 2013
JAC	Revised dates and additional papers from July QHJAC
LSP-AGM	Minutes 8th July meeting 2013
SCC	Regulation Committee

10.FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerks wages	120.48
Photocopies	9.50

TOTAL OF SEPTEMBER 2013 BILLS 128 pounds and 98 pence

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON **21st OCTOBER 2013** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.