



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
18th December 2017 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the January 15th 2018 Meeting*

Present: Parish Councillor R. Curtis
K. Barrow (arrived at 7.30pm)
P. Tully
D. Peaster
B. Bartlett

District Councillor J. Pay
District/County Councillor M. Caswell
(arrived at 7.45pm)

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor M. Cavill
Councillor G. Goddard

2. Members of the Public

Mr. M Dunn attended the meeting from 7.25pm – see item 8 Planning.

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

None

4. Minutes of the Meeting – November 20th 2017:

Proposed by Councillor D. Peaster
Seconded by Councillor B. Bartlett

Minutes of the Meeting – Special Planning Meeting September 25th 2017

Proposed by Councillor P. Tully
Seconded by Councillor B. Bartlett

5. Correspondence:

- Clerk to receive Register of Interests from Councillor Goddard

Councillor Goddard was not in attendance so the Clerk will contact to ensure the forms are completed for the next meeting.

- Consultation on Sedgemoor District Council Roll-Out of e-Consultation on Planning Applications (April 2018)

The Clerk stated that as she uses the online portal anyway, this will not be an issue for the Parish Council.

Councillor Peaster voiced a concern that the website is easy to navigate if you know what you are looking for, but feels that members of the public may not find it so easy.

Councillor Pay said that she will pass this onto the planning department at Sedgemoor District Council.

- Updated Development Committee Site Visit Procedure

This has been communicated to all members by e-mail and will be filed for future reference when a site visit is necessary.

6. Items for Discussion:

- Setting of the precept – recommendation by the Clerk not to increase for the financial year 2018/2019

**Proposed by Councillor Bartlett
Seconded by Councillor Peaster**

- Initial suggestions on parish projects to be undertaken

Cemetery walls need maintenance work – need to assess what is required. The members will meet at the cemetery to review the condition of the wall.

Memorial bench to be completed – Councillor Curtis will be undertaking this work.

Defibrillator/casing and electricity supply – see notes below.

- Update from Highways site visit regarding the wall opposite the Campbell Rooms and the tree affecting the telephone pole/wires – Councillor Curtis/the Clerk:

The issue of the tree has been referred to BT as the tree will adversely affect the network if it comes down and damages the telephone pole.

The condition of the wall is not bad enough to necessitate any remedial work at present, but if any incidents occur going forward, this will need to be recorded to collect evidence of any damage.

- Update on defibrillator options – the Clerk has taken advice from the Nether Stowey Playing Fields Committee who have recently purchased a defibrillator and storage cabinet. The Clerk has also contacted the South West Ambulance Service for further information – no reply as yet, so will follow this up in the New Year.

The suggestion was made that it would be advisable to buy one good unit which could be sited in a location that is easy to access with an electricity supply to run the cabinet e.g. the church porch.

This would mean that in the event of an incident occurring which required the use of the defibrillator, the initial responses would always be first aid and notifying the emergency services. The defibrillator would be the next response.

The units are very user friendly but there is the option of free defibrillator training from Quantock Medical Centre, which the Clerk will look into, as this adds a level of confidence to those who may be called upon to use the defibrillator.

The Clerk will also contact Peter Higginson/Alison Hoare regarding using the church porch as the storage area and accessing electricity supply for the cabinet.

All members present agreed that this project should go ahead.

Proposed by Councillor Peaster
Seconded by Councillor Tully

- Update from Cluster Meeting (Nov 28th 2017) – Councillors Curtis and Bartlett

Much of the discussion was regarding the impact on the local area with the increased traffic to and from Hinkley Point.

It was agreed that a meeting to consider the highway issues should be arranged and hosted by Sedgemoor District Council to which all of the relevant agencies and police teams should be invited.

- Other points raised included:
 - Concerns about the location of the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier regarding its affect upon downstream agricultural land.
 - The Environment Agency had committed to maintaining the existing level of flood defences (1 in 200-year event).
 - It was now hoped that the Hinkley Point C Jetty would be in operation by the end of 2018.
 - A transport study was being undertaken by consultants with regard to the new developments that are being undertaken in the local area.

7. Matters arising for the Agenda for the January 2018 meeting:

- Dustbins have been stolen from various parishioners from outside their homes. Please be aware of this and any reports of similar thefts can be reported to the Clerk to be followed up with the police. A note will also appear in the Messenger and the website to ensure this is communicated in various ways.
- The pot hole near Quantock Lane has been filled in, however Councillor Peaster reported that there is a constant flow of water which will soon cause the pothole to reappear. Councillor Peaster requested that a site visit be made and that he will be happy to meet with the Highways representative to assess what work is required.

The Clerk will contact Highways to request this and copy Councillor Peaster in.

8. Planning:

- Mr. M Dunn attended the meeting to thank the Parish Council and District Councillor Pay for their support and the help that was forthcoming in his planning application appeal.

The Parish Council were pleased that they had been of assistance and wished Mr. Dunn well with his venture.

9. Financial Matters:

a) Clerks Wages - **£174.09**

**Proposed by Councillor Tully
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett**

b) Grounds maintenance at Over Stowey cemetery and church **£1434.00**

**Proposed by Councillor Bartlett
Seconded by Councillor Barrow**

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 15th January 2018.

**Amanda McMurren
Clerk to Over Stowey Parish Council**

To: Members of the Parish Council

Cllr R Curtis, Cllr B Bartlett, Cllr D Peaster, Cllr K Barrow, Cllr M Cavill,
Cllr P Tully, Cllr G Goddard

County/District Cllr M Caswell, District Cllr J Pay