



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
15th January 2018 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the February 19th 2018 Meeting*

Present:	Parish Councillor	R. Curtis K. Barrow P. Tully D. Peaster B. Bartlett M. Cavill G. Goddard
	District Councillor	J. Pay
	District/County Councillor	M. Caswell

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Members of the Public

Mr. P Rich (left at 7.30pm)

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

None

4. Minutes of the last meeting – December 18th 2017

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

5. Correspondence:

- Clerk to receive Register of Interests from Councillor Goddard:

Received from Councillor Goddard

- E-mail received re. road closure due to damaged cattle grid

Councillors Bartlett and Tully explained what had happened to the cattle grid with regards to the welding on the central bars and that notices are up to say the work will be completed within three to four weeks.

The Clerk has received e-mails stating that:

‘All efforts are being made to resolve this matter as soon as possible, fabrication of the new steels has taken place and arrangements for delivery and instalment is currently being planned’

Councillor Curtis spoke to someone at Somerset County Council on Monday 15th January 2018 to enable an update to be given at the monthly meeting. No further information was available, therefore Councillor Curtis asked District/County Councillor Caswell if he would be able to follow this up with regard to timescales.

District/County Councillor Caswell agreed and the Clerk will forward all communications received regarding the matter to him.

- **Invoice received 15th January 2018 re the monument repair in the church yard.**

To avoid late payment to the contractor and as the amount had been agreed at the October 2016 meeting with funds forthcoming from the Downing Legacy, all members present agreed that the cheque be paid immediately.

Proposed by Councillor K. Barrow
Seconded by Councillor D. Peaster

6. Items for Discussion:

- Update on defibrillator:

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Higginson which explained that although the idea to site in the porch would be considered, they were unable to give a definitive answer as the church will need to

‘consult with the Archdeacon who may have to pass the proposal on to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which is the Planning Committee that considers any changes to a church in the Diocese’

‘As well as the Diocesan Advisory Committee being involved they may well require consultation with Historic England organisation which tends to happen these days. As we have found the planning process of the Diocese is quite slow and so it will may well be a number of months before a decision is made’

Another option is to utilise the Village Hall – this had already been discussed by the Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee and Mr. Rich confirmed that the committee had no objections to this.

To ensure the project goes ahead as soon as possible, all members present agreed that the best option would be for the unit to be placed on the village hall wall under the Parish Council notice board.

After researching various units, the **IPAD SP1 AED Fully Auto Defibrillator** appears to suit the type of usage that it may be needed for.

A cabinet will also be necessary to house the defibrillator to protect it from theft and the cold which would drain the unit’s battery.

A certified electrician will be required to fit the cabinet and connect to an electricity supply.

The Clerk will continue to; research what is required, compare prices and contact relevant parties.

After speaking with the practice manager at Quantock Medical Centre, the Clerk communicated that there will be a free defibrillator training session on Tuesday 6th March at the Church Centre from 9.30 -12.00.

This is open to anyone who would like to receive training in how to operate a defibrillator.

- Pothole/running water near Quantock Lodge:

Highways have not yet contacted Councillor Peaster – the Clerk will follow this up.

- Printer cartridges – cost saving option:

Following the purchase of the Parish Council printer, which was supplied with ink cartridges and the free trial of a monthly payment scheme, which ended in December 2017, the Clerk has calculated that the monthly scheme will be cheaper than purchasing ink cartridges as required.

Cartridges purchased as required would cost approximately £70 per annum (allowing for 2 – 3 purchases each year).

The monthly scheme costs £3.49 per month – total of £41.88.

All members agreed that as the monthly scheme is so cost effective that the Clerk proceeds on this basis.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cavill
Seconded by Councillor K. Barrow

- Update on theft of dustbins:

Four dustbins have been stolen over December and into early January – this is something to be aware of and there will be a note in the Messenger to communicate this locally.

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the February 2018 meeting:

Update on the Village Hall kitchen refurbishment –

- The committee are awaiting one more quote and then the amount of the grant from Sedgemoor District Council will be confirmed.

Discussion regarding the playing field gates –

- Councillor Barrow suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider paying for them to be refurbished. He also stated that the Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee have various fund-raising events planned during 2018. These include events in March and May, then more dates in September/October are to be arranged.

8. Planning:

None

9. Financial Matters:

a) Clerks Wages - **£174.09**

Proposed by Councillor D. Peaster
Seconded by Councillor P. Tully

b) Monument repair - **£160.00** (see above point 5)

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 19th February 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 G Goddard, Cllr P Tully,
County Cllr/District Cllr M Caswell, District Cllr J Pay