



## **OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved  
at the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Meeting*

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis P Tully M Cavill J White D Peaster
	District Councillor	M Caswell
	District Councillor	J Pay

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor K Barrow

Councillor B Bartlett

### **2. Members of the Public**

None in attendance

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

None from any members in attendance (see planning)

### **4. Minutes of the Meeting December 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Proposed by – Councillor P Tully

Seconded by – Councillor D Peaster

## 5. Correspondence:

- E-mail regarding blocked drain at the bottom of Aley – information given on the Somerset County Council; ‘Report a Pothole or Road Defect’ facility. Clerk will follow up if requested by the parishioner.

A discussion took place regarding the condition of various roads within the parish. The Clerk will contact Highways to arrange for them to do a visit and walk the area to ascertain what is required.

- Quantock Hills AONB Service Landscape Partnership Scheme bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund – survey.

The Clerk communicated the information and will forward the information to all members of the Parish Council. See link below:

[Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme Survey](#)

- PCC Action Fund in support of local community initiatives –

The Clerk communicated that this fund has now been re-opened and if any concerns over crime and the prevention of arise, this fund may be available to put crime prevention initiatives in place.

- Police attendance at Parish Council meeting –

The Clerk communicated the information received about why the decision has been made for the police not to attend Parish Council meetings. This has also been e-mailed to the members.

It was stated in response to Bleadon Parish Council’s question on this issue;

‘that as this ( <https://www.police.uk/>) gives the public access to the crime figures in their area, Police attendance at Parish Council meetings is no longer routinely required’

See the instructions below for how to access the figures:

Click on ‘Find Your Neighbourhood, and then enter your postcode or place name.

Select your particular area from the drop-down list.

Click on 'Explore the Crime Map' then click on one of the black circles with a number which appear. Click on a black circle again, and that will show you the number of crimes which have occurred in that street, and the type of crime.

It normally takes between one and three months for the information to be uploaded. Currently the November crimes are displayed. There are two drop down lists at the top of the map, where you can select a different month, or a particular crime.

## **6. Items for Discussion:**

- Potholes
  - See information in the first item under 'Correspondence'
- Updates on quotes for capital expenditure
  - The Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreational Ground Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – details will be communicated at the February 2017 Parish Council meeting.
- Update by the Clerk on grants available
  - The Clerk stated that various grants are available but in most cases the committee requiring the funds must make the application. The Clerk also advised that she is happy to work with the Village Hall Committee when the grants are applied for.
- 'Shopping list' for village hall kitchen refurbishment
  - See above
- Update by the Clerk on Wester Power application for an un-metered electricity supply.
  - A to-scale plan is required with details showing where the lights will be located. District Councillor M. Caswell will provide this for the February 2017 meeting.

- Recreation ground update and information on RLT2 funding
  - The Clerk communicated that the funds of £2946.00 have been released and will be paid to the Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreational Ground Committee at the February 2017 meeting.
- Information from the Clerk on First Aid/CPR training
  - There is to be a Quantock Medical Centre ‘Life Support – Resuscitation Training’ session at the Church Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am.

Further details will be available on the Over Stowey Parish Council website.

## **7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the February 2017 meeting:**

Reports of drones being flown on the Quantocks and spooking horses and riders. Clerk to contact the Forestry Commission regarding their policy

Un-metered electricity application update

Update on the kitchen and prices

Somerset emergency community contact to be agreed

Update on fencing for recreation ground

Quotes for cemetery tarmacking

Update on re-pointing of graveyard memorial

## **8. Planning:**

Application no. 40/16/00011 (Councillor K Barrow)

Site visit to be made by Councillors Curtis, Peaster, Tully and White on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

## **9. Financial Matters:**

- a) Clerks Wages - **£146.98**

Proposed by Councillor P Tully  
Seconded by Councillor M Cavill

- b) Transparency grant payment to Clerk for work undertaken  
January 2017 - **£30.00** (agreed at the September 2016 meeting)
- c) Mendip Community Transport as agreed at the December 2016  
meeting - **£100.00**

## **10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**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 J White, Cllr P Tully, County Cllr J  
Edney, District Cllr M Caswell, District Cllr J Pay