



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the
18th July 2016 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the 19th September 2016 Meeting*

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| Present: | Parish Councillor | K Barrow P Tully B Bartlett J White D Peaster |
| | District Councillor | M Caswell |
| | District Councillor | J Pay |

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Richard Curtis

County Councillor J Edney

2. Members of The Public

None

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

Councillor Bartlett declared an interest on the planning discussion. However, the discussion was for information only as the planning has been granted.

4. Minutes of the Meeting June 20th 2016

Proposed by Councillor Cavill
Seconded by Councillor White

5. Correspondence:

- **Listening, Learning, Changing survey**

Clerk communicated the information received by e-mail about roadshows that people can attend and the on-line survey that can be completed to help inform Somerset County Council on the views of the people of Somerset with regard to various challenges and ambitions.

The Clerk will e-mail the details to the members and add the link onto the website for all to access if they wish to do so.

- **Bill for grass cutting received 18th July 2016.**

Amount payable - £534.00

Agreed by all members

- **Condition of stiles on private land**

As several complaints had been made regarding the condition of two stiles on private land within the parish, a letter was sent to the landowner detailing these.

The land-owner has replied and stated that their builder will repair the stiles.

Concerns were raised by Councillor Peaster about the safety and accessibility aspects of keeping the stiles as they are.

The Clerk will contact the relevant County Council department and the landowner to raise these concerns and to ascertain what can be done to address them.

6. Items for Discussion

a) Update on request to consider some lighting to be installed from Over Stowey Village Hall to the car park.

The meeting of the Village Hall and Plying Fields Committee was due to be held on Tuesday 19th July, therefore this will be discussed at the parish council meeting in September as there will not be a meeting in August.

b) Update on grass cuttings being deposited near and subsequently into a bridle-path.

This issue has been resolved and it was agreed that in future, any similar concerns would be better dealt with by an initial visit to the person involved, rather than by letter.

c) Update on burglary in May.

PSCO Georgina Long was unable to attend the meeting, however she has said that if anyone has any concerns they can contact her by e-mail and if they would like a visit, she is happy to do this.

Should any parishioner like this to happen, they can visit the Over Stowey Parish Council website for the correct link or contact the Clerk who will be happy to e-mail on their behalf.

d) Update on transparency grant application by the Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that the grant has been applied for and is awaiting the outcome. This should be communicated to the Clerk by mid-August.

e) Update on possibility of village wide Wi-Fi by the clerk

The Clerk communicated the information received from Llandrindod Wells Town Council and stated that she will look into the detail during the summer period.

At this point District Councillor Mike Caswell was able to impart that with regard to Superfast Broadband, Somerset and Devon are in phase 2 of the tender process with various suppliers with the hope that within 5 years, there would be 97.5% coverage across the two counties and perhaps 100% within 10 years.

Paul Coles, the South West Regional Manager of BT has said that if they win the contract, they would have signal amplifiers which will provide up to 4G if you live within 2 – 2.4 miles and up to 8mg within 5 miles. BT will guarantee 4G to 90% of the land mass.

Some District Councils within Somerset have already put aside funds for this.

The Clerk will look into costs for Wi-Fi within the village hall.

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for 19th September 2016 meeting

Councillor Morley reported that in Watery lane two big pipes are blocked and pipes are not running properly. Water is running out and over the top of them. They will need to be cleared – Councillors Tully and Barrow will have a look and see what is required.

The Parish Council agreed that a good job has been done with regard to the hedge cutting.

The Clerk will send a thank you to the relevant department within the District Council.

Update regarding recreation ground project following July 19th 2016 meeting and should other information become available during the summer period, this will be communicated to the Parish Council members.

8. Planning:

Information regarding the decision made by the planning department for Adscombe Farm was available to review and the e-mail has also been sent to the members of the Parish Council.

9. Financial Matters:

A. Clerks Wages £146.98

Proposed by Councillor Tully
Seconded by Councillor Peaster

B. Grass cutting £534.00

Proposed by Councillor Tully
Seconded by Councillor Cavill

10. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 19th September 2016.

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