

OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
16th October 2017 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the November 20th 2017 Meeting*

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs. G. Goddard

2. Members of the Public

None

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

Councillor Barrow declared an interest in the planning application appeal 40/16/00011 and was not present for the discussion.

4. Minutes of the Meeting September 18th 2017:

Proposed by Councillor P. Tully
Seconded by Councillor M. Cavill

5. Correspondence:

None

6. Items for Discussion:

- Update on Broadband coverage questionnaire:

To date only three responses have been received. The information has been disseminated to the Village Agent and a note about the survey will appear in the November issue of the Messenger.

- Information regarding Parish Council insurance coverage – ref. Stowey Woods:

The Clerk has contacted the Parish Council's insurance company and was informed that:

'The policy we arrange with Ecclesiastical provides Public Liability Insurance automatically in respect of the Parish Council's responsibilities towards either owning or maintaining any land.'

- Update on Parish Councillor vacancy (co-opting process started):

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there had not been enough responses to call for an election and the co-opting process has been started. Posters have been put up, the information is on the website and the Village Agent also has details which she can send to her e-mail contacts.

Any applications can be requested by contacting the Clerk and must be returned to the Clerk by Friday 10th November 2017.

Candidates will be invited to speak at the November meeting (Monday 20th November at 7.30pm in Over Stowey Village Hall) and then votes will be cast by the Parish Council members to co-opt a new councillor.

- Update on Village Hall grant applications for the kitchen refurbishment:

As yet there has not been a reply from Sedgemoor District Council, the Clerk will follow up.

- Annual Town/Parish Council Planning Seminars –

Wednesday 18th October 2017 between 6pm (5-45pm for teas and coffees) and 9pm at the Council Offices in Bridgwater (in the Sedgemoor Room)

Unfortunately, no representatives are able to attend. District/County Councillor Caswell informed the meeting that new planning regulations are coming in and delegates at the meeting would be updated on these.

Councillor Curtis asked District/County Councillor Caswell if it would be possible to receive notes from the meeting. The Clerk will also request the same from the planning department.

Items for Discussion:

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for November 2017 meeting:

- Co-opting of a new Councillor.
- Update on if the white lines at Marsh Mills crossroads have been re-painted.
- Clerks pay increase to be agreed – to take affect from November 2017.
- Financial Report by the Clerk.
- Winter meeting start time of 7.00pm to be agreed for December 2017- March 2018.

Suggestion was made that going forward the meeting times change in relation to GMT and BST changes in October and March.

- Councillor Curtis highlighted the impact on the local area with regard to the ongoing works on the A39 and other roads.

District/County Councillor will contact the head of highways at County Hall to potentially arrange for them to attend a monthly meeting so that these concerns and issues can be discussed.

- Update on planning application 40/17/00013 by District/County Councillor Caswell.

- Cluster meeting will be held on November 28th at Chilton Trinity Village Hall.

8. Planning:

- Application Number 40/17/00012:

All the members present had no objections to the proposals at this time, however they would expect that the completed project to be in keeping with the Suggested Guidelines for Property Repair Work, Alterations & Development and Recommendations detailed in the Over Stowey Parish Design Statement.

- Application Number 40/16/00011 – Appeal:

The above application, which has gone to appeal, was discussed. The comments below were submitted with regard to the original application and all members present agreed that they still stand:

- As the existing farm buildings are coming to the end of their serviceable life, there would be no objection to converting to a dwelling if it was in keeping with the surrounding area.
- All present agreed that the best access option would be the access further up Bincombe Road closer to the building rather than the entrance to the existing residential property and farm.

No additional comments were made.

9. Financial Matters:

- a) Clerks Wages - **£146.98**

**Proposed by Councillor Tully
Seconded by Councillor Cavill**

- b) Replacement filing cabinet for confidential documents - **£44.00**

**Proposed by Councillor Cavill
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett**

c) Brush cutting training (Mr. R Ince) – **amount TBC**

Training still to be undertaken.

d) Transfer from graveyard account to current account for outgoings for the remainder of financial year 2017/2018 - **£7000**

Proposed by Councillor Cavill
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 20th November 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 P Tully,
County/District Cllr M Caswell, District Cllr J Pay