



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 16th December 2013 in the village hall.

Present:	Parish Councillor	R Curtis (Chairman)
		B Bartlett (Vice Chairman)
		P Tully
		D Peaster
		K Barrow
		M Cavill
	County Councillor	J Edney
	District Councillor	J Pay
	District Councillor	M Caswell

APOLOGIES

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs J Rees and Mr K Hill were present at the meeting tonight.

Declarations of Members Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of members interest.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by Cllr Cavill and seconded by Cllr Bartlett.

New Items for Discussion

Co-Option of Mrs Rees

Due to the resignation of Cllr Morgan there is a vacancy so, in order to maintain council numbers, the Council nominated Mrs Jane Rees to join the Committee commencing from January. The vote was unanimous in favour.

SSG Hinkley Point Representative

Clerk has received an e-mail from the Communications Support Officer at Hinkley Point A Site with regards an SSG Sub Group meeting and inviting us to send a representative. Cllr Peaster is our elected voting member and will attend the meeting. He attended as many meetings as possible last year and has agreed to carry on this role for 2014.

Matters Arising

Request from PCC regarding Over Stowey Churchyard

Clerk and Chair have trawled through all the minutes from the period in the Clerk's possession. They have also visited Somerset Heritage Centre where all of the older PC minutes are archived and found no mention of the PCC requesting Over Stowey Parish Council take on the maintenance of the Churchyard. Nor is there any reference to OSPC agreeing to take on the responsibility.

Clerk contacted Mr Cook at SDC and he had no documentation on the issue either but advised the Clerk to speak to the Ministry of Justice. Clerk had attempted to obtain an answer from the Ministry in time for this meeting but was unable to pin them down before Christmas.

During the conversation with SDC, it was mentioned that the PCC could apply for SDC to take on the maintenance, if they so wished.

Rook Bridge Culvert

Somerset County Council's operatives have been out and attempted to clear the culvert. Unfortunately they found that the culvert had partially collapsed and would require major works to repair. Their findings were reported back but currently they have no funds to undertake the work.

Any Other Business

Mr Hill joined us tonight to bring to the Councils attention a few potholes on the road from The Campbell Rooms to Aley Phone box. Clerk will get in touch with Highways and give them the details. Other areas that have been mentioned are, Aley Farm, Aley Lodge and Adscombe Lane.

Village Agent

Various Somerset villages have recently been appointed a Village Agent. Mrs Alison Hoare will be the person covering Over Stowey. A village agent is a point of contact for anybody needing a service or help. They can contact her and she will help them in contacting the right services. Cllr Curtis attended an event at Spaxton Village Hall to meet with Mrs Hoare and Sarah Haston, the project co-ordinator. Mrs Hoare will be covering two groups of local villages. Mrs Hoare will be joining us at our next meeting in January to explain her role in more depth.

PLANNING

Planning Reference: 40/13/00026/SJH

Proposal: Erection of Field Shelter

Location: Land to the South West of, Pepperhill Farm, Over Stowey, TA5 1HL

Applicant: Mrs D Rollins

Clerk to respond and advise that the Council feels that the shelter would be better positioned by the entrance gate, this would be less of an impact on the scenery.

Planning Reference: 40/13/00026/SJH

Proposal: Erection of First floor extension, two storey side (West) extension, porch to North elevation and raising of boundary wall to 2 m.

Location: The Glebe Cottage, Over Stowey, TA5 1HA

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Peters

Cllr Tully and Cllr Morley will go and inspect the site and report back.

CORRESPONDENCE

SDC

SCC

SDC

AONB

NAVIGUS PLANNING

Cluster Minutes Oct 2013

Invitation to Meet Village Agent

LDS Newsletter

Season Greetings

Changes in the new Planning System

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerks wages	120.48
Photocopies	8.50
Website renewal	14.29
SLCC Renewal	127.00

TOTAL OF DECEMBERS 2013 BILLS 270 pounds and 27 pence

Cllr Peaster proposed the above bills be paid, seconded by Cllr Barrow.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS
20th JANUARY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.