



## **OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on the 15th September 2014 in the village hall.

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

### **1.APOLOGIES**

County Councillor	J Edney
Parish Councillor	K Barrow (Vice Chairman)
Parish Councillor	B Bartlett
Parish Councillor	J Rees

### **2.MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

**Mr Whittingham joined us tonight.**

### **3.Declarations of Members Interest in respect of Items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of members interest.

### **4.MINUTES OF JULY MEETING**

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by Cllr Peaster and seconded by Cllr Cavill.

## **5.New Items for Discussion**

**Mr Whittingham joined us tonight to update us on the proposed financial cuts to the AONB. In February, Somerset County Council's financial plans stated there might be a cut in the funding they donate to the AONB. This has now changed and they said they will not be cutting the funding, but it was mentioned about Parish Councils being persuaded to contribute to AONB.**

**Cllr Caswell mentioned that he has a meeting with Somerset Councillors soon and will ask them the details as he is not aware of this being mentioned. He also stated that the only way Parish Councils could do this is to up their Precepts which we as a Parish do.**

**Cllr Curtis thanked Mr Whittingham, he left the meeting at 7.45.**

## **Cattle Grids**

**A member of the public has mentioned that at Quarry Breach in Bincombe there is a cattle grid that is full which means the cattle can escape. Clerk has been on to Highways who have arranged an inspection and will carry out any works that are considered necessary.**

## **6.Matters Arising**

### **Purchase of Land update**

Clerk has received a letter from Mr Ablart, a Senior Valuer at Somerset County Council with the Heads of Terms for consideration. A solicitor needs to be appointed to represent the Village Hall & Recreational Committee. Clerk will acquire some prices before we can commence further.

### **Playground Funding Update**

Clerk has received a letter from Viridor Credits in relation to the application. At the Walpole meeting on the 4th August, several points were raised.

Over Stowey Parish Council have made the application but the Village Hall & Recreational Committee will be responsible for its upkeep. It is stated that the VH & RC will manage and maintain and fund the site in the long term, therefore the Steering Group felt strongly that the application should have been made by the VH & RC.

Viridor Credits have asked for a new application to be submitted by the VH & RC. Clerk will get this sorted with VH & RC.

### **BT Phone Box Update**

**Clerk had been in touch with IRB Property Maintenance and the work will commence in September.**

## **7.Any Other Business**

A member of the public has got in touch to mention that a lot of people have been seen feeding the ponies on the hills. Maybe a possibility of a sign could be erected stating “No feeding the ponies”. It was advised to contact AONB and ask if they could get a sign erected.

It seems a lot of parishioners are walking their dogs on public highways with no leads, when a vehicle then tries to pass they are expected to wait for the owner to get their dog under control and back on to a lead. On public highways dogs should be kept on a lead.

## **8.PLANNING**

**There was no planning this month.**

## **9.CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>SDC</b>	<b>Dredging Updates</b>
<b>SDC</b>	<b>Avon &amp; Somerset Constabulary Police Station</b>
	<b>Opening Hours</b>
<b>SDC</b>	<b>Environment Agency Update</b>
<b>Somerset Community Foundation</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>SCC</b>	<b>Temporary Road Closure A39</b>

## **10.FINANCIAL MATTERS**

<b><u>Payments:</u></b>	Clerks wages	120.48
	Photocopies	8.50
	Ink	10.96

**TOTAL OF SEPTEMBERS 2014 BILLS 139 pounds and 94 pence**

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

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON 20th October **2014 at 7.30 PM** IN THE VILLAGE HALL.