

OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
16th July 2018 in the Village Hall

Please note that these minutes are draft until approved at the
September 17th 2018 Meeting

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

1. Apologies for Absence:

District Councillor J. Pay

2. Members of the Public:

- The applicant for planning application 40/18/00008/DD attended the meeting to answer any questions that the Parish Council may have. There were no questions as a site visit has already been made and any queries had been answered (see decision under item 8)
- Mr. Jenman, the Landscape Partnership Development Officer from the Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty attended to provide information on the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme.

He explained that the initiative has been set up to manage the many changes that are occurring within the area and to increase social engagement with the neighbouring urban communities (Taunton, Bridgwater, Watchet and Williton) including those groups which are currently unrepresented.

The total cost is anticipated to be £2,705,500. It is hoped that funding of £1,902,200 from the Heritage Lottery Fund will be granted and the additional amount of £803,300 will have to be raised from match funding.

The delivery of the schemes projects will be from January 2020 – December 2024.

Projects will change and evolve over the period and new ideas and suggestions will be very welcome. Planning permissions will be required to allow particular schemes to be delivered.

Current ideas include; volunteering, local archaeology, looking at the history of the area, using digital skills to increase cross generational interactions, walks, talks and events, training opportunities for landowners, advice available on historic restorations, younger ranger apprentice programme and looking at the rural industrial landscape.

Input will be sought from Parish Council's, the National Trust, Land-owners and Commoners.

A visitor's survey will take place (the last one was conducted in 2003). This will not cover non-users so additional work will take place to cover this e.g. at local events.

It has been noted that families are interested in events if they are family events. This can be easier to manage with regard to boundaries and the intention would be to provide transport.

This project requires a strong application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and it is hoped that the match funding will come from various sources including Hinkley Point C, and County and District Councils.

For further information see:

<https://www.quantockhills.com/reimagining-the-manor-scheme>

The question was asked by the Parish Council how the development role is being funded and the Heritage Lottery Fund is providing 90% of the cost and the Local Authorities and Friends of the Quantocks have contributed the rest.

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

Councillor Goddard re. planning application 40/18/00008/DD

4. Minutes of the last meeting – June 18th 2018

Proposed by Councillor Barrow
Seconded by Councillor Tully

5. Correspondence:

- Response from Village Hall re facilities accessibility request –
The Clerk received confirmation that the Village Hall disabled facilities are accessible to anyone who may need to use them

- Feedback re burger van at Triscombe –

The van owner has been contacted but there is no further information regarding this. If anyone has any issues or concerns please contact the Clerk

- Letter from Member of the Public –

The Parish Council would like to be able to address the content of the letter but are unable to respond to the individual as there are no contact details. If any member of the public has any issues regarding Parish Council members and would like to attend a meeting to voice these, please be assured that all councillors take their roles and responsibilities very seriously and would always discuss any concerns that a member of the public may have

- Member of the Public request for hedge cutting in Hack Lane –

It has been asked by a parishioner if a section of hedging could be reduced in height as there are concerns about visibility and stability due to how high it has become.

The Clerk will contact the landowner on behalf of the Parish Council to request that the appropriate action is taken to rectify this.

6. Items for Discussion:

- E-mail from Nether Stowey Parish Council requesting support from Over Stowey Parish Council to extend the 30mph limit from Jacksons Lane from where it ends at present (at Butchers Lane) to the junction with Castle Hill (in Over Stowey) –

There were no objections to the request and the Clerk will communicate this to Nether Stowey Parish Council to find out what is required to support this

- Feedback from SW Cluster Meeting (19th June 2018) from Councillor Goddard. Some of the items included -
 - Policing – a discussion about the lack of a police presence took place and it was explained that if there is a low crime rate in an area the police presence has been lower, however from October the police are changing their way of working and will be seen more often

- Recycling – it has been requested that boxes are stacked to help prevent the rubbish going everywhere
- Affordable housing – a discussion about buying and selling on or renting out for profit took place

County/District Councillor Caswell explained that a clause that wasn't in the original agreement is now included and therefore this shouldn't now be possible

- Update on footpath issues, Councillor Bartlett to update -

Councillor Bartlett explained that the footpath in question has some barbed wire which is used to keep stock in. It has been asked if it can be removed. Councillor Curtis suggested that the Rights of Way Warden is contacted to request a site visit to ascertain what can be done. The Clerk will contact the relevant party

- Discussion on the installation of the barrier leading up to Quantock Combe from Seven Well's Car Park -

The barrier has been installed to prevent anti-social behaviour taking place in the area and is on Forestry Commission land. Councillor Bartlett explained that anyone who needs a key has a key

- Plotting of new cemetery area – timescale to be agreed

Councillor Curtis will liaise with the relevant parties to arrange this

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the September 2018 meeting:

It is considered that the hedge cutting is being left too late and due to the amount that has then grown, not enough is being taken off to ensure the roads are as clear as possible

Councillor Barrow asked if this can be delegated to Parish Councils and County/District Councillor Caswell will investigate this and report back at the September 2018 meeting

It was also noted that landowners are responsible for maintaining their own hedges and if anyone needs advice on how and when this can take place, the Councillors would be happy to meet to discuss any queries or concerns

8. Planning:

- Application - 40/18/00008/DD:

A site visit has previously been made and once the plans and objections had been reviewed, a discussion regarding the proposal took place and concluded that:

- The Parish Council have no objections to the planning application and conversions as long as the store remains a store
 - It is considered that newly built structures would be more aesthetically pleasing within the environment rather than old unusable buildings
- Application - 40/18/00009/DRT:
 - After reviewing the amended plans and taking into consideration the communications from the applicant, all members present had no objections to the planning application and agreed that the structure will be more beneficial to the welfare of the animals that it will be built for

9. Financial Matters:

- a) Clerks Wages - **£174.09**

Proposed by Councillor Tully
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

- b) Garden Waste Collection - **£55.00 (actual £55.40- print out not correct)**

Proposed by Councillor Goddard
Seconded by Councillor Peaster

10. Date of Next Meetings – Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30pm

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 G Goddard, Cllr P Tully

County Cllr/District Cllr M Caswell, District Cllr J Pay