



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
15th October 2018 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved at the
November 19th 2018 Meeting*

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

1. Apologies for Absence:

Councillor R. Curtis
Councillor M. Cavill

2. Members of the Public:

No members of the public were in attendance

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

None

4. Minutes of the last meeting – September 17th 2018

Proposed by Councillor Peaster
Seconded by Councillor Tully

5. Correspondence:

- E-mail from the Nether Stowey and District Royal British Legion – donation from the Parish Council to be discussed:

All members agreed that a donation towards the food will be made available upon production of receipts up to a value of £100.00.

The Clerk will inform the Chair of Nether Stowey and District Royal British Legion.

- Message regarding a request for information on parking spaces for a new resident in Quantock Lane:

The parish councillors think that each property had an allocated space at some point but they may then have been offered to the homeowners to purchase.

It appears that maybe some were bought, but it is not known by the Parish Council which property has or hasn't purchased a space as this was actioned at a district council level.

Councillor Caswell suggested contacting 'Homes In Sedgemoor' as they may have more information.

The Clerk will communicate this information to the parishioner.

- E-mail regarding incident in Stowey Wood:

A report about two individuals with spades and a small dog disturbing the badger sett in Stowey Wood was made to the police and the Parish Council were informed.

If anyone sees any unusual activities within the parish, please could this be passed on to the Parish Council for information.

6. Items for Discussion:

- Plotting of new cemetery area – decision to be made on where the Parish Council would like the cremation area to be within the new plot:

The Parish Council are happy for Grandfield's to make the decision on where the new cremation area should be. The Clerk will communicate this.

- Verge/hedge cutting – update on responses from landowners and works carried out:

Various landowners have responded to requests about maintaining their boundaries and the Parish Council are grateful for the actions undertaken or planned.

When responding to complaints or concerns regarding specific areas, the Parish Council will endeavor to ensure that any communications are directed correctly. If anyone has any queries with reference to any boundary issues, please contact the Clerk who will pass the information on to the Parish Council members.

- Update on response regarding notice for events in the Quantock Hills – the Forestry Commission have contacted the Clerk regarding an event and will be working with the Parish Council to ensure any planned activities are communicated in advance.
- Update on response from Highways Department regarding signage:

The Clerk has followed up on the issues discussed at the September meeting, but has not yet had a response. This will be revisited before the November meeting to see what progress has been made.

- Updates on footpath issues – Councillor Cavill:

Councillor Cavill was not present at the October meeting, so Councillor Bartlett will follow this up and report back at the November meeting.

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

Councillor Goddard highlighted the problem of water running from the ditch into and down Quantock Lane.

This has been an issue in the past and Councillor Barrow suggested that this is investigated with Councillor Peaster overseeing any proposed works.

If seen as necessary to rectify the problem, work can be undertaken if the cost is less than £250 under the Parish Councils Standing Orders.

8. Planning:

RLT3 – local applications received – comments (if any) to feed back to Sedgemoor District Council, Parks and Open Spaces:

There were no comments, recommendations or suggestions made by any members of the Parish Council.

9. Financial Matters

- a) Financial Update
- b) Clerks Wages - **£174.09**

Proposed by Councillor Tully
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

- c) Transfer from the Downing Legacy Funds to the Village Hall for payment towards the kitchen - **£8000.00** (as agreed at the April 2017 meeting) and precept for budgeted outgoings as per Financial Update
- d) Donation to Nether Stowey and District Royal British Legion (tbc if agreed under item 5 – Correspondence)

Receipts up to value £100

Proposed by Councillor Bartlett
Seconded by Councillor Goddard

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.00pm

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