



OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
21st January 2019 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved at the
18th February 2019 meeting*

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

1. Apologies for Absence:

None

2. Members of the Public:

Six members of the public were in attendance with reference to the rave on the Quantock Hills on December 31st 2018/January 1st 2019

Also in attendance were two representatives from the Forestry Commission and the Quantock Hills PCSO

The discussion held highlighted the concerns about the event, the response by the police and the potential for more events to take place in the future

Local residents would like a strategy in place to deter organisers and prevent this happening again

It was unanimously decided by the Parish Council members that the Clerk will write to Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens and Chief Constable Andy Marsh to request a response from them and invite them to a meeting to discuss possible strategies

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

None declared

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

Proposed by Councillor Peaster
Seconded by Councillor Goddard

5. Correspondence:

- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Survey to complete
 - This has been completed and the Clerk will submit online
- Parish Path Survey – footpaths and bridle ways to complete
 - This has been completed and the Clerk will submit online
- Quantock Hills Management Plan and Landscape Partnership Scheme Workshop - Tuesday 5th February
 - The Clerk will attend the workshop
- Feedback from EDF re possibility of the free bus servicing Over Stowey
 - The contractor will undertake a risk assessment and feedback the results when received
- Somerset County Council project, The Somerset Wood
 - All members present agreed with the sentiment behind the project, however, it was requested that the local Royal British Legion is approached to see if they have any similar plans before making any commitments to other areas. The Clerk will contact the Chair of the RBL
 - If there is nothing else planned Councillor Barrow recommended proposing that Over Stowey contribute £25 towards one tree on an annual basis

Proposed by Councillor Barrow
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

6. Items for Discussion

- Quantock Hill – Raves
 - See above under Members of The Public

- Leat wall – update from EuroForest
 - The Clerk communicated the email received regarding installation of cameras to record the movements of the contractors and provide evidence of any damage to the leat wall

 - A discussion took place about who the wall belongs to and who would make any insurance claim if required

 - Councillor Curtis will contact the Highways Department to arrange a site meeting to ascertain ownership of the wall

- Update re. tree on bridle path
 - Councillor Curtis confirmed that the tree had been removed

- Update on possibility of obtaining a projector for planning applications
 - Councillor Tully stated that he was unable to obtain a projector

 - County/District Councillor Caswell suggested contacting Magnox to see if a projector can be obtained from them

 - Councillor Barrow asked if the option of increasing the payment to the Village Hall to allow WIFI to be installed could be considered – this will be followed up once details are available following the next Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee meeting

- Update on Neighbourhood Watch scheme
 - The Clerk had contacted the head office for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and had received details of the last known coordinator. Councillor Bartlett will contact them to see if the scheme is still active in any way

- A query with regard to the new car park at Crowcombe Gate was raised about whether Over Stowey Parish Council will receive a planning application in respect of this
 - See item 5 Correspondence re. Quantock Hills Management Plan and Landscape Partnership Scheme. The Clerk can investigate this further at the Quantock Hills Management Plan and Landscape Partnership Scheme Workshop and will feedback any information
- Feedback from the Clerk regarding request for increase in hours and new Clerk role
 - The Clerk was successful in the application to an additional parish and will officially take on the role as from February 1st 2019.
 - The Clerk communicated the working hours that had been recorded over the last three months, the information from recommendations from NALC and the correspondence with SALC. These supported the request to increase the monthly hours (over the 11 months worked) from 12.25 hours per month to 17.5 hours per month.

All members present reviewed the information and after considering the request, unanimously agreed that the hours could be increased.

Proposed – Councillor Barrow
 Seconded – Councillor Tully

- Feedback from Duncan Harvey regarding a Housing Needs Survey the Clerk
 - The Clerk has not heard anything back as yet and will follow up again
- Update on progress of repair of memorial bench
 - Cllrs Curtis and Tully will be undertaking the work required

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the February 2019 meeting:

- District Councillor Caswell informed the Parish Council members that a Quantock Cluster Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February at Stockland Sports Club at 7.30pm.

Councillor Curtis and the Clerk will attend

8. Planning:

No applications received

9. Financial Matters:

- a) Review increase in hours for the Clerk (see under Items for Discussion)
- b) Clerks Wages - **£237.34** (as agreed under Items for Discussion)

Proposed by Councillor Barrow
Seconded by Councillor Tully

- c) Rock salt - **£132.20**

- d)
Proposed by Councillor Goddard
Seconded by Councillor Bartlett

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 18th February 2019 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