

**OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Village Hall

*Please note that these minutes are draft until approved at the  
15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 meeting*

Present: Parish Councillor R. Curtis  
G. Goddard  
D. Peaster  
M. Cavill  
B. Bartlett

County/District Councillor M. Caswell

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Barrow  
Cllr Tully  
Cllr Pay

**2. Members of the Public:**

None

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

None

**4. Minutes of the last meeting – May 20th 2019**

**Proposed:** Cllr Tully **Seconded:** Cllr Barrow

**5. Correspondence:**

- Rural Housing Week, information session –

These sessions have been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. The Clerk will contact them and Duncan Harvey to arrange for a presentation at the July 2019 Parish Council meeting with regards to rural housing within the parish and a Housing Needs Survey

- VE Day 75, May 8th 2020 –

Email received for information in advance of next years commemoration. Cllr Curtis showed the members present the display cabinet which has been made by Grandfields for the books with the names of those who were involved in the First World War from the local area. As there is nowhere suitable for the display cabinet to be located in the Village Hall, Cllr Curtis will approach the churchwarden to see if there is somewhere it can be displayed in the church

- Email re Auto Speed Watch system –

This was due to be considered for the speed limit at Hack Lane, however, the Highways Department are looking at whether this is something that they can undertake

## **6. Items for Discussion:**

- Appoint a representative for the Hinkley A and B group –

Cllr Curtis agreed that he would be the representative, however he is unable to attend the June 2019 meeting. The Clerk will communicate this to the relevant person

- Confirm training dates and attendees –

Sedgemoor District Council have planning sessions due on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and SALC has Code of Conduct Training due on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation on who is able to attend will be made at the July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting

- Discuss issues regarding misleading road closure signs –

Cllr Bartlett has queried why the signs seem to go up so early and why road closure notices and closed signs are put up at the same time, even when the road is not yet closed. Cllr Bartlett would like clarification on the statutory regulations regarding notice periods and where and when signs should be displayed. Examples of where confusion has arisen is at Plainsfield, Marsh Mills and Adscombe

- Discuss options for grant for Health and Wellbeing and consider an application –

The Clerk will investigate what is available and contact the relevant parties to progress any relevant applications

- Consider application for small improvements scheme grant, possibility of addressing the speed limit around Hack Lane –

As this may be addressed by the Highways Department, this will be considered for other projects

- Feedback on whether dumpy bags have been removed –

This has been actioned

- Sedgemoor Planning Seminars, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July (6.00pm – 9.00pm)

See above under ‘Confirm Training Dates and Attendees’

- Update regarding the leat wall and work required on the ditch in Adscombe, Cllr Curtis

Cllr Curtis confirmed that the wall has been hit again. A representative from the Highways Department will be visiting week commencing June 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 to review the damage and also the ditch at Adscombe

- Update on Neighbourhood Watch group, Cllr Peaster –

Cllr Peaster reported that two possible conmen had been in the area, photos were taken and this has been reported to the police  
The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme needs to be re-activated; however, this will be discussed further in July, in conjunction with the follow up to the Quantock Hills meeting

- Update on progress with regard to levelling the ground at the cemetery –

The Clerk is meeting with a contractor on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and other contractors have been contacted with a view to providing additional quotes

- Progress on memorial bench, Cllrs Tully and Curtis –

The timber has been painted and is ready to assemble. The base needs to be laid and the plaque has been made

## **7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the July 2019 meeting:**

- Consider formation of group to address rural crime concerns in the local area
- M Caswell to organise meeting with Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson, with a representative from each parish effected within the cluster

## **8. Planning:**

- Update on application decisions –

The Clerk circulated a report on the planning decisions made since January 2018

## **9. Financial Matters:**

<b>a.</b> Clerks Wages	<b>£237.34</b>
<b>b.</b> Annual Insurance Renewal	<b>£322.22</b>
<b>c.</b> HP Connected – ink (March, April and May 2019)	<b>£ 19.47</b>
<b>d.</b> SDC – uncontested election fee	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>e.</b> Grandfields – materials for memorial bench	<b>£ 36.00</b>

**Proposed:** Cllr Peaster      **Seconded:** Cllr Goddard

## **10. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 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