

**OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the Village Hall  
(with strict guidelines in place regarding COVID-19)**

***Please note that these minutes are draft until approved at the  
October 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 meeting***

Present: Parish Councillor

K. Barrow  
P. Tully  
B. Bartlett  
D. Peaster  
G. Goddard

District/County Councillor

M. Caswell

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr R Curtis, District Cllr J Pay

**2. Members of the Public:**

Two members of the public were in attendance re Planning Application  
40/20/00012 (see item 4.)

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

None declared

**4. Planning:**

(See item 2. Members of the Public)

**40/20/00012** - Change of use and conversion of existing  
agricultural buildings to form a dwelling, the formation of access and  
parking and the creation of a temporary access (revised Scheme 21<sup>st</sup>  
August 2020)

Formation of new access and parking and the creation of a  
temporary access to barns (amended 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020)

**White Horse Farm, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, TA5 1HG**

Following the response from the Parish Council to the above application as recorded in the minutes from September 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, the applicants had contacted the planning department querying the objection and additional comments.

The applicants clearly laid out the reasons for the amended proposals which were made following an ecology report which stated that the original access plans would have an adverse impact on the local wildlife. It was recommended that the location of the access point should be moved to reduce this.

Ecological surveys are being carried out and other options are also being considered to preserve the hedge, such as pulling it back rather than removing.

During this time the entrance will be temporarily smaller – this will still allow access for work to take place and when the timing is right from an ecology point of view i.e. after the hibernation period is over, the entrance will be widened and will also allow vehicles to use this as a passing area if necessary.

It is felt by the applicants and the Parish Council that the original access is the preferred location, however as the amended plans are likely to have less of an ecological impact both parties agree that this is the most appropriate solution.

It was agreed by all members present that the Parish Council have no objections to the application and express their thanks to the applicants for attending the meeting to clarify the Proposals.

**Proposed:** Cllr Curtis

**Seconded:** Cllr Tully

- i. **40/20/00015** - Erection of a single storey extension to the side (West) elevation.

**2 Cockercombe Road, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, TA5 1HJ**

Over Stowey Parish Council have no objections to the proposals and are confident that the work will be undertaken in a way sympathetic to the area

**Proposed:** Cllr Peaster

**Seconded:** Cllr Tully

- ii. Consider response to 'Changes to the current planning system'  
[Link to the 'Changes to the current planning system' survey](#)

Consideration was given to the document and the questions asked within the survey. After discussion with Cllr Caswell it was agreed that this white paper has little relevance to the parish and therefore no response will be submitted. However the white paper Planning for The Future will be much more relevant and will be reviewed at the October 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr Bartlett      **Seconded:** Cllr Peaster

**5. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm at Over Stowey Village Hall  
(subject to Government guidelines and restrictions in place at the time)

**Amanda McMurren**  
**Clerk to Over Stowey Parish Council**

To: Members of the Parish Council Cllr K Barrow, Cllr P Tully, Cllr R Curtis,  
Cllr B Bartlett, Cllr D Peaster, Cllr G Goddard,

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