

OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the
16th 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 21st 2020 meeting***

Present: Parish Councillor

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

District Councillor

J. Pay

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor Barrow welcomed everyone and shared the sad news about the recent death of Councillor Morley Cavill. Everyone agreed that this is a great loss to the Parish Council and the community and Morley will be greatly missed. His knowledge of the local area, in particular the footpaths and his contributions to the meetings were always appreciated and his input was valued.

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Councillor Cavill.

1. Consider protocols for the meeting re COVID-19

All protocols were followed

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Curtis, District/County Cllr M Caswell

3. Members of the Public:

No members of the public were in attendance

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

None declared

5. Minutes of the last meeting – July 2020

Proposed: Cllr Tully

Seconded: Cllr Peaster

6. Correspondence:

There were no items of correspondence

7. Items for Discussion

i. **Update regarding proposed changes for local government reform in Somerset**

Cllr Pay summarised the current situation with the business cases from One Somerset and Stronger Somerset for their unitary bids.

One Somerset are proposing a single unitary council and Stronger Somerset with two unitary councils working together. Further details can be found on their websites.

ii. **Somerset Wildlife Trust and Somerset Climate Action Network Somerset County Council £1million Climate Emergency Community Fund application**

It was considered that at present as there are no clear projects suitable for the grant, an application would not be submitted. Should ideas be forthcoming, these can be reviewed at the October 2020 meeting.

iii. **Consider NALC pay increase for the Clerk and agree new level**

The Clerk communicated the information received from NALC and it was agreed by all members present that the current level of SCP 10 is appropriate and that the back pay from April 1st 2020 is paid in the September pay.

Proposed: Cllr Goddard **Seconded:** Cllr Tully

iv. **Update regarding the re-levelling at Bincombe Green**

A quote had been received of £245 from a local contractor. It was agreed by all members present that as previous works by this contractor have been of an excellent quality, that they would like to award the job to them

Proposed: Cllr Goddard **Seconded:** Cllr Bartlett

v. **Update on grant application for the tennis court Refurbishment**

The grant application was reviewed in July and subsequently agreed by the donations committee. A meeting will take place with the contractor week commencing October 5th 2020, to confirm works required and timescales. A further update will be available at the October 2020 Parish Council meeting.

vi. **Update on installation of dog waste bins**

The Clerk has contacted the relevant department on several occasions, but is still awaiting a response. This will be followed up again.

vii. **Consider Clerks request to undertake the SLCC National Conference online training**

The Clerk would like to attend the online event which offers a wide selection of relevant training session and workshops at a cost of £25.00. It was agreed by all members present that the booking could be made.

Proposed: Cllr Peaster **Seconded:** Cllr Tully

viii. **Update on website accessibility work**

The Clerk attended training to ensure that; the accessibility statement was produced and included on the website before the deadline of September 23rd 2020 and that author produced content is accessible. Work will continue on the website during the remainder of 2020/2021 and will be reviewed regularly with timescales being amended if necessary.

8. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the October 2020 meeting:

- i. Dog waste bins – the Clerk will follow this up and report back at the meeting
- ii. The No Through road sign in Bincombe is illegible and needs to be reported
- iii. A wasp's nest has been reported at the cemetery. This will be removed

9.Planning:

- **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 21st August 2020)

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

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

It was agreed by all members present that the Parish Council object to the proposals for the following reason:

- The development has already had planning permission granted for the new entrance; therefore, it is considered that this is adequate for access to the area and that a temporary entrance is not necessary

It was also noted that with the recent installation of the bollards, the opportunities for traffic to pass safely has been seriously restricted and it is recommended by the Parish Council, that the formation of a new passing area to the east of the new entrance would be appropriate¹

Proposed: Cllr Curtis

Seconded: Cllr Tully

10. Financial Matters:

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| a. Consider NALC pay increase for the Clerk and agree new level (see item 7.iii.) | |
| b. Clerks wages including back pay of annual increase | £277.75 |
| c. Printer ink | £10.47 |
| d. Expenses – COVID19 meeting items | £17.76 |
| e. Defibrillator – replacement pads | £40.68 |
| f. SLCC – National Conference online training (agreed under item 7.vii.) | £25.00 |

Proposed: Cllr Tully

Seconded: Cllr Curtis

¹ Please refer to the minutes from the Special Planning Meeting 30/09/2020 for an amended response following further information being made available

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Special Planning Meeting - Wednesday 30th September 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