

OVER STOWEY
PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on May 18th 2022

**Please note that these minutes are draft until approved
at the June 2022 meeting**

Present: Parish Councillor

P. Tully
K. Barrow
D. Peaster
G. Goddard
T. Lindley
R. Curtis

County/District Councillor
County Councillor

M. Caswell
B. Bolt

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Bartlett
Cllr Pay

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:

Cllr Lindley declared an interest in item 8.b. (Financial Matters - Payments)

4. Correspondence:

a. Emails received regarding road safety in the Parish:

- i. Concerns have been raised about the speed that vehicles are driven up and down Quantock Lane and a request for traffic calming has been made e.g. speed bumps. Councillor Caswell stated that the lane is unlikely to meet the criteria for speed bumps to be installed. Research will be undertaken to see what is possible from the Highways Department and also what can be done locally to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding vehicles in this location
- ii. A request has been made for road signs stating a maximum length of vehicles to avoid situations where lorries/coaches etc. are unable to safely negotiate the roads and lanes within the parish without causing damage or blocking the road. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department to see what is possible

5. Items for Discussion:

a. **Confirm date with contractor regarding the re-levelling of the cemetery grounds**

The Parish Council would like a date for this work to be scheduled as this was originally agreed in late 2019. The Clerk will contact the contractor to confirm a date as soon as possible.

b. **Update re non-collection of garden waste from the cemetery by Suez**

The garden waste collection from the cemetery has not taken place since March 2021 as the address is not recognised on the online portal at Suez (the waste collection company). The Clerk has chased this numerous times over the last year by email and phone, but no-one at Suez has been able to resolve this. Cllr Caswell has followed this up with the Chief Executive at Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) who have received complaints from others on various issues with the service as a whole. The issues of non-collection of the garden waste have been included on the list of complaints and the Parish Council can expect a response soon. Cllr Lindley asked if there was a timescale on this and Cllr Caswell is hoping that SWP will contact him within two weeks.

c. **Cattle grids**

The cattle grids have still not been emptied and animals continue to walk over them on to the main highway. The Highways Department have indicated that this is not a priority, however there are concerns locally that the safety of the animals and all road users is being compromised and an accident may well happen. Cllr Caswell will follow this up and report back to the Clerk with any response from Highways.

d. **Consider request for a memorial bench in the new area of the cemetery**

The Parish Council are happy to agree for a bench to be located in the new area of the cemetery dependent on the location, size and style. Cllrs Tully and Curtis will liaise and confirm this as soon as possible with the relevant parties.

6. Planning:

a. Planning Application 40/22/00002

Location: Castle Meadow, Castle Hill, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, Somerset,
TA5 1ET

Proposal: Mr. M Downer and N Withers

Following a review of the plans, it was proposed that the Parish Council support the application as it can only improve and enhance the property. This was put to a vote, with four councillors supporting and one remaining neutral. Therefore it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application.

Proposed: Cllr Peaster **Seconded:** Cllr Lindley

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the June 2022 meeting:

- Highways issues
- Reports from Cllr Caswell re cattle grids and non-collection of garden waste at the cemetery

- Concerns re number of accidents on a particular stretch of the A39
- Update re Over Stowey car park and future plans
- Review of the 2021/2022 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

8. Financial Matters:

a. Receipts and Payments report for April 2022

Proposed: Cllr Goddard **Seconded:** Cllr Curtis

b. Payments

i. Queens Platinum Jubilee	Jubilee Trees		335.20
ii. Queens Platinum Jubilee	Bunting	14.98	
	Lettering	15.16	
	Footballs	19.95	
	Toilet hire	<u>306.60</u>	
			356.69
iii. Queens Platinum Jubilee	Exmoor Ales		<u>280.86</u>
	TOTAL		£972.75

These payments are being made from the National Lottery Grant funds received for the Queens Platinum Jubilee event.

Proposed: Cllr Curtis **Seconded:** Cllr Peaster

9. Date of next meeting:

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 15th June 2022 at Over Stowey Village Hall at 7.00pm

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8.35pm

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Signed:

Dated: