

OVER STOWEY
PARISH COUNCIL

OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 19th 2023

**Please note that these minutes are draft until approved at the
September 20th 2023 Meeting of the Parish Council**

Present: Parish Councillor

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

Somerset Councillors

M. Caswell (until 8.05pm)
B. Bolt (until 8.05pm)

1. Apologies for Absence:

No apologies

2. Members of the Public:

Two members of the public and the agent and applicant were in attendance re Planning – item 5.a

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

None declared

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on June 21st 2023

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

5. Planning applications: (Moved from agenda item 8)

a. Planning Application [40/23/00005](#)

Location Three, The Cottage, Quantock Lane, Over Stowey,
Bridgwater, TA5 1HB

Proposal Erection of single storey and 1.5 storey extension to the
North & East elevations on site of existing (to be
demolished)

Cllr Bolt left the room for this item.

Two members of the public were in attendance for this item and raised their concerns regarding the amendments to the plans and the agent then presented the amendments on behalf of the applicant. The Parish Council reviewed what had been stated and presented. It was agreed that the Parish Council consider that no significant changes have been made to the plans that would change their opinion and therefore the objection stands.

Proposed: Cllr Peaster **Seconded:** Cllr Barrow

Resolved unanimously

Cllr Bolt then rejoined the meeting.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Request from a parishioner for a handrail on the right-hand side of the steps into the cemetery
 - Cllr Tully will look into this and report back to the Parish Council at the September meeting
- b. Email from resident of Crowcombe re support from Over Stowey Parish Council for a possible weight restriction/speed limit through the Quantocks
 - A discussion was held and it was considered by the Parish Council that there are many highways issues that need to be addressed and that this is a bigger issue than just at Parish level as it involves other parties, groups and agencies. Therefore, it was suggested that amongst other highways concerns this should be taken to the respective LCN meetings for full consideration and looked at as a whole for the area

7. Items for Discussion:

- a. Somerset Council update – Cllrs Caswell and Bolt
 - There is little to report at the moment. Cllrs Caswell and Bolt are still talking with Highways on a number of issues. One suggestion made was regarding signage that might help with the above – item 6.b. There are now signs that state ‘Do Not Follow Sat Nav.’
The Clerk will contact the relevant parties to see if this is a possibility and will feedback at the September meeting
- b. Feedback from the Clerk re the review of the ground’s maintenance contract
 - The Clerk will be working on this over the summer period
- c. Highways issues updates
 - i. Signage at Plainsfield - ongoing
 - ii. Quantock Lane traffic calming request - ongoing
 - iii. Signage (sharp bend) request re long vehicles for road through Over Stowey (from Crowcombe) – see above items 6.b. and 7.a.
 - iv. Update from site visit by Highways (undertaken September 2021) – ongoing

- v. Safety issues at Marsh Mills crossroads
 - Other issues are still ongoing. The Clerk will confirm with the Highways officer which work is outstanding and when it will take place, then will update the Parish Council at the September meeting
- vi. Update on reports made re STOP sign
 - It was queried whether it a legal obligation for the Highways Department to provide clear and obvious signage at this junction. Cllr Bolt and the Clerk will follow this up immediately
- vii. Review of rules regarding walking of dogs on public highways
 - Awaiting response from the dog warden
- viii. Overgrown trees/hedgerows on South Lane
 - Work has taken place on this stretch of the road. Other work necessary will take place in September
- ix. Verge cutting
 - This is an ongoing concern with councillors and there are various options open as to how to resolve this. Cllr Duncan will raise this as an agenda item for the next LCN meeting. It is hoped that a solution to how this can proceed will be found before the end of the financial year, to ensure that next summer work is carried out efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner
 - It was also requested by the Parish Council if Cllrs Caswell and Bolt could ask the Highways Department for the current budget allocated to the verge cutting service for the parish
- d. Possible projects for the parish**
 - i. Update on work required and costings for the refurbishment of the Village Hall bar area
 - It is anticipated that a donation request will be made at the September meeting
 - ii. Possible donation request for work/projects at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground
 - A commemoration plaque to celebrate King Charles III Coronation has been considered. The Clerk will research what might be suitable once the dimensions of a plaque are agreed
 - Other items are yet to be agreed by the Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee

8. Matters arising for the Agenda for the September 2023 meeting

- a. Possible donation requests from the VH&RGC
- b. Update re request for the verge cutting budget amount from Somerset Council for the Parish
- c. Update re commemorative plaque at Bincombe Green
- d. Update re options for a commemorative plaque for the Recreation Ground
- e. Possible planning breaches to be reviewed
- f. Update on communication with resident re potential ash die back in tree on the boundary of the highway

9. Personnel:

The Clerk had no matters to bring to the attention to members

10. Financial Matters:

a. Payments

i.	Clerks Wages	July and August 2023	610.00
ii.	Expenses	Printer upgrade	169.99
		A3 printer paper	11.99
		USB cable for projector	<u>5.84</u>
			187.82
iii.	McAfee	Annual subscription (ratified following payment made 22/6/23)	30.99
iv.	N. Ferguson	Annual renewal – website hosting	100.00
v.	HP Ink	June and July 2023	8.98
vi.	Mobile phone contract	D/D July 2023	<u>26.25</u>
	TOTAL		£964.04

Proposed: Cllr Goddard

Seconded: Cllr Bartlett

11. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00pm, to be held at Over Stowey Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8.25pm

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Signed:

Dated: