



NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING¹

To: Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting on

Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.00pm, at Over Stowey Village Hall

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Members of the Public (if a member of the public wishes to ask a question or make a comment on an agenda item, please contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting start time)

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

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 20th 2024

5. Correspondence:

- a. Request from Crowcombe Parish Council to discuss signage on the roads through the Quantock Hills
- b. Information regarding change of collection days for waste and recycling collections

6. Items for Discussion:

- a. Somerset Council update (including email from SALC re Asset and Service Devolution)
- b. Highways updates and new issues:
 - i. Email received from Quantocks National Landscapes (previously known as the AONB) re signage to update name plates to the new name for the AONB
 - ii. Feedback from Forestry England re clearing the ditch in Friarn
 - iii. Concerns re flooding on A39 on stretch between Currypool Lane and Mill Farm Hill

¹ N. B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

- c. Annual review of the Code of Conduct
- d. Possible projects for the parish
 - i. Update re plaque for Over Stowey Recreation Ground
- e. Follow up report of diseased ash tree received December 2023

7. Matters Arising for the Agenda for the February 2024 meeting:

8. Planning applications:

- a. Planning Application:
 - i. Application no. 40/23/00009
 - Location The Great Barn, Plainsfield Road, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1HH
 - Proposal Erection of a single storey rear extension
 - ii. Application no. 40/23/00012
 - Location Adscombe Barns, Adscombe Lane, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1HN
 - Proposal Change of use from agricultural to equestrian, to form a menage and associated works
- b. Resolution to hold a confidential session for item 8.c. below
- c. Potential breach of planning reported to the Parish Council

9. Personnel:

10. Financial Matters:

- a. Review draft budget – version 4 and setting of precept for 2024/2025
- b. Consider donation request from Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee
- c. Payments
 - i. Clerks Wages January 2024 325.00
 - ii. Donation request (tbc)
 - iii. SLCC Annual membership 105.00
 - iv. Parish Online Annual membership 60.00
 - v. Wood-Land Southwest Grounds maintenance for 2023 1020.00
 - vi. Mobile phone contract D/D Jan 2024 26.25
 - TOTAL (subject to change re item 10.b.) £1536.25**

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm at Over Stowey Village Hall

Amanda McMurren Clerk to Over Stowey Parish Council

To Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr P Tully, Cllr K Barrow, Cllr R Curtis, Cllr B Bartlett, Cllr D Peaster, Cllr G Goddard, Cllr Lindley

Somerset Council:

Cllrs Mike Caswell and Brian Bolt