

## Stogumber Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012

The meeting started at 19:30

### Present

J. Spicer, Chairman	C. Bramall	K. Rew	C Matravers	
M. Symes	V Sellick	J Danson	T Simpson	M Moss
J Leeming, Clerk	A Trollope-Bellow (District and County Councillor)			

Item	Topic	Action
1	<b>Apologies:</b> There were no apologies recorded	
2	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> There were no declarations of interest	
3	<b>Public comments, questions or suggestions.</b> There were no members of the public present	
4	<b>Acceptance of minutes.</b> It was proposed and passed that the minutes of the meetings held on 19/7/12, 13/9/12 and 22/9/12 were reasonable records of the meetings. These were signed by the chairman.	
5	<b>Outcomes of Open Meeting about Miss May's Field.</b> The following resolutions from the open meeting on September 19 <sup>th</sup> 2012 were unanimously accepted. a) That a strategic plan should be drawn up for the village to include the field. b) That the sale of land should not be ruled out but other funding sources should be investigated first. c) That a temporary car park should be created in the field with the minimum of works necessary. d) That the field should be renamed. KR left the meeting	
6	<b>Formation of a working party to draw up a strategic / local plan</b> JS felt that SPC should start work on a neighbourhood plan, which had been agreed at an earlier meeting. A neighbourhood plan could not be completed until WSC publish their Local Plan as their policies will have a bearing on a neighbourhood plan but SPC could formulate draft plans and statements to reflect the aspirations and needs of the village. The two plans could then be brought together at a later date after the Local Plan has been published. ATB suggested talking to other villages that have drawn up neighbourhood plans to discuss the process and get examples of plans. ATB could not give a date for the publication of WSC Local Plan but would know more after a meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> October. There was a general consensus that SPC should start the process without waiting for the Local plan. JS suggested the formation of a working party to develop the plan, to include as many councillors as wanted to join it and representatives from organisations in the village, with him chairing the working party and CB chairing the general parish council business. After discussion about the composition of a working party, who should chair it and how it would work there was a general feeling that there should not be a separate working party. It was agreed that additional parish council meetings should be organised specifically to formulate a neighbourhood plan with representatives of organisations invited to take part. It was felt that this would save time as the decisions made within those meetings would have the backing of the council without having to refer them back to the council for ratification. Having representatives from key organisations within the village would ensure ideas reach a larger audience when they report back to their organisations and there shouldn't be any shock when a draft is published for wider consultation. ATB said he thought there was a formula on how to draw up a neighbourhood plan and who should be involved and it would be advisable to consult that first. It was agreed that these additional meetings would be bi-monthly initially	

which would give representatives a chance to go back to their organisations to discuss and get feed back.

CB joined the meeting.

There was a discussion about who should be invited to join. There were councillors who could represent the views of the cricket club, village hall, farming community, Magna tenants, people with children under 18 and business. It was agreed to approach the 2 new school governors and the school to see who could represent them. It was agreed to approach the PPC and churchwardens to get a representative for the church. It was agreed to approach The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday club to get representatives for the elderly and disabled. These representatives would take part in discussions but would not be able to vote. The meetings would be open to the public with published agendas and minutes. Members of the public who attended could speak at the beginning of a meeting under 'Public comments, questions or suggestions' but could not take part in general business unless invited to by the chair. It was agreed that initially the Local plan would only look at the village and not the whole parish but that the scope could be expanded at a later date. It was agreed that decisions regarding the boundaries of the village and whether outlying areas should be included and represented would be made at the first meeting.

JS

It was agreed that the first meeting would be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Deane Close Common Room at 7:30 pm.

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**Any other business by permission of the Chairman.**

**Access to the field for a temporary car park.**

JS has been advised that the field could be used for a temporary car park for 28 days without needing planning permission. It was agreed that CB, VS and CM would investigate what improvements could be made to the access which could reasonably be justified on agricultural grounds, at present the entrance is too narrow for some farm machinery. They would also contact R Criddle to get an updated quote taking these amendments into consideration.

CB, VS,  
CM

Js to contact the Morrissions re improving their access to tell them SPC could not work in conjunction with them, as they would need planning permission.

JS

**Developing other parts of the field.**

It was agreed that VS, CM and CB would investigate a suitable area at the top of the field for planting a small copse of trees and placing some picnic benches. It was agreed that a piece be placed in the Standard asking for people to organise the tree planting and for donations of trees or benches.

CB, VS,  
CM  
KR

CB to find out the price of suitable benches.

CB

**Renaming the field.**

It was agreed that a piece should be placed in the Standard asking for suggestions for a new name for the field. SPC would then shortlist these and put them to a vote.

KR

**Play area.**

MM asked if the S106 money could be obtained so they could purchase play equipment once the cycle track had been completed. JL to write to WSC requesting the S106 forms.

MM enquired who had authorised the hedge cutting in the play area as she had organised someone to lay the hedge. CB said he had asked the contractor to tidy the hedge when he was cutting the hedge in Miss May's field. He thought this had been agreed at the planning meeting but in future would liase with the play area committee.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm. The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Deane Close Common Room.