

Stogumber Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 10th April 2014

The meeting started at 19:30

Present

J. Spicer, Chairman

M Symes

M Moss

A Mills

C Matravers

J Leeming, Clerk

Advisors: T Vesey

R Sharpe

Item	Topic.	Action
1.	Apologies. There were apologies from J Danson and C Bramall.	
2.	Declaration of Interest and request for dispensations. AM declared an interest in Item 5 The Beacon Field as a neighbour.	
3.	Public comments, questions or suggestions. There were no members of the public present.	
4	Acceptance of minutes of meetings. It was proposed and passed that the draft minutes from the meetings held on 13/3/14 and 23/3/14 were reasonable records of the meetings. These were signed by the chairman.	
5.	The Beacon Field.	
	a) JD has had a sign made for the gate entrance asking dog owners to clean up their mess. It was suggested that the sign should be mounted on a board, then fixed to the gate, to make it more difficult to remove. JL to speak to JD.	JL JD
	b) The Music Festival have requested use of the field as a car park for the duration of the festival. JL to write to the Music Festival to confirm.	JL
	c) CB to inquire of the Village Hall Committee if the Village Hall can extend their insurance to include the use of the Beacon Field as a car park for events connected to the village Hall.	CB
	d) There was a discussion regarding whether a visibility splay at the entrance to the Beacon Field was needed. SPC has no funds to do this work. It has been suggested that CRASH may be able to assist with the cost. A visibility splay would require planning permission which would then trigger a revaluation of that part of the field and possibly the uplift. JL to ask Somerset Highways representative's advice regarding what would be possible and what the likely cost would be.	JL
6	Play Area and proposed bike track. R Criddle has not contacted the play area committee with a start date for the bike track. MM said they were committed to using RC and weren't looking for other quotes. She hoped the work would be complete for the summer holidays.	
7	Finance.	
	a) The Current account has a balance of £3,380.90, £1,696.22 of which is being held for the Play Area bike track. The Reserve account has a balance of £3,369.11.	
	b) There was a discussion regarding where future meetings should be held. Magna's charges for Deane Close Common Room are now £5 per hour or part thereof. The village hall would charge £10 per session. It was agreed to continue holding meetings at Deane Close Common Room.	
	c) The financial regulations were adopted.	
8	Neighbourhood Plan. JS to have a meeting with Toby Clempson and Martin Wilsher at WSC to go through the draft statement and identify areas that are different to WSC local plan and whether they are fundamentally different or just different in the detail. The next step would be to convert the draft statement into a planning document. It was agreed that JS would enquire of planners at his place of work to see if they would be prepared to undertake this either on a pro-bono or expenses basis. The alternative would be to employ an expert to help produce the document, grants are available to help fund this. As part of the evidence for the plan, there will need to be a housing needs survey of the neighbourhood plan area. Exmoor National Park planning department will	

undertake this. As an impartial body, at no cost to SPC, although SPC will need to distribute the surveys.

The lower part of the Beacon Field has been designated as an area for community development. As the school is currently undertaking a strategic review, there was a discussion regarding whether SPC should write to the governors offering, in principle, the lower part of the field as a site for a new school. The school could then consider this option alongside all other options available to them. Councillors to consult and report back to the next meeting before any decision on this proposal is made.

9 Planning

3/31/14/001 Removal of internal brick wall Higher Vexford - granted

3/31/14/003 Replacement of roof tile to main house, 1 Hill Street – granted

3/31/14/005 Conversion of barn to dwelling including extension, Manor House, Hill Street and 3/31/14/006 Conversion of barn to dwelling including extension, Manor House, Hill Street – Listed Building Consent – application supported by SPC.

10. Highways.

MS reported that the signpost for Preston Lane has not been put back and the Hartrow Lane sign is damaged. JL to report to Highways. JL

The BT line on Vellow Road still hangs down, JL to contact BT again.

The hedge opposite the Tithe Barn on Station Road is hanging down. MS and CB to investigate and report back. MS CB

11. Any other business by permission of the Chairman.

M Moss tendered her resignation as councillor. JL to inform WSC and advertise a casual vacancy on the noticeboards. JL

M Moss is also resigning from the play area committee, L Tribe will be the best future contact for updates on the play area.

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 1st May 2014, a full parish council meeting will follow, at Deane Close Common Room.

Please note: this a change of date.