

Stogumber Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 13th June 2013

The meeting started at 19:30

Present

J. Spicer, Chairman

M Moss

C Matravers

T Simpson

K Rew

J Leeming, Clerk

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Apologies. There were apologies from V Sellick, C Bramall, J Danson, M Symes and A Trollope-Bellew	
2.	Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.	
3.	Public comments, questions or suggestions. There were no public comments.	
4.	Acceptance of minutes of meetings. It was proposed and passed that the draft minutes from the meetings held on 17/4/13, 9/5/13, and Annual Parish Meeting 9/5/13 were reasonable records of those meetings. They were signed by the chairman.	
5.	The Beacon Field. It was reported that sheep had strayed from the field into a garden in Quantock View. The fence has been repaired to prevent this happening again. It has been reported that sheep are getting into the copse, possibly from a neighbouring field. CM and CB to look at the fencing at the copse and report back. It has been reported that the gaps between the gate posts and the wall and at the bottom of the gate could be sufficient for a lamb to escape through. CB and CM to look at securing these. Stogumber Music Festival have written to request the use of the field for car parking during the festival. They will supply copies of their insurance and risk assessment. It was agreed that this was acceptable. JL to respond. CM has requested a copy of the grass let agreement, JL to provide him with one.	CB CM JL
6.	Finance. a) The internal audit reported that the beacon should be added to the insurance policy. JL has actioned this. The Annual Governance statements on the year end audit were read out and it was unanimously agreed that they were accurate and true. JL to forward the completed audit to the external auditors. b) Current account balance of £18,479.58 Reserve account balance of £5939.59 It was agreed to transfer £2,572.49 from the reserve account to the current account to cover the costs of the excavation and fencing at the field entrance. c) The following expenditures were all agreed and the appropriate cheques signed: Clerk's salary and tax for June £281.87 Gerald Barons re excavation at field entrance £2,587.20 M Perry invoice for fencing at the field entrance £250.00 Internal auditor £40.00 Oliver Seeds re grass seeds for field banks £70.00 Mole Valley Farmers for fencing materials £219.28 A C Harper for play area wood chips £2066.40 It was agreed to authorise payment of £11,994 to Lars Lar for the play equipment when JL receives the invoice and £98.98 to MM for repairs to the play area mower when JL receives the paperwork. JL reported that the insurance premium paid was £440.74, an increase of £26.18 on what had been agreed at the previous meeting. This was because the beacon has been added to the policy on the advice of the internal auditor.	
7.	Planning a) 3/31/13/006 + 007 1 Sawpitts Close, Extension of fence and erection of	

greenhouse and log shed, relocation of wooden fence.

A planning meeting was held on 3/6/13 where the councillors present voted to support the application.

- b) 3/31/13/008 The Cottage, Preston Lane, Extension and alterations to house. JS has visited the property and reported to the council. It was agreed to support the application. JL to respond to WSC.

8. Any Other Business by permission of the Chairman.

JL reported that West Somerset College had written regarding consultation over proposed age range changes. It was agreed to request M Griffiths, as a governor at the school, to report the school's view to council at the next meeting.

The resident of Archers Grove has met with JS and the matter regarding garden waste has been resolved.

JS attended the Local Development Panel meeting and reported that virtually all the issues the working party had raised have been addressed. Central government has stated that planning policies must have a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. Neighbourhood plans must also reflect this policy to be considered. In future planning applications will be determined on the policies that exist at the time of application.

The editors of the Standard have funds available to spend on a community project. Councillors are requested to bring ideas to the next meeting for consideration.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm. The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 11th July 2013 at Deane Close Common Room.