

## Stogumber Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014

The meeting started at 19:30

### Present

J. Spicer, Chairman                      M Symes              C Matravers

C Bramall                                      G Tuckfield

J Leeming, Clerk

A Trollope-Bellew (District Councillor), C Lawrence (County Councillor)

### Item    Topic.

### Action

#### 1.    **Apologies.**

There were apologies from Councillors J Danson, V Sellick, K Rew and A Mills, PCSO P Bolton and PC D Masters.

#### 2.    **Declaration of Interest and request for dispensations.**

CB declared an interest in Item 7 The Beacon Field as neighbours.

#### 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 10/7/14, 9/8/14 and 23/8/14 were reasonable records of the meetings. These were signed by the chairman.

#### 5.    **PCSO Report.**

There was no representative from the police available to attend. JL read out the report forwarded to her: between 9/8/14 and 9/9/14 there were 16 calls to the police, 5 were related to the immediate Stogumber area. There was 1 assault at the Beerfest, none of the others were serious. There were 3 reported crimes including the assault. There have been some Badger Cull related incidents and there are additional police patrols as a result of the badger cull. Local teams will also continue to patrol the area and there will be higher visibility during this time.

#### 6.    **District and County Councillors reports.**

##### **County.**

Councillor Lawrence has had a meeting at the Crown Estate Office to discuss her concerns regarding their policy of selling off cottages; this will mean less rental properties for young families and it would be difficult to get mortgages on the cottages as they need updating. The Crown estate hasn't consulted any local agencies regarding managing their housing stock and intends to continue to sell off cottages. The Health and Wellbeing grant forms are available, there is about £250 available to organisations in the village. JL to contact the School regarding funding for their garden and the Orchard committee. It is possible the cuts to funding could mean that road hedge cutting could be reduced from 2 to 1 in some areas. It was reported that Wood Lane has not been cut this year.

CL was asked to enquire about the possibility of action on the recommendations in the report on the flood risk to the brook and report back.

##### **District.**

The first applications for the Community Impact Fund have been submitted.

Crowcombe Church's application has been recommended for refusal. Engage have been asked to advise applicants how to apply for CIM grants. ATB has asked planners to draw up a policy for Agricultural Permitted Development applications. There is a waste trial in Wiveliscombe, during which black rubbish sacks will be collected less frequently, there will be an increase in the types of plastics recycled, food waste will still be collected every week.

ATB requested that SPC reply to the Asset transfer consultation.

A WSC service satisfaction survey responded with 81% overall satisfied, 89.2% good value for money with fewer replies than last years survey. Waste collection had 91%, street cleaning 73% planning 63% and building control 69% satisfaction levels.

#### 7.    **The Beacon Field.**

a) The temporary car park in the Beacon Field for the Music Festival worked well with CB controlling it on behalf of SPC.

- b) JL reported that she had spoken to the Village Hall insurance company and their insurance would cover a temporary car park if they followed SPC guidelines. Amendments to the guidelines were accepted and JL to circulate them to organisations in the village who may wish to use the field as a car park. JS reported that the consultant engaged to write the Neighbourhood Plan thought it would be possible to make a visibility splay at the entrance to the field under permitted development. He is prepared to approach WSC on SPC's behalf. JL
- c) Future field management – this item to be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 8. Play Area and Proposed Bike Track.** JL  
The bike track is a work in progress but is already being well used. JD to organise another working party to improve the track and sow grass seeds. JD  
There was a disappointing turnout to a committee meeting to encourage new members. Another meeting will be called. JL
- 9. Fly Posting in the Village.**  
There has been a complaint about the number of posters attached to telegraph poles in the village. The main reason for this is there is no central noticeboard to display posters, the one outside the village hall is not seen by all residents. It was commented that posters advertising the Music Festival were mounted on stakes and placed in gardens but some of these were ripped out and thrown over hedges and had to be replaced. The council noted the complaint.
- 10. Neighbourhood Plan.**  
The consultant engaged to write the Neighbourhood plan has produced an outline plan which he will go through with SPC at the next meeting. This will then be amended in light of feedback at that meeting.
- 11. Finance.**
- a) The external annual audit has been completed successfully.
- b) Clerks report and bank balances  
SPC has received 90% (£5,400) of the grant to assist in writing the Neighbourhood plan from Locality. SPC has received a donation of £200 from Stogumber Beerfest for the Play Area. The current account balance is therefore £9,823.62. The reserve account balance as at 30/8/14 is £3,369.52.
- c) Expenditure agreed
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| Clerk's salary for August  | £294.29 |
| Clerk's salary for September   | £293.69 |
| Grant Thornton External audit fee  | £240.00 |
| <b>Expenditure for Play Area</b>   |         |
| R Criddle for Bike Track   | £762.00 |
| Oliver Seeds for grass seed  | £73.71  |
| R Hayes for Mower  | £360.00 |
| This will leave a balance of funds being held for the Play Area of £687.51 |         |
- 12. Planning.**
- a) 3/31/14/008 Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use and the construction of a horse manege – supported.
- b) 3/31/14/009 Replacement Sunroom, 7 Oldway – supported
- c) 3/31/14/010 Variation of planning permission to remove occupancy restriction – supported, approved by WSC. .
- 13. Highways.**
- a) There is a dip in the road by the raised pavement at Archers Grove. JL to report this to Highways. JL
- b) The road in Archers Grove and the changed part of Wood Lane have not been adopted by Highways. They have cleared the survey and if no issues arise in the next 12 months they will be formally adopted by Highways.
- c) A report on the flooding risk of Brook Street has been circulated. A hole in the stream bed has appeared which could undermine the wall which runs alongside the brook. JL to report this. JL
- d) The position of the second box for the broadband update has not been agreed. There are 2 possible sites, on the pavement outside No. 1 Sawpitts or in Hill

Street near the electric sub-station. There is insufficient space to place it on the same pavement as the first box. SPC's preferred position would be on Hill Street but SPC does not want to delay superfast broadband reaching Stogumber. Awaiting an update from Openreach / Highways.

JL

- e) There has been complaints about the smell from the waste bin at the top of Slade Close. WSC moved the bin onto private land and it has since been moved back to its original position. Unless SPC can suggest an alternative position for the bin WSC may remove it altogether. After a discussion it was suggested an alternative position could be on the play area as there would be access via Waverdine Court for collections. JL to write to WSC

**14. Agree change to meeting dates.**

It was agreed to have an additional meeting in September to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Neighbourhood plan. Changes to dates in October, November and December were also agreed. JL to forward the new dates.

JL

**15. Thanks to Gumbeerfest and Music Festival Committees.**

There was a unanimous vote of thanks to the organisers of both events. JL to write to the organisers to express this.

JL

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

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7:30pm at Deane Close Common Room where the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will be discussed