

## Stogumber Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

The meeting started at 19:30

### Present

J. Spicer, Chairman                      M Moss                      C Matravers                      J Danson                      M Symes  
V Sellick                                      K Rew                                      C Bramall                                      T Simpson

J Leeming, Clerk, A Trollope-Bellew (District Councillor), C Lawrence (County councillor), PCSO P Bolton, one member of the public

Advisors:                      M Griffiths                      T Vesey

Item	Topic.	Action
1.	<b>Apologies.</b> There were apologies from D Ilman and R Sharpe.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest.</b> CB declared an interest in item 7 as a neighbour.	
3.	<b>Public comments, questions or suggestions.</b> No member of the public spoke at this time.	
4.	<b>Acceptance of minutes of meetings.</b> It was proposed and passed that the draft minutes from the meeting held on 8/8/13 were a reasonable record of the meeting. They were signed by the chairman.	
5.	<b>PCSO report.</b> There were 58 calls during the month. Most were in relation to minor incidents. 7 were related to actual minor crimes and 30 were rural / farm related. A family living in area who had been the source of some anti-social behaviour have moved from the area. On the 20 <sup>th</sup> September the police are visiting the school to provide basic safety training and basin cycle safety training.	
6.	<b>District and County Councillors report.</b> <b>District Council.</b> WSC planning committee are meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> September to consider the Aller Farm solar panel application. Negotiations with Taunton Deane Council are still ongoing regarding a joint officer team with a decision expected in November. A joint chief executive will start in October, WSC chief executive retires in March 2014. If the joint officer team is agreed it should bring savings and other benefits to WSC, WSC would remain a freestanding council and ATB confirmed that the offices at Williton would still be staffed but could not say how staff would be allocated. A scheme is soon to start to enable people to join together and make savings by changing electricity suppliers. ATB circulated the Rural Fair Share petition. <b>County Council.</b> Hinkley Point have opened an information hub in Bridgwater, further details can be found on <a href="http://www.hinkleyconnection.co.uk">www.hinkleyconnection.co.uk</a> . SCC officers will be available for consultation at Williton on 18/9/13 and Minehead on 27/9/13.	
7.	<b>The Beacon Field.</b> A member of the public spoke about the fencing in the Beacon Field. As the lessee of the grass let he was unhappy that since the entrance works have been undertaken his sheep have escaped numerous times into neighbouring properties and the road. The copse has also not been made secure and sheep have entered the copse causing damage to the trees. Temporary repairs to fencing made by himself and SPC have not solved the problem and he felt that stock proofing the field should have been undertaken at the same time as the entrance works. JS explained that the grass let agreement laid out obligations on both sides with no absolute obligation to one party; a previous lessee had secured the field boundaries with an electric fence. The lessee considered that the onus was on SPC to secure the field as the problem had not occurred until the entrance works were undertaken. CB has obtained a quote for stock proofing the field along the road and Quantock View boundary and from Archers Grove to the copse, the cost being £1,271.00. The work could be done in October. There would be an additional cost of moving	

- dirt from the field back onto the bank before the fencing could be done. There would be an additional cost to fence the copse. It was agreed that the whole of the field should be stock proofed. CB to obtain costs for the additional works. It was noted that some incidents of vandalism had occurred on the field. Replacement trees will be planted in the spring. CB
- It was agreed that the use of the field for the festival car parking had been successful although signage could have been improved. MG and CB to investigate what signage is needed and the costs involved and report back. MG CB
- It was agreed that use of the field as a temporary car park should be encouraged and conditions of use should be set out and sent to the school, village hall committee, PCC, and organisers of major events in the village. JL
- Signs asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs would be put up at the entrances to the field.
- 8 Play Area and proposed bike track.**
- MM and JD are to have a meeting with R Criddle to progress a low cost bike track. MM JD
- It will require drainage works and movement of soil.
- CL gave MM a Health and Wellbeing grant form.
- 9 Finance.**
- a) The current account balance is £5,375.81, this includes a vat refund of £2,948.72  
The reserve account balance is £3,367.39
- b) The following expenditures were all agreed and the appropriate cheques signed.
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| Clerk's salary and tax for August<br>(This included the backdated salary increase) | £295.91 |
| Clerk's salary and tax for September   | £284.67 |
| Office expenses  | £22.79  |
| Stogumber play area insurance  | £117.00 |
- c) Expenditure of up to £1,271.00 for stock proofing the field was approved. The extra works required would need additional approval.
- 10 WSC Local Plan consultation.**
- JS reported that the working party had met on 2 occasions and drawn up a joint response with Crowcombe. A Crowcombe councillor had raised some further points which Crowcombe Parish Council would consider. There hadn't been time for SPC to consider them, so would not be included in Stogumber's draft response. JS read out the draft responses and explained the implications of them. After discussion it was agreed to forward the draft response to WSC. JL to contact CPC to see if they had made any changes to the response. JL
- 11 Neighbourhood Plan.**
- MG asked that in item 3 the church be added to the list of services in the village and that item 5b be made clearer that it was referring to the pub and shop. These were agreed. There were no other amendments raised.
- JS explained the next steps would be to
- Hold a consultation / public meeting to introduce the draft to the parish
  - Circulate the draft with a survey form for responses
  - Publish the survey online
- It was agreed that representatives in the hamlets should be sought to keep copies of the statement and survey to hand out to residents on request.
- It was agreed to advertise the meeting and survey in the shop, Standard magazine and on the website.
- It was agreed to hold the public meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm in the village hall, subject to the hall's availability.
- SPC voted to thank the advisors for their help in drawing up the draft statement.
- 12 Planning.**
- a) 3/31/13/010 Capton Farm proposed solar panels has been granted with some modifications which have gone so way to address the concerns of a neighbour. SPC received an email from the resident thanking SPC for their help.
- b) 3/28/13/005 Erection of a Solar PV development and associated works on land

at Aller Farm. JS has registered to speak against the plans at the WSC planning meeting 26/9/13.

- 13 Highways.**
- a) There are potholes at Ashbeer and outside 9 Hill Street and the grips down Ashbeer Hill need digging out. JL to report these to SCC Highways dept. JL
  - b) A salt bin on Oldway Road been moved higher up the lane opposite. VS, MS and CM to move it back to its original place and dig out the bank to site it better. VS MS  
CM
  - c) Flower pots have been placed outside a property at Ashbeer, narrowing the road. CB to speak to the residents. CB
  - d) There is a buddleia growing through the pavement near the transformer by Sawpits Close. JS to check with the neighbours before organising for it to be cut down. JS
  - e) A hedge bordering Deane Close is overgrown over the pavement. MS to contact the homeowner to ask him to cut it back. MS
- 14 Vote of Thanks and congratulations to organisers of Gumbeerfest and Stogumber Festival.**
- There was a unanimous vote of thanks to the organisers of both events. JL to write to the organisers to express this. JL
- 15 Any other business by permission of the Chairman.**
- TV asked what had happened to the letter that was sent to new residents. JS agreed to update it and send a copy to TV for agreement. It was also agreed that the village directory leaflet should be revived and updated, this could be forwarded to the Standard and the website. It was agreed that the Standard should be approached to offer a free copy of the magazine with the introductory letter. A volunteer should be sought to distribute the letter and leaflet to new residents. The noticeboard outside the vicarage has been offered to SPC for use in the Beacon Field. CB said he thought it had been also offered to the village hall. It was agreed the village hall could take up the offer. JS

The meeting closed at 9:20pm. The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Deane Close Common Room.