

Stogumber Parish Council.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 14th July 2016

The meeting started at 19:30

Present

J. Spicer (Chairman), M Symes, V Sellick, G Tuckfield, T Vesey, C Bramall, C Matravers
C Morrison-Jones, Clerk

A Trollope-Bellew (District Councillor), PCSO P Bolton

Item	Topic.	Action
1.	Apologies J Hull, C Lawrence (SCC), C Matravers who would be arriving late	
2.	Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations. C Bramall (Beacon Field)	
3.	Public comments, questions or suggestions. There were no public comments, questions or suggestions made.	
4.	Police Report PCSO P Bolton reported that there had been non-dwelling burglaries (tools & a quad bike) at Capton and Upcott Farm in the last two days – please be aware! Attempts are being made to break down the ‘beat area’ statistics into more useful village statistics – hopefully progress will be made on this soon. Although there will be no official police presence at Gumbeerfest it expected that officers will ‘drop in’ <i>PCSO Bolton left the meeting</i>	
5.	Minutes It was resolved that the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12/5/16 were a true and correct record of the meetings.	
6.	Matters Arising from the minutes None	
7.	County Councillor Report There was no County Councillor present to report. District Council Report A Trollope-Bellew reported that WSDC had published its business plan (going to full council on 26 th July) with 3 options 1) Continue as current with shared officers 2) Merge fully with Taunton Deane 3) Separate totally Devolution is proceeding but it is unclear if it will proceed in the same manner after the cabinet reshuffle. Hinkley Point C is looking more likely to proceed and will not be affected by the Brexit vote. <i>C Matravers joined the meeting at this point</i>	
8.	Consider response to West Somerset Council Local Plan final consultation The chairman reported that modifications to the Local Plan were currently being consulted on. The modification relevant to Stogumber was the change in the number of dwellings credited to the primary villages. The overall aim of WSDC is 16.1-16.5% but if , in order to maintain the numbers of dwellings originally consulted on, the percentage is increased to over 17% the Stogumber Neighbourhood Plan would have to be re-visited as a Neighbourhood Plan can not	

have a lower growth than the Local Plan.

The parish council agreed to respond indicating that its preferred modification would be 17% of the amended number of dwellings. Chairman to respond

JS

9. Neighbourhood Plan, update

The chairman reported that the submission was being worked on that would compare the Neighbourhood Plan / Local Plan / National Policy

10. Playground

a) Update on Adoption Process

The Chairman reported that the charity commission agreed with the outline plan with two suggestions:

- 1) When the PC becomes a corporate trustee it must act in the interest of the charity
- 2) Suggested that the new lease to the PC is not granted until the charity is formally wound up.

Therefore the it was agreed to approach Magna to discuss the possibility of them holding the playground between leases (possibly with a short term management agreement in place with the PC to facilitate insurance cover). The clerk reported that CAF Bank required a mandate signed by the original signatories to change signing rules / signatories

b) Repairs

The chairman reported that T Brick had agreed to take on 'playground operations' becoming the liaison / contact point for repairs and maintenance.

The spoil has been removed by a parishioner

2 loads of woodchip have been delivered and spread under play equipment

c) Consider playground inspection carried out on 1.7.16

The inspection was an improvement on last years but still some 'amber' issues were noted. The depth of woodchip was still not sufficient – approval was given for another load to be purchased. C Moss to continue with repairs to the wooden structure

TB

CB

11. The Beacon Field

a) Update on Funds raised

The application for the £1000 s106 funds held by WSC has been approved and is available for one year, subject to receiving the signed acceptance form. JS signed acceptance form

b) Quotes for Car Park

Criddle's have not yet converted their estimate to a definitive quote but have confirmed that, if appointed to do the work, they will not be able to now do the work this year, instead will make it the first job of the new year

c) Grant Applications

S106 application approved (see 11a). Other grants will be applied for once a quote is received and accepted.

d) Other Issues

Slope up to field is becoming slippery and concerns were raised regarding the parking for the various other village events planned for the rest of the year. Council agreed that minimum spend was required to effect a temporary solution and authorised CB to organise short term remedial work to the slope up to a value of £200

CB

12. Finance

a) Payments to approve

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| i. C Morrison-Jones -clerk's salary (June & July) | £359.13 |
| ii. The Post Office (HMRC) –clerk's PAYE contribution | £89.90 |
| iii. Clerk's expenses (inc £20.14 VAT) | £165.16 |
| iv. C Moss playground maintenance reimbursements (inc £9.21 VAT) | £49.36 |

- v. K Butler – Queens birthday celebrations grant £100.00
- vi. ARM enterprises – defibrillator installation (inc £27.79 VAT) £166.75
- vii. Clanville Sawmills Ltd – woodchip for playarea (inc £33.33 VAT) £200.00

b) Bank Balances

Current account balance as at 1/7/16 is £8,576.68. Unpresented cheques £466.75, Therefore available balance (which includes play area funds of £249.69, defibrillator funds of £306.04, election funds of £300, splay construction funds of £500 and lunchclub funds of £350) is £8109.93. Reserve account balance as at 1/6/16 is £3,372.74.

13. Meeting between TD/WS Council, ANOB & Bicknoller, Stogumber and Crowcombe PCs

The chairman reported on a meeting he attended on 8th June WSDC agreed to notify PCs of permitted development applications (not a formal consultation) to allow contentious applications to be flagged up. Since Nov '15 a policy has been in place – if a PCs opinion conflicts with that of the planning officer then the application will automatically be referred to committee rather than being decided under delegated powers

14. Planning

- a) 3/31/16/006 on Manor House, High Street, Stogumber TA4 3TA
Site meeting held on 11.7.16. Resolved to support
- b) 3/31/16/009 on The Rectory, Vellow Road, Stogumber TA4 3TL
Site meeting held on 11.7.16. Resolved to support
- c) 3/31/16/011 on Kingswood Farm, Nevys Lane to Yard Ash Lane, Stogumber TA4 3TP – site meeting 16th July
- d) 6/31/16/101 on Ashbeer Lodge, Monksilver
Resolved not to respond
- e) 3/31/16/007 on James Barton, 4 Vellow Road, Stogumber TA4 3LT
Permission granted
- f) 3/31/16/008 on Cheddar Marsh Farm, Kingswood, Stogumber, TA4
approved, no permission required
- g) 3/31/16/004 on James Barton, 4 Vellow Road, Stogumber, Taunton, TA4 3LT
Permission granted
- h) 3/31/16/005 on Preston Farm, Preston Lane, Stogumber, Taunton, TA4 3QQ
Permission granted

- 15. Highways**
- a) Updates**
None to report
- b) Issues to Report**
- i. The slope to the church leading from the main road
There is a creeper coming over the wall and an overhanging tree, both causing difficulties in wet weather. MS to trim back tree. TV to investigate wall repointing MS / TV
 - ii. Slipway to church
Wall / bank falling into disrepair. Unclear who owns the wall but may end up being responsibility of PC if repairs are wished to be done
 - iii. Hedge opposite Village Hall has still not been cut back and is proving a traffic hazard. Clerk to report to Highways CMJ
- c) Stogumber Village signs on large stones**
J White has put aside stones for village use.
JS met with P Owen (Highways) and has identified 3 sites not on county land where the stones can be placed without needing a licence
- i. End of cricket club path (450cm back from road)
 - ii. Vellow Road by extending the Mill Cottage visibility splay)
 - iii. Ashbeer – before new track on left hand side, under hedge
- T Meek will repaint the village signs (awaiting confirmation from Highways if original signs can be re-used)
- 16. Car Parking opposite Archers Grove**
An email had been received from a resident regarding parking opposite Archers Grove
JS reported that Magna are happy to allow parking in front gardens but tenants would have to fund it.
Councillors felt that if this parking was enforced then there would be no parking in Stogumber. Whilst it isn't ideal, the parked cars do act as a form of traffic calming and the PC resolved to not to take any action. JS to respond to resident JS
- 17. Consider nominations for SCC Chairman's Award**
No nomination made
- 18. Any Other Business**
- i. An induction service for the new rector is to be held on 25th July
 - ii. The notice board for Capton has been purchased. MS & CB to purchase legs and install MS / CB

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 8th September 2016 at Deane Close Common Room.