

Stogumber Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 17th April 2013

The meeting started at 19:30

Present

J. Spicer, Chairman M Moss C Bramall C Matravers
T Simpson M Symes J Danson
J Leeming, Clerk
P Bolton PCSO Karlana Smith PC
Advisors: T Vesey D Ilman R Sharpe

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Apologies. There were apologies from V Sellick and K Rew and advisor M Griffiths.	
2.	Declaration of Interests. CB declared a personal interest in Item 6 and 9A, The Beacon Field. Requests for Dispensation. There were no 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 minutes from the meeting held on 13/3/13 were a reasonable record of the meeting. These were signed by the chairman.	
5.	PCSO Report. PCSO thanked council for information given about fly tipping. There have been 30 calls to the police in the last month. A suspicious white van has been found burnt out. Police would like information about a blue transit around Lee Wood on 6/4/13. 1 neighbourhood issue in Stogumber was resolved. 2 crimes reported relating to vehicles. Enquiries have been made regarding the vandalism on Beacon Field but there is nothing to report at this stage.	
6.	Stogumber Play Area. JL reported that she has applied for S106 funds. SPC authorised her to place the order for the play equipment once the funds were available. Magna have requested that the spoil heap be cleared soon or they will withdraw their funding. JD to contact R Criddle. A meeting has been arranged with Minehead Eye to get advice on funding the bike track and starting up the Youth Club.	JL JD
7.	The Beacon Field. a) Changes to the field entrance. Three estimates have been received. After much discussion a vote was taken regarding which estimate to accept. The result was 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstention to accept the lowest quote from Barons Contractors. JL / JD to contact the contractors with the result and place the order with Barons. CB to contact neighbours to the field to update them and to contact K Norcutt regarding any stock in the field. JL to put a notice on the pole by the entrance once a start date is known. b) Tree planting update All the trees have been planted with the help of Stogumber school children. The fencing is in place. Some trees have been uprooted and the gate removed from its hinges, these have now been replanted and the gate rehung so it cannot be easily removed.	JL JD
8.	Neighbourhood Plan. a) Strategic principles JS to draft new additional principles for approval. b) Feedback re questions in briefing document Q8 Does the village need more facilities specifically for the elderly R Sharpe gave feedback from his discussions with the elderly of the village. Many have independent transport but StoGo and Atbus were valued services. Many valued the Shop, Post Office, Church and pub but some felt the catering at the pub was disappointing.	

Many were against further development in the village, those for it wanted limited development. There was concern over traffic congestion in the High Street and the permanent use of the Ashbeer lay-by.

Many would like to see a service offering visits to the elderly or housebound for companionship and to give partners a short break. Magna residents would like to see Deane Close Common room used for more activities. There was a concern over timing of events in the village as many don't want to venture out at night. There was a strong feeling of mutual help and support among the elderly.

Q9 Does the village need measures to increase road safety and / or reduce car traffic

It was agreed that traffic calming measures on Station Road would be desirable. Suggested measures were pinch points or automatic slow signs. There was little support to revisit speed limits throughout the village. There was support for more passing places on the lanes around the village. It was agreed to support more pavements where there was a need or purpose for example as part of a new development.. T Vesey felt the 'No Cycling' signs at either end of the path through the churchyard should be removed as it was safer for cyclists to use that path than the road. There was concern raised about horse riders leading other horses and allowing their dogs to run loose alongside them.

Q10 Should more be done to encourage low-carbon energy use.

It was agreed that PV panels should be encouraged depending on the impact on the building. PV panels on farms would not be supported on productive (grade 1) agricultural land. It was agreed that ground source heat pumps should be encouraged. It was agreed that wind turbines would not be supported. Micro hydro / thermodynamic projects would be considered as long as there was no flooding risk.

Q12 Are modifications and / or improvements to the Church and churchyard needed to maintain or improve its religious, cultural and social role in the village.

It was felt this question had been covered in other sections. The Church has drawn up alterations it feels are necessary for the church to survive and are moving slowly towards progressing these.

Q13 Do we need to identify open spaces within or close to the village that will either be protected from development or development would have to be designed with particular sensitivity.

After some discussion to it was decided to carry this matter forward to the next meeting when maps of the village and area could be studied.

c) Next steps

The discussion ended at 9:00pm to be continued at the next meeting.

9. Planning.

a) Ref 3/31/13/005 Rexton Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence.

CB has visited the site and reported that the proposed building was to house young cattle and would be behind an existing building, so would not impact on anyone's view. It was agreed that a site meeting would not be required and that SPC would support the application. JL to respond to WSC

JL

10. Finance.

a) Since the last meeting donations of £50 have been sent to CLOWNS and £100 to Stogumber PCC towards grass cutting. A donation of £129 to purchase a picnic bench and £40 towards the trees have been received. Two picnic benches have been purchase at a cost of £258.

b) The following expenditures were all agreed and the appropriate cheques signed:

Wessex Water, water supply to the trough in the Beacon Field	£9.47
Clanville Sawmills, fencing stakes for the copse	£45.00
Mole Valley Farmers, fencing materials for the copse	£268.72
Consultancy fee for Bike Track	£240.96

(This fee to come from the £5000 donation from Summerfield for the Play Area)

- c) JL reported that Mr M Pulvermacher had kindly completed the Land Registry ID forms and that she was now in a position to register the car park and footpath with the Land Registry, the fee being £80. The expenditure was agreed and the cheque signed.

11. Any Other Business by permission of the Chairman.

MS reported that there were potholes at the bottom of Shute Street and a series of potholes in between Wood Lane and Preston Junction. JL to report to Highways. A question was raised about SPC's powers to persuade people to maintain their properties in a tidy manner with particular regard to the look of the village during Gardens Open Weekend. SPC do not have any powers but it was agreed to ask the Standard to write a timely reminder in the next issue.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 9th May 2013, followed by the Parish Council meeting, at Deane Close Common Room, the Neighbourhood Plan item will start at 8pm.