

# **Minutes, Stogumber Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, commencing at 7.30pm  
at Stogumber Village Hall**

(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)

## **Present:**

Cllrs C Bramall (Chair), M Symes (Vice-Chair), V Sellick, A White, T Vesey, T Brick, G Tuckfield,  
C Matravers  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)  
SCC Cllr C Lawrence

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying that it was lovely to be able to meet face to face at last.

### **1) To receive any apologies for absence**

Cllr R Foster  
SW&T Ward Cllrs S Griffiths and M Kravis

### **2) Declarations of Interest/Dispensations**

AW & CB – Beacon Field (as neighbours)

### **3) Public comments, questions or suggestions**

None

### **4) District and County Councillor reports**

SW&T Cllr S Griffiths:

Newly elected SW&T Cllr Steve Griffiths sent his apologies for not attending – he has a prior matter that he had committed to before being elected but looks forward to attending the September SPC meeting.

The clerk mentioned to Cllr Griffiths that she had had no formal notification from SW&T confirming the results of the by-election or any contact details for the new Ward Member – Cllr Griffiths found this disappointing, and he said that he would follow this matter up with SW&T

SCC Cllr C Lawrence:

It is lovely to be back in Stogumber in person

- Stopped in Vellow and taken photos of the rail & concrete post damage in Vellow (first reported to Highways in January) and will push for this to be fixed asap
- Will visit Capton on the way home to assess state of road regarding the previously reported pot holes & water running down road
- Vaccinations - 40% of 40+ year olds have now had double vaccinations. By next 2 to 3 weeks all eligible people should have had the opportunity to have both vaccinations. Delta variant is in Somerset & is spreading quickly. We need to move forward – the intention is to start in Aug/Sept with booster vaccinations.
- Keep using the free lateral flow tests that are available and report negative tests as well as this is useful in establishing spread
- Unitary- no news yet (maybe by the end of the month).

**5) Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The minutes were approved by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

**6) Any matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda items below**

None

**7) Somerset Unitary**

No update at present

**8) The Beacon Field:**

**a) Electric car charging point**

CB reported no further update on potential funding via Forum 21

**b) Any other matters concerning the Beacon Field or car park**

A telegraph pole has been acquired to put on the end of the triangle of the new nut woodland as a gate post which will also act as a mount point for an owl box

**9) Climate Emergency Fund**

**a) Project updates**

Funds totalling £24,358.95 were received by the PC on 17<sup>th</sup> May from the SCC Climate Emergency Fund in respect of the two grants awarded

Outdoor Hub:

The clerk has now received confirmation from SW&T planning that the Outdoor Hub does not require planning permission as it can be constructed under permitted development rights. The deposit of £8813.37 (£7344.47 + £1468.90 VAT) has been paid to Mortisport, who will now commence fabrication, with the anticipation that installation will be by September

Bio-diversity project:

Ground /weather conditions are not suitable for planting until the autumn so the aim is to purchase in Sept/October, with planting scheduled for November. Looking to Triscombe Nurseries to purchase the trees, and Norfolk Wild Flowers for the plugs and bulbs.

With the installation/re-positioning of fencing, this is intended to take place hopefully a few weeks or so before the tree-planting, after the summer grazing / hay making in the field .

**b) Carbon Literacy course**

The clerk had previously circulated details of an on-line carbon literacy course being run by SCC. TV offered to attend on behalf of the PC

**10) Highways / Footpaths**

**a) Previously reported matters concerning Highways or Footpaths**

the water leak on Vellow Road just past the Higher Kingswood junction originally reported to Wessex Water in January (after investigation, Wessex Water decided that it was a natural water source) has still remained an issue and is now associated with a sewage odour. Wessex Water wastewater team have attended and concluded that it is the responsibility of Ways Hill.

**b) Any other matters concerning Highways or Footpaths**

i) The clerk reported that Station Road, Stogumber will be closed from 26th July 2021 for 5 days to enable Wessex Water to carry out new connection works

ii) Sewage water running down road outside skittle ally (probably originated from Mill House). MS reported that a jetter was there on Friday. Clerk requested to re-report to Wessex Water

iii) CB reported that the hedge owner opposite the Tythe Barn in Station Road is going to get the hedge trimmed and cut back the bigger trees that are causing more problems

iv) Footpath by top end of church yard (running along Station Road). Fence on left hand side

- (Hall Farm Side) is breaking off (PC is responsible for fencing on the inside of the path, SCC for roadside fencing). MS to speak to land-owner to discuss repairs
- v) AW. Slope wall on footpath out of back of church. Chunk of brick has fallen out into the road and potential for further damage. The clerk was requested to investigate ownership via land registry
  - vi) Grips on Ashbeer Hill still not cleared despite 2 requests. Now roadsides are washed out
  - vii) Clerk to follow up on the agreed drive slowly signs agreed and refreshed slow down road painting that haven't yet been done

## 11) Planning:

### a) Any current planning concerns

None

### b) Previously reported planning concerns

None

### c) Planning applications responded to under delegated powers since the last meeting

i) **3/31/21/004** on The Garden House, Wood Lane, Stogumber, TA4 3TJ. Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 3/31/19/016  
Supported by SPC. Granted with conditions by SW&T

ii) **3/31/21/010** on Emble Farm, Whitemoor Lane, Stogumber, TA4 3SJ. Erection of 2 No. agricultural buildings to be used for calf rearing (retention of works already undertaken)  
Supported by SPC

iii) **3/31/21/006** on White Gables, 2 Sawpits Close, Stogumber, Taunton, TA4 3TX.  
Erection of first floor extension to the rear elevation.  
Supported by SPC. Approved by SW&T

## 12) Finance

### a) To approve bank reconciliation

Councillors resolved to approve the bank reconciliation, dated 31.5.21, of £43,856.76. £25,948.95 of this balance is held in reserved funds as of 31.5.21

### b) Consider awarding a grant to Stogumber Play Ground Association

Councillors resolved to award a grant of £300 to the Stogumber Play Ground Association

### c) Payments to approve

C Morrison-Jones	£601.55	Salary and expenses
HMRC	£59.60	PAYE
Stogumber Village Hall	£20.00	Hall hire
Stogumber Play Ground Association	£300.00	Grant
Morti Sport	£8813.37	Deposit for shelter – paid 28.5.21
K Smith	£30.00	Internal audit – paid 7.5.21

### d) Amounts received

19.5.21 SCC £24,358.95 Climate emergency fund grants – bio diversity & shelter projects

### e) Any other financial matters

None

## 13) AGAR and Notification of Public Rights

The clerk reported that the certificate of exemption had been lodged with the external auditors on 7<sup>th</sup> June and the notices of Public Rights are now displayed on the noticeboards and website, with the accounts being available for public inspection between the 14<sup>th</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

## 14) Any other business by permission of the Chairman

- i) Thanks to clerk for all she has done to keep PC going over lockdown
- ii) The PC has received correspondence (too late to be included as an agenda item) regarding the Somerset Wildlife Trust's planned Wilder Coastal Communities project. Because of lateness of submission no formal resolution could be passed but the PC wishes the group good luck & we hope that it goes well
- iii) Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022. The aim is for a chain of beacons across the country. The clerk was asked to register the PC for updates with Buckingham Palace contact given in the email received. What about a plaque and a tree in Beacon Field to mark the Jubilee?- councillors thought it was a good idea

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45

## **Minutes, Stogumber Playground Association Meeting**

Held immediately after the Parish Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, commencing at 20.45  
At Stogumber Village Hall

(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)

### **Present:**

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C Matravers  
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)

#### **1) To receive any apologies for absence**

Cllr R Foster

#### **2) Public comments or questions**

None

#### **3) To approve the minutes of Playground Association meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The minutes were approved by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

#### **4) Any matters arising from the minutes not covered below**

None

#### **5) Playground upkeep:**

##### **a) New piece of equipment**

Details of a 'spiders web' climbing frame type of apparatus had been previously circulated to councillors. Councillors thought that a just under 4m high version (to avoid need for planning permission, and also to prevent overlooking to nearby houses) would be ideal. At present the cost is estimated to be approx. £7k for equipment plus the cost of a surface underneath. CB to progress formal quotations.

**b) Any other matters concerning playground upkeep**

CB – thanks to councillors for continuing on with the inspections during covid etc  
C Moss has replaced gate post and the play area is looking good and tidy

**6) Finance:**

**a) Payments to approve**

C Moss (reimbursements) - total £135.00      £20.00 fuel for mower  
   £115.00 supply & fit new gate post

**b) Amounts received**

None

**c) Approve bank reconciliation, 31.3.21**

Councillors resolved to approve the bank reconciliation, dated 31.3.21, of £323.18.

**7) Any other business by permission of the Chairman**

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.59