

Stogumber Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 8th November 2018
at Deane Close Common Room, commencing at 7.30pm

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

Present:

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

SCC Cllr C Lawrence

1) To receive any apologies of absence

Cllrs G Tuckfield & G Rexworthy
WSDC Cllr AT-B

2) Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

- AW- agenda items 7,9 & 13 iv
- MS - agenda item 13 iii
- CB - agenda item 9

3) Public comments, questions or suggestions

None

4) District and County Councillor reports

SCC Cllr C Lawrence:

- The WS salting meeting was well attended. District council hoping to pay for 2018/19 winter salting needs for WS communities. This will be an enormous help for rural communities but in following winters parishes will have to fund their own salt purchases and this should be accounted for when setting the precept
- Library service cabinet meeting: 19 libraries will remain as part of the SCC statutory function. There is also the opportunity for 15 smaller libraries to become community libraries together with an extra mobile library.
- No spare money at County Level and it hard to see that next year will be any better

WSDC Cllr A Trollope-Bellew had sent a brief report as he was unable to attend the meeting:

- The new council is already showing savings next year - the first projected figures are showing a small surplus.
- The present CEO has decided not to apply for the job in Somerset West and Taunton (SWT).
- Regarding the possible extension of the Quantock AONB or Exmoor NP: waiting to see what the process entails.
- Unitary authority: Reorganisation of local government in Somerset: consultants have been appointed to check the viability of various options so waiting for their report.

5) Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 13th September 2018

The minutes for the PC meeting held on 13th September 2018 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman as a true record

6) Matters arising from the minutes

a) Wig Wag lights outside the school

The school governors have suggested involving the PTA in the project. CB offered to contact PTA to ask

for their support.

Councillors resolved not to commission a survey / costing plan from Highways until a commitment of support is received from the school / PTS. Clerk to engage with Highways regarding obtaining a firm quote once a commitment of support has been gained from the PTA

b) Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda items below

None

7) Village Hall

The PC has received some complaints re the snooker table being removed from the VH.

CB reported that the VH committee has given the snooker players (very few people (1?) using it regularly) notice to vacate to enable the VH to be able to use the back hall for a pre-school group - there are 15 children to accommodate. The VH have agreed to remove the table at their expense and it will have it stored correctly in rented storage.

Councillors noted that this is not the responsibility of the PC and is a VH decision, and the PC should not become involved

8) Playground – new equipment fundraising

CM offered to liaise with GT regarding obtaining quotes in order that grants can be applied for

9) The Beacon Field

a) Car park construction update

CB reported that it is hoped that work on phase 2 will start soon. Fencing quotes are to be obtained once the hard standing has been laid to allow exact measurements to be made

The clerk reminded councillors that before & after photos needed to for the Tesco's end of grant report

b) Grass let for 2019

Councillors resolved to offer it to the current tenant for 2019

c) Lighting the Beacon, 11th November, Centenary of Armistice

Sunday 11th November at 7pm. The PTA are providing refreshments. The fire brigade & police have been informed

d) Any other matters concerning the Beacon Field

CB reported that he would organise a 'long reach' trimmer to do hedge trimming

10) Highways / Footpaths

a) Updates on previously reported issues

MS reported that the overhanging hedge along Vellow Road is being cut back

b) Winter gritting arrangements in the parish

MS attended the WS winter gritting meeting (also see SCC Cllr's report). MS reminded councillors that the purchase of salt for the parish will need to be accounted for when setting the precept.

c) Any issues to report

- i. By the Alms Houses on Station Road - bushes overgrowing into road
- ii. Overgrown trees at the 3 roads that converge at Houndshill
- iii. Finger on signpost at Kingswood is bent & needs straightening
- iv. Cast iron sign at Preston Lane has been removed by SCC. Can it be returned to Stogumber so that repairs can be made & sign reinstated? -clerk to investigate
- v. VS-Red arrows are being stuck onto sign posts and haven't been removed after the event -they will probably remove the paint from the newly painted posts when they are taken down
- vi. Clerk to chase Highways regarding the reported issues from Sept meeting

11) Boundary Commission consultation on new ward boundaries

Councillors were disappointed that the representations to the Boundary Commission by Stogumber and neighbouring parishes were not reflected in the final consultation result. CB offered to write a letter to the County Gazette expressing concern that the consultation didn't listen to Stogumber's point of view

12) Finance

a) To approve bank reconciliation

Councillors resolved to approve the bank reconciliation, dated 31.9.18, of £32,923.05. This consists of £29,572.86 in the current account and £3,375.19 in the deposit account, with outstanding cheques totalling £25.00. £8,118.25 of this balance is held in reserved funds

b) Payments to approve

Clerks Salary	£534.30
HMRC	£52.00
Clerk's expenses	£96.15 (inc VAT of £10.67)
PWLB-Beacon field loan repayment (paid by d/d on 12.11.18)	£3,223.02

c) Amounts received

12.9.18	WSDC	2 nd half of precept	£9,500.00
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d) Any other financial matters

Councillors noted that when considering the 2019/2020 budget at the January PC meeting that consideration needed to be given for funding for the playground, defibrillator and winter salting needs as well as the other commitments undertaken by the PC

SCC Cllr CL left the meeting at this point

13) Planning

i. Previously considered applications – updates

None

ii. Consider planning application T/31/18/002

Application to carry out management works to one group of beech trees included in West Somerset District (Stogumber) Tree Preservation Order T/3/90 at Cheddarmarsh Cottages, Yard Ash Lane, Bicknoller

Councillors resolved to leave this application to the discretion of the tree officer

iii. Consider planning application T/31/18/001

Notification to carry out management works to one Tulip Tree within Stogumber Conservation Area at South Lodge, Hill Street, Stogumber

Councillors resolved to leave this application to the discretion of the tree officer

AW left the meeting at this point as a declared interest

iv. Any other planning matters reported to the clerk before the meeting

Consider application 3/31/18/010: Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic (retention of works already undertaken) at land to the rear of Archers Grove, Stogumber TA4 3AJ

Councillors resolved to support this application but to request that the officer suspends permitted development rights on this land if permission is granted in order to preserve the openness and character of the land

AW re-joined the meeting

14) General Data Protection Regulations – update

None

15) Employment matters

The clerk's annual review has now been carried out by CM on behalf of the PC

16) Any other business by permission of the Chairman

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.49

Stogumber Playground Association Meeting

Held immediately after the Parish Council Meeting on 8th November 2018
Deane Close Common Room, commencing at 20.50

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

Present:

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C Morrison-Jones (clerk)

- 1) **To receive any apologies of absence**
Cllrs G Rexworthy and G Tuckfield
- 2) **Public comments, questions or suggestions**
None
- 3) **To approve the minutes of Playground Association meeting held on 13/09/18**
The minutes for the meeting held on 13th September 2018 were approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman as a true record
- 4) **Matters arising from the minutes**
None
- 5) **Playground upkeep**
 - a) **Any issues raised in the routine inspections**
 - i) AW reported that the 'castle climbing piece' still needed a few more planks to be changed but many have been done and it is looking much improved
 - ii) MS has volunteered to take over the organisation of the inspection rota temporarily from GT
 - b) **Update regarding repairs /maintenance**
 - i) The Playground entrance /safety signs (2), 'No Dogs'(2) and 'No Car'(1) signs need organising. The clerk was requested to investigate
- 6) **Consider new equipment purchases**
It was resolved to carry this item over to next meeting
- 7) **Finance**
 - a) **Payments to approve**
C Moss playground repair reimbursements £99.50
 - b) **Amounts received**
None
 - c) **Approve bank reconciliation**
Councillors approved the bank reconciliation, dated 30.9.18, of £754.09
 - d) **Any other financial matters**
None
- 8) **Any other business by permission of the Chairman**
None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.58