

Stogumber Parish Council.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Deane Close Common Room on 8th September 2016

The meeting started at 19:30

Present

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

A Trollope-Bellew (District Councillor) and 1 member of the public

Item	Topic.	Action
1.	Apologies C Lawrence (SCC)	
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.	Minutes It was resolved that the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14/7/16 and the 2 planning meetings held on 11/7/16 were a true and correct record of the meetings. The header on the minutes from the planning meeting held on 16/7/16 was amended to read Kingswood Farm. These minutes were then approved as a correct record	
5.	Matters Arising from the minutes GT raised the issue of the state of the slipway to the church. TV reported that the greenery had been cleared. Resolved to monitor situation and JS to investigate if the path is a registered footpath	JS
6.	County Councillor Report There was no County Councillor present to report. District Council Report A Trollope-Bellew reported that WSDC had yesterday voted to form a new council with Taunton Deane, to take effect in May 2019. This still has to be approved by the Secretary of State and then the Boundary Commission will become engaged to divide the area into new wards. The projected savings of merging the two Councils is £500,000 per year. When asked about the future of the Williton offices of WSDC, AT-B was hopeful that they would be maintained for some services AT-B had no more news on the development of Hinkley Point C	
7.	Police Report A police report was emailed to the clerk prior to the meeting: Crime figures for the whole of the Williton/Watchet beat area RECORDED CRIME – AUGUST TO AUGUST 2015 /2016 Criminal damage, down 29% Fraud and Forgery, down 100% Other Offences (unspecified) up 125% Racially or religiously aggravated crimes, nil % (3 each year) Shoplifting, up 60% Theft of Motor vehicle, up 83% In most cases, the numbers used to calculate the % are very low-for examples total reported crimes year on year is 500 vs 573 Violence against the person, up 53.9% (this is probably due to a different way of recording crimes year on year)	

TOTAL CRIMES, up 14.% FULLY RESOLVED CRIME RATE, down 6.4%
 Many crimes are not recorded as they are not reported correctly - PLEASE report incidents via the 101 or 999 route, not by word of mouth via 3rd party as information gets lost or confused
 A noticeably higher level of Policing may well be apparent at the moment. DO NOT BE ALARMED. This is due to an influx of Police Officers patrolling rural and farming areas to ensure a highly visible presence for a period of time during a specific Operation. Your local Officers, both Response and Neighbourhood, will patrol as normal

8. Neighbourhood Plan Update

The chairman reported that the required documents had been submitted and it had been raised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment may be required regarding the car park in Beacon Field. This would be financially beyond SPC and the car park has already been granted permission to be built so is not relevant to the NP. Awaiting advice but it was considered that it may be better to remove mention of the car park from the NP if the consultancy don't agree that a SEA is not needed?

JS felt it was wrong that a consultant agency could be in a position to recommend the need for a report that will bring income to that same agency
 JS also reported that it will probably be necessary to change the wording in the NP to reflect future parking needs – adequate car parking must be provided with any proposed developments. JS
 Any re-wording within the NP will have to come back to SPC for approval.

9. Playground

a) Update on Adoption Process

Magna are not happy with Charity Commissions advice that the playground association be fully wound up (which could take a couple of weeks) before a new lease is granted to SPC as this would leave them with the liability for a period of time. JS to ask Charity Commission why they recommended this course of action JS

b) Repairs

An additional load of woodchip has been delivered and spread under play equipment
 Councillors agreed to meet at the playground the next Tuesday evening to inspect the equipment and discuss what further repairs were required JS & CB

11. The Beacon Field

a) Discuss Quotes for Car Park

TV confirmed that Criddle's still have not yet converted their estimate to a definitive quote. TV to chase Criddle's. If no quote forthcoming, then other the contractors that were requested to provide costings will have to be approached TV

b) Grant Applications

SPC is unable to proceed with grant applications until a firm quote is received.

AT-B left the meeting at this point

12. Finance

a) Payments to approve

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| i. C Morrison-Jones -clerk's salary (Aug & Sept) | £359.23 |
| ii. The Post Office (HMRC) –clerk's PAYE contribution | £89.80 |
| iii. Clerk's expenses (inc £7.11 VAT) | £69.73 |
| iv. Grant Thornton, external audit (inc £20 VAT) | £120.00 |
| v. Clanville Sawmills Ltd – woodchip for play area (inc £16.67 VAT) | £100.00 |

Bank Balances

Current account balance as at 1/9/16 is £7,446.38.

Reserve account balance as at 1/9/16 is £3,373.16

Therefore available balance is £9,154.96, excluding earmarked funds (play area funds of £208.54, defibrillator funds of £306.04, election funds of £300, splay construction funds of £500 and lunchclub funds of £350)

b) Other Financial Matters

The clerk reported that the external audit was complete and the completion of audit notices had been posted on the website and parish noticeboards

13. Planning

- a) 3/31/16/012 at Capton Quarry, Capton Site meeting to be held on 13.9.16
- b) 3/31/16/006 on Manor House, High Street, Stogumber – permission granted
- c) 3/31/16/009 on The Rectory, Vellow Road, Stogumber – permission granted
- d) 3/31/16/011 on Kingswood Farm, Nevys Lane to Yard Ash Lane, Stogumber – decision yet to be made by WSDC
- e) 6/31/16/101 on Ashbeer Lodge, Monksilver – permission granted

15. Highways

a) Updates

i) The clerk reported that the overhanging trees opposite the hall had been reported to Highways

ii) An email had been received regarding the fingerposts on Exmoor requesting letters/emails of support for the bid for National Lottery funding for their restoration. JS to respond on behalf of the PC and councillors requested to respond as individuals to increase number of letters of support

JS

b) Archers Grove adoption

Wood Lane has now been adopted. Unfortunately for Archers Grove, the road has recently been dug up by Western Power. The repairs were not carried out to the required standard so it going to be re-done and will be re-inspected by County before adoption can proceed

c) Any Issues to Report

The hedge at the bottom of Hill Street is overhanging the pavement. CM offered to speak with the relevant home owner

CM

16. Stogumber Village signs

The PC has been advised that re-using the existing signs will not work as expansion /contraction of the base will cause the paint to flake off

Example fonts had been sent for the slate plaques that are to be mounted on the quarry stones. After consideration by Members it was agreed the font style 4 was the most viable from a distance when used at the dimensions given in the example email. The clerk was requested to respond with the PCs decision.

CMJ

It is hoped that the old village signs will be removed by Highways once the new stones are in place.

VS &

VS and MS agreed to liaise with the quarry regarding choosing stones to be used

MS

17. Any Other Business

- i. MS & CB have not yet erected the new noticeboard at Capton but agreed to complete the work soon
- ii. It was noted that parking outside the school was proving an obstruction in the village...another reason to try and progress the building of the car park in Beacon Field

MS &
CB

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th November 2016
at Deane Close Common Room.

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