

# Stoke St Mary Parish Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> Thursday 01st December 2016 7:30 pm At SSM Village Hall	<b>Written by:</b> Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)
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## Minutes

### Present

Mike Baddeley  
Vic Freir,  
Michael Farrell,  
Nigel Wright,  
Patricia Fallance  
William Coombes

### In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk  
John Williams - TBDC  
2 x Parishioners

### Apologies

#### 2016/53. **Declarations of Interest**

Mike Farrell declared interest in Village Hall

#### 2016/54. **Minutes**

The minutes were taken and read. Signed by Mike Baddeley. Proposed by Mike Farrell Seconded by William Coombes

#### 2016/55. **Matters Arising**

##### 1. *Notice Boards – Possible Refurbishment*

*Mike Baddeley proposes that we have a notice board made by Nigel Slater after getting 3 quotes. Cost of £702. Old board will be removed when new one is made. Proposed by Mike Farrell Seconded by William Coombes. All in agreement.*

**Action – John Williams to ask if we can move notice board to church close.**

##### 2. **Removable post for Monmoth Path**

*Pat Fallance spoke to land owner who said as there is no problems at the moment they are not too worried till something else happens.*

##### 3. **Speed in village**

*Mike Baddeley has drafted a letter after having no response from Ross Hendley. It is suggested to contact Alun Jones should be contacted.*

#### 2016/56. **Finance**

##### 1. **Account balances**

- I. Current account - £ 5926.90
- II. Deposit account - £ 4071.38

##### 2. **Change of bank from Lloyds to Natwest**

*We have an active account with natwest, now we need to move the money across and close old accounts. Signatures will need to close the old account. Natwest need to have some money transferred into them to keep account active.*

##### 3. **Remittance**

£460 – burial money  
£7293.35 – CIL money

##### 4. **CIL Money**

*What can we spend the money on? Vic Freir to look into the last bit of play equipment. If we write to Angela Summers, we may be able to get funding for a defalcator without having to spend CIL money on it*

##### 5. **Invoices for payment**

- Parish Clerk Wages - £168.40
  - Proposed – Nigel Wright Seconded – Vic Freir
- Parsons Landscapes – Recreation Field cut - £84.05
  - Proposed – Nigel Wright Seconded – Vic Freir
- Parsons Landscapes – Recreation Field cut - £80.34

- Proposed – Nigel Wright Seconded – Vic Freir
- Stoke St Mary Village hall rent for July and September– £42.00
- Proposed – Nigel Wright Seconded – Vic Freir

**2016/57. Planning**

**1. Current planning applications**

*Two acres have plans for a property 8<sup>th</sup> of December is deadline to comment. At the moment there is no comment other than the plans are very different from the original plans from July 2015 and is the entrance to the village.*

*Mr and Mrs Coomber have had planning passed*

*Access / ingress to shop in Haydon has been raised as a problem by council.*

**2. Enforcement Proceedings**

*Stoke woods caravan have had enforcement sorted to be removed.*

**3. Other Matters**

*Issues with planning applications not coming through to us and we are not getting the notifications as we should be.*

**2016/58. Highways**

**1. Village/SCC flooding discussions**

*Making no progress at the moment. There is a bit of an impasse currently and they want us to map out the flooding for them. Richard Westlake who has been following this and will do some more when he comes back. Can we just report the road areas not individual houses?*

**2. Village finger posts**

*Parishioners are asking who is liable for maintaining the posts. It will be ours if we choose to take it on but we must take on the whole parish and work to a standard set down by Somerset county council. If we take ownership of them we have to deal with insurance and ensure they are h&s compliant. There is a change we could look to the heritage trust to help funding.*

**Action – MB will ask Ross Hendley and David Fothergill about heritage funding**

**2016/59. School**

New head will be recruited in new year. PTA are raising a significant amount of funding for the school.

**2016/60. Transport**

Nothing more has been done towards the community transport scheme. As it was such a dead end not sure if it should be followed up again.

Posts on bend by Haydon have been knocked down

**2016/61. Policing**

PCSO has said Claire Escott will be in touch but noting so far.

**2016/62. Parish Council web site**

Is running and live. Email addresses need to be added and Vic will compile a database on parish people and who to contact for what.

**2016/63. A358/ J25/ Employment site**

J25 meeting was a presentation and the view of all was it was not good and why is so much money being spent to add access to the employment site. We have made our views known. A358 meeting was attended but no public information at this time

**2016/64. Village Hall**

WIFI is now in and working. The password needs to be made public on the wall etc.

Another fundraising event is coming up in Jan

**2016/65. Correspondence**

1. Planning Training
2. Hags leaflet
3. Glasdon
4. Local government boundary commission
5. Clerks and Councils direct
6. Community defibrillator – Agenda item for next year

7. Recycling site measures & newsletter – website will say what will and won't take but it is at discursion of the bin men. Summary of issues to John Williams who will take to Somerset waste partnership.
8. Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner letter
9. Parish online news letter

**2016/66. Other Village Matters**

We did submit the post lady for the community service award. The pics have been published and she has received her reward. We had a thank you card from Hillary  
A lot of break in in the area so please be aware.

Potential formation of west Somerset and TDBC will be in consultation soon and will be coming to our council. Precept can be capped at 2% in line with local authority but only for councils for £250,000 and above.

We need to submit our Precept payment before next meeting so Mike proposed that we keep it at same level as last year but all in agreement.

Who owns watery lane? As it needs repair.

**2016/67. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 19th January 2017, 7.30pm, STOKE ST MARY VILLAGE HALL**

Signed:  ..... [Chairman]