

Stoke St Mary Parish Council

Date of Meeting: Thursday 19 th July 2018 7:30 pm At SSM Village Hall	Written by: Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)
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Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Councillor's Present

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

In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk
 Parishioners x 2

2018/57. Welcome by Chairman

The chairman opens the meeting and thanks people for attending.

2018/58. Apologies

Mike Baddeley sends his apologies
 Rob Hossell sends his apologies
 John Thorne sends his apologies
 John Williams sends his apologies

2018/59. Declarations of Interest

Nigel Wright declares an interest in the Dust and Noise at Greenway farm on the agenda. William Coombes declares an interest in the A358 and J25 due to land owned at Haydon.

2018/60. Minutes

The minutes from the 17th of May 2018 were taken and read. Proposed by Vic Freir Seconded by Patricia Fallance all in favour. Signed by Chairman

2018/61. Matters Arising

1. Play park fencing

Our local contractor has been reminded yet again and is not forthcoming with a quote, we may need to look for another contractor to carry out some of this work.

2. Defibrillator installation

This is waiting for the qualified electrician and Vic will continue to chase this.

3. Dust and noise from Greenway farm – update

Environmental health and TDBC have been chased up, it is said he is on the move to church farm. John Williams has sent an update Planning gave them a time frame for applying for planning there have been a few issues surrounding this and it could have taken another 3 months to get this sorted via planning, there is going to be an environmental person come around to look at dust and there are also some noise detectors coming out to see how large the noise is.

4. Play park inspection

Have not heard from them yet for a date of the inspection

5. Allotments

We have one untidy allotment Parsons have been asked and not done anything yet. William Coombes will have a look to see if it can be topped with the tractor.

6. Sale of Crown Estates in and around parish

There is a concern the land bankers will be buying a large amount of land around here and apply to develop it. There is due to be a legislation passed to stop land banks but we don't know if this legislation will be passed in time. This is just to inform the local residence.


7. Ultrafast broadband

John Williams said he is talking to gigaclear who are supposed to come and talk to parishes, we may need to host for several parishes.

8. Chairman award nominations

Nominations for people who contribute significantly to the parish for 12 months or more. Colin the postman who goes the extra mile by checking people are safe. Stephanie Crocket for

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doing work to the garden and the chapel. This will be further discussed by email to make the final decision.

9. Storage and disposal of Parish Council Documents

We need to look through all the paperwork and dispose of it in accordance with the records documents. We will meet in August to go through and sort it out.

10. Ruishton & Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – 20th Sep

Thursday the 20th of September, they plan to show their neighbourhood plan and our position has not changed on not needing a plan of our own. We would like to send a representative of our council but this is the same date as our normal council meeting. Vote to leave the meeting date as it is and send a retrospective all in favour of this. Mike Baddeley has been suggested as a good retrospective.

11. Ward boundaries for Somerset West & Taunton Deane

The boundaries are all changing and there is not much we can do about it. They are trying to level out the number wards and councillors, there will only be 56 councillors. We can write an objection but it needs to be based on logic not just I don't want to.

12. Taunton Transport Strategy Consultation

Nothing in the strategy that is directly affecting us and is based around the town centre, most of this was computer generated and of no interest to us

2018/62. Finance

1. Account balances

- I. Current account - £7,685.34
- II. Deposit account - £10,725.87

2. Remittances

- HMRC VAT Reclaim £329.10

3. Invoices for payment

Parish clerk read out the invoices and asked if we can seek approval at the end for all. All in favour of doing this. All invoices were Proposed by Vic Freir and Seconded by Mike Farrell . Vote and all in favour

- Parish Clerk wages £194.10 plus expenses of £15.00 Total £209.10
- Parsons Landscapes field cut x2 for June £88.66
- SALC Affiliation 2018 £123.07

2018/63. Planning

1. Current planning applications

Chicken barns at Haydon, no objections

2. Enforcement Proceedings

None

3. Other planning matters

None

2018/64. Highways

1. Road maintenance (Potholes ect)

They have filled some and not the others because they do not meet criteria then they come back and fill those.

2. Grass verges around the village

They have been cut but they are only doing small cuts due to it being about road safety.

3. Use of Stoke Hill by LGVs

Closure of road at greenway lane, the diversion signs were originally incorrect then they were changed after a large lorry went that way at 4am and caused damage to the road on both sided. They asked for a no HGV sign and they said it will take to long.

2018/65. A358 Proposal

2nd of July was a meeting and highways have agreed to have a pre-consultation meeting to set the terms of reference, each parish will be represented.

2018/66. J25 Employment site

The farm close to J25 has now been purchased and the situation is now on going.

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2018/67. School

Ofsted have been in and we are awaiting the official result

2018/68. Policing

No information, no police have been seen.

2018/69. Village Hall

Is being well used atm.

2018/70. County and District Councillors reports

1. County councillors report. – John Thorne

Councillor Thorne sent a report that the Chairman read out. The summary of which is:

- Budget – Finances are the number one topic at the moment in SCC. A report earlier this month projected a £12 million overspend by the end of the year
- Value for Money (VFM) – I sit on the council's audit committee, which next Thursday has the task of signing-off the council's accounts for the 2017-18 financial year. I am aware that of the three ratings which the auditors could give, they have given us the worst possible rating, which is termed 'adverse'. At the same time, we have no control over the demand for people-led services such as adult social care and children's care
- Broadband – It looks Gigaclear is starting to do what it is being paid the best part of £75 million of public money to do – you may be aware of a number of temporary road closures coming up in Cirfe, Pitminster, and Churchinford which will allow them to lay their fibre network. They are starting next month, nearly a year after they said they were going to.
- HGVs and Stoke Hill – Jo Sharp is going to arrange to meet parish councillors shortly to discuss this issue and I hope to attend also.
- Sheltered housing care – county is changing the way it commissions this care. From October when the current contracts run out, instead of giving the money to housing providers to fund care providers, it is investing in Community Connect, a network of micro providers of care which has been trialled in West Somerset and won an award for its success. This will mean that care can be delivered to anybody who needs it whether or not they live in sheltered housing. It will enable people to live in their own homes for longer by providing help with things like filling in forms, shopping, etc.
- Planning control service – this is not the same as the Deane council's planning function. County deal with major schemes such as roads, M5 J25, quarries, and of course we give advice to district councils on highways aspects of planning applications. Currently, I can only describe the service as being in crisis.
- Libraries – A summary of the outcomes of the public consultation on libraries came to my scrutiny committee last week, with the actual recommendations due to come to scrutiny in October before going to cabinet about a week later for final decisions to be taken.

2. District Councillors report – John Williams

No report sent to us from councillor Williams.

2018/71. Correspondence

Local Government Boundary Commission

Seafarers UK newsletter and merchant navy day information

2018/72. Other Village Matters/ Topics for next agenda

- Newsletter: This fell into disuse due to lack of use but this is something that is now being looked at being brought back to life. It is being looked at being done on an every few months basis, there is questions around how to get this out there. This is about co-ordination new ways of connecting with people & giving people updates of what is happening. It needs to be made sustainable. In principle we are all in agreement. Proposed by WC and seconded by MF to allow £500 in principle to this project.
- Flag and flagpole to be discussed at next meeting
- There was concern that diverted water could be moved if there was anything done to the drain in the bridleway, this is not happening and is totally unfounded. It is maintained by SCC.
- There is some disruption in Pattons & neighbours have been falling out. This needs to be dealt with by housing

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- Finger posts. Vic to contact someone to get a quote on how much he is charging to sort finger posts to go on next agenda
- Refuse collections – Have been missed for 6 weeks consecutively on Stoke Hill, this has been a major issue and they have been collecting one person only. There is a large amount of plastics that will not be collected.

2018/73. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 20th September 2018, 7.30pm, STOKE ST MARY VILLAGE HALL