

## DRAFT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL held in THE CHAPEL on WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT Mr. D. Fothergill- in the Chair, Mr.S. Burgess, Mr. V. Freir, Mrs S Kilbey, Mr. M. Newport, Mr. D. Parsons & Mr. R. Pearse.

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs. M. Pearse – clerk, Mr. A. Clark SCCouncillor, Mr. J. Williams TDBCouncillor (arrived after another meeting) and 10 members of the Parish.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing two councillors and a villager a speedy recovery. He also reported that following a meeting with SCC where he had raised the verge cutting delays, the visibility splay at Broughton Lane was cut back within the week. Although Mr. A. Clark had agreed to speak to highways, the Broughton Lane sign was still lying in the undergrowth, and he agreed to remind the appropriate department in SCC.

A 4<sup>th</sup> Horse Rider sign was requested for the main road at Two Acres/ Higher Broughton Farm, - clerk to request from SCC.

Draft minutes were requested for the notice board and web site. The clerk agreed to provide these within 10 days of the meeting, also to place a report in the Gazette.

### 2007/34 THE MINUTES

Having been circulated these were taken as read and signed as correct by the Chairman. Proposer – Mr. D. Parsons, seconded by - Mrs. S. Kilbey.

### 2007/35 MATTERS ARISING

1. Play Area – The Chairman thanked all who helped spread the play bark, in particular – Mr. J. Pugh, Mr & Mrs M. Baddeley; also Mr. A Clark for his grant of £1000.00 and the village Millennium Committee for their donation of £500.00.
2. Greenway Farm – effluent overflow –still seeping out, monitor for now.
3. ROSPA – safety inspection, clerk unable to know if been done until account received for payment.
4. The Chairman had attended the Area Working Panel meeting (SCC + TDBC) it appeared that the available funds were likely to be spent on urban rather than rural needs, suggested that Parish Councils combine their forces and claim en masse for funds, e.g. footpath maintenance/repairs.
5. Standing orders – the proposal to change the meetings from the third Wednesday of alternate months to the third Thursday of July, September, November, January & March, thus enabling return to the Village Hall was carried.

Proposed by Mr. S. Burgess. Seconded by Mr. V. Freir.

The Chairman wished to record thanks to the Chapel for the use of their House of Worship over the past years, until alternative arrangements could be made

Matters arising continued

6. Code of Conduct – Following directive from the Standards Board for England the following resolution for “Stoke St. Mary Parish Council to formally adopt the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct for Town & Parish Councils without modification to include the optional paragraph 12(2)” was carried, and confirmation “I confirm that the Standards Board for England have been duly informed and authorise TDBC to place an advertisement, as required by Local Government Act 2000 in an appropriate newspaper on behalf of the Parish Council” was completed, signed by the clerk and returned to TDBC Parish Liaison Officer.

Proposed by Mr. S. Burgess. Seconded by Mr. V. Freir.

#### 2007/36 CORRESPONDENCE

1. TDBC – details of new Chairman
2. Ashculme Tree Surgeons – info
3. Calor Gas – village of the year Competition – leave for this year
4. CPRE – joining info – not this year
5. Mendip Housing Assocn reminder of their Meeting – no interest at present
6. Avon & Somerset Constabulary – info + leaflets – left in Half Moon
7. TDBC – Tenants Conference – posters in notice boards & Half Moon
8. TDBC – Request for help to compile 50 Most Notable Trees in T.Deane taken by Mr. D. Parsons.
9. TDBC – Design Guide – taken by Mr. M. Newport, liaise with Mr. A. O’Connor if needed in future planning.
10. SCC – A thank you to Parish Path Liaison Officer – Mr & Mrs Pearse.
11. TDBC –Info – Local Development Framework, April 07 update, taken by Mr. M. Newport.
12. Allianz Insurance – reply to clerk enquiry re Millennium Stone, This is covered by the Public Liability section of the policy.
13. TDBC – Local Government re-organisation – response to consultation – PC not getting involved as no agreement over the matter, left for individual replies
14. SCC – Emergency Planning – much discussion, originally thought un-necessary, but PC encouraged to give it more thought – put on next agenda.
15. Community Council for Somerset - a road-show – received too late for attendance
16. TDBC – The Get Growing Show –Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October for Allotment Gardeners passed to Mrs. J. Jocelyn

#### 2007/37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

37 2007 006 Oakfield Farm - two detached dwellings & Driveway  
37 2007 007 Oakfield Farm – vehicular access and garage

#### 2007/38 PLANNING DECISIONS

37.2007.04 Redroofs – retain Garage – granted with conditions

## 2007/39 FINANCE

Cash at the bank 03.07.07 £3253.15

Receipts	Stoke St. Mary Millennium Committee	500.00
Accounts to pay	Parsons Landscapes	90.38
	Woodland Horticultural	1614.14
	The Chapel	10.00
	TDBC election expenses	442.58
	may not be due, clerk to be Advised	

Proposed by Mr M. Newport. Seconded by Mr. V. Freir.

Neighbour Hood Watch asking for £150 (£50 more than budgeted) for new signs etc. 90 households now signed up. 7 signs needed- 2 for Shoreditch, 2 for Haydon and 3 for actual Village.

The £50 for a new notice board was put on hold till the next meeting.

It was also requested that the clerk produce a running total of the budget for each meeting.

Mrs S. Kilbey took a copy of Somerset Community Chest leaflet to see if there was anything relevant to the Parish.

## 2007/40 PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Mrs S. Kilbey suggested a village meeting to be held in October to update every-one on progress and £20.00 was requested towards refreshments, this was agreed.

Councillors were asked if there were any objections to the draft portfolios being placed on the Web Site – there were none.

## 2007/41 TDB COUNCILLOR REPORT

The merging with SCC into a unitary council was raised, but the PC remained neutral.

Mr. J. Williams also explained that SCC & TDBC had joined forces with IBM, hopefully to provide a better service and save money.

## 2007/42 OTHER VILLAGE MATTERS

The meeting was reminded of the party to mark the retirement of Mr. Brian Crudge, headmaster of Thurlbear School to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Mr. V. Freir agreed to send the P.C. good wishes as Mr Crudge had also been Parish Clerk when the situation was unfilled.

Dog fouling was again raised, two Black Labradors currently being the biggest culprits, they were thought to be owned by a villager, but it is now thought they come from somewhere by the motor way bridge, the Dog Warden is to be contacted. The Clerk was requested to obtain more warning signs for the public areas of the village.

Complaints had been received concerning the use of the Play Area. On 9<sup>th</sup> June the Pre School Play Group had held a party which became noisy, the Chairman has investigated the matter and apologies have been received. In order to prevent a recurrence three possible actions were possible

- a) PC to pass a Bye Law – too complicated
- b) A sign at the entrance stating” permission of the PC should be sought for organised groups of more than 12 people wishing to use this play area”
- c) A letter be sent to the Village Hall committee asking them to revise their booking form – stating the above “ - ”.

Action c) was decided upon, voted 5 for and 2 abstentions

New Notice Board - Mr. N. Cozens has kindly agreed to make a new notice board as part of a College course in the autumn, he has already shown a design to the Chairman.

It as been suggested a “soft” board be placed in the Bus Shelter for use by the public, leaving more space for Parish Council notices by the Village Hall.

Parking outside the Village Hall again raised, wait till next meeting as appears that new road layout soon to be created.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56p.m.

Chairman ..... Date .....