

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2006 in the CHAPEL at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT Mr. M. Baddeley, in the Chair, Mr. S. Burgess, Mrs. R. Clark, Mr. M. Newport, Mr. R. Pearse and Mr. G. Salter.

IN ATTENDANCE P.C. Raich Reading and a colleague, SCCouncillor Mr. A. Clark, Mrs. M. Pearse, clerk and 10 members of the Parish.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. D. Parsons.

2006/34 THE MINUTES

Having been circulated were taken as read and signed as correct by the Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. M. Newport, seconded by Mr. G. Salter

2006/35 MATTERS ARISING.

1. Play area - Mrs. R. Clark calculated that the bark chipping would cost approximately £1250 (needs raising 200mm from 100mm to 300mm,) some rust needs removing and repainting and some nails need re-fixing. The Rocker should be removed as obsolete and not repairable. Clerk & Mrs. Clark to liaise and obtain necessary grant form from TDBC. TDBC not prepared to take over responsibility
2. Mrs. Clark also reported that the new school car park almost completed, a new headmaster was being appointed for September 2007 – a lengthy process for the school governors. Mrs. Clark was requested to ask Mr. Crudge to remind parents that there is a 30mph speed limit through the village and the clerk asked to forward a copy of the recent Speed Monitor results as it clearly indicated majority of the speeding vehicles were around school arrival & departure hours. One copy to Community Policeman.
3. Mrs Clark finished her report by reminding those present that following the success of both Tuckers and Furze Cottage Open Garden weekend, the event would be repeated in 2007 on the May bank holiday weekend. Mrs. Clark then left at 7.50 to attend a School Governors meeting.
4. The Community Policeman reported that there was a general increase in thefts from sheds & out-buildings; he reminded every-one of the importance of locking up & removing valuables from sight.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME followed –

Heavy lorry ban, not legally possible as no specific reasons

Horse warning signs again requested, clerk to write to SCC (copy to Mr. A. Clark)

Pot holes – again – had our ration, no more money available.

2006/36 CORRESPONDENCE

1. TDBC Annual Meeting of Parish Councils 4th Oct. N.Curry V.Hall.

Delegates- Mr. John Tarr(neighbourhood watch) Mr. S. Burgess & Mr. M.Newport (if able)

(Community Policeman left at 8.15)

- 2.Encams – A Parish Guide to Environmental Enforcement
- 3.SALC training for clerks £185.00 not encouraged to proceed.
Also incl. Tree Warden info, Somerset Playing Fields news-letter.
- 4.SCC New Water management partnership, details of Parrett Catchment Project and others merger into one.
5. CC for Som – Annual Report.

2006/37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 47 2006 004 The Travellers site at West Hatch – to remain as at present, opinion only as adjoining parish. Mr. M.Baddeley & Mr. M. Newport had attended a site meeting as observers at the invitation of West Hatch Parish Council. Thought best to leave as now, as currently not a problem
- 37 2006 006 Highfields change of use to plant nursery for TDBC for opinion only, concerns expressed as to 24hr lights and visual impact of poly-tunnels etc, not relevant to this application as change of use only. No other comments.
- 37 2006 005 The Mews, Shoreditch –a garage. For PC determination Mr. M. Newport attended – no reasons for refusal, recommended for approval.

2006/38 PLANNING DECISIONS

- 37 2006 004 Oil Tank at the Village Hall – approved with conditions.

2006/39 FINANCE

Cash at the bank 30.07.06 £1628.10

Parsons Landscapes	43.87
Chapel 2 meetings	15.00
SAssLC (lost)	83.54 (see if on next statement first)

Proposed by Mr. M.Baddeley, seconded by Mr., M. Newport
Also proposed by Mr. G. Salter and seconded by Mr. R Pearse – to write a thank-you letter to Mr. D. Ramsbotham for attending to the internal audit (as required) for 2005/6 accounts. Clerk to write letter.

2006/40 SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT./HIGHWAYS

Mr. A. Clark gave an update on the A358 , no money available for making it all Dual Carriageway, 2016++The Henlade Bypass probably come first. The Park & Ride most likely at Cambrai Farm, still no decision.

The safety aspect of the end of Broughton Lane and the verge cutting had been noted and hopefully would receive earlier attention in 2007

The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr.Groves and walked the village flood sites, he did admit to the problem but it is a Multi agency problem and no-one wants to make the first move or even seems to know what part is their responsibility.

2006/41 PARISH PLAN REPORT

An update on the progress of the items in the Parish Plan had been requested, however little had been done since the clerk had written to TDBC concerning the priority old folks housing (in limbo as ownership likely to change) and earlier notification of planning application, the planners had replied, it is not possible to make applicants inform PC but they are “ invited “ to

The Village clean up had fallen by the wayside as no-one was prepared to organise the event.

No-body seems interested in compiling the suggested newsletter, the clerks offering disappeared, never to be seen, along with the volunteer.

Considerable discussion took place as to quite what the Councillors were expected to carry out from the list, the original committee having done the groundwork, were now taking a back seat.

It appeared that there had been lots of volunteers in the first instance, but further discussion needs to take place to choose one item of interest to several villagers and for a few to draw up a work plan, and take the project forward, using the Councillors knowledge where necessary.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 15th November in the Chapel.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Chairman Date