

## DRAFT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 in the VILLAGE HALL at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT Mr. D. Fothergill, in the chair, Mrs. S. Kilbey, Mr. S. Burgess, Mr. M. Newport, Mr. D. Parsons and Mr. R. Pearse.

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs. M. Pearse, clerk, and 16 members of the parish.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. V. Freir, Mr. J. Williams and Mr A Clark.

The Chairman opened the meeting with public question time. The speed and size of vehicles round the corner between Llanfair and the Church was raised. It was suggested villagers should note the time and registration number of any heavy vehicles as proof was needed for preventative action. The new road layout received more praise than complaint, it was noted by the Chairman that the warning signs did not leave much time for those who were unlawfully speeding. A suggestion for traffic calming of the rat run at Haydon was made. Any realistic suggestions would be forwarded for discussion with the Highways Dept. The Broughton Lane sign was still lying in the undergrowth, although it appeared that new signs were made to order and one may be on its way, the clerk requested to find out.

The meeting continued at 7.42 with:  
2007/43 THE MINUTES

These having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as correct with two amendments requested - £50 for the notice board agreed BUT not paid out – previous text ambiguous, and to delete dogs & motorway as information received after the meeting.

Proposed by Mr. S. Burgess                      Seconded by Mr. D. Parsons

2007/44 MATTERS ARISING

1. Horse Rider sign request refused, visibility good at that point, clerk to ask for sign to be placed on Bend sign nearer Broughton Brook.
2. Broughton Lane sign – see PQT
3. ROSPA safety report – only medium and low risks comments, Chairman and Mr. D. Parsons to inspect for any necessary repairs.
4. Area Working Panel Meeting (SCC, TDBC & PCs) Mrs. S. Kilbey attended, and reported that the Panel has money available for community benefit. Main topic of the meeting was sustainable and renewable energy. A trial night time bus service to run till Christmas from the town centre to Halcon, Priorswood, Trull and Heathfield ( other areas by request) to try and prevent night time trouble.
5. The Village Hall had replied to the PC letter agreeing to make it clear on their booking form that all enquires for use of the play area should be made to the PC
6. TDBC Favourite Trees. Four photographs of village trees were submitted and it was agreed to forward the Oak tree by Two Acres. Mrs S. Kilbey agreed to find out if it was the subject of a TPO.

2007/45 CORRESPONDENCE

1. TDBC Formal adoption of the Local Development Framework + booklet of details taken by Mr. M. Newport.
2. South West Regional Assembly – Number of Gypsy & Traveller sites –reply, taken by Mr. D. Fothergill

3. TDBC – Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan – details for viewing to come – taken by Mr. M. Newport.
4. Park & Ride exhibition at Ruishton Village Hall on 13.09.07, produced two main concerns;
  - a) light pollution and b) new rat runs. Assurances were given that lessons had been learnt from Silk Mills P & R and the lighting would not cause un-necessary pollution, however no traffic predictions had been conducted on either Greenway Lane or Stoke Hill. The project Manager – Mr. Richard Needs has accepted the invitation to give a presentation at the Residents meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. TDBC – Polling Stations Review, -were they satisfactory – as far as Stoke St. Mary parish leave as at present (Village Hall)
6. SCC – Offer of training for local business’ and organisations.
7. SCC – Tour of Britain cycle race – info posted on notice board.
8. TDBC – Road Closure for local cycle race 30.09.07 info on notice board.
9. Jeremy Browne MP notice of local surgeries info on notice board.
10. TDBC Volunteers – newsletter
11. Somerset Road Safety Partnership – leaflet.
12. SALC – info, AGM, Councillors & new clerks training courses, Chairman to complete.
13. Area Working Panel report.
14. Society of Local Council Clerks – info
15. SCC – Rights of Way meeting – Mrs. M. Pearse to attend.
16. SCC – HGV pinch points – info to be returned to Highways.
17. SCC – Waste!. November meeting, asked to register interest.
18. Get Growing- Allotment Show poster.
19. New Bus Shelter – advert + info, TDBC grant available – not needed.
20. Water Links – info re River Festival.23.09.07
21. Mendip Housing Report.

#### 2007/46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None. Mr. M. Newport explained the reply to TDBC re Mrs. Madges’s two new dwellings, concern regarding visibility splay, drainage onto the road and the capacity of the sewer, photographic evidence of previous floods had been forwarded. Lessons had been learnt from the last building project in the village and a greater watch over the builders’ responsibilities over the road drainage would be kept.

#### 2007/47 PLANNING DECISIONS

37 2007 007	Double Garage & workshop –Oakfield Farm	granted with conditions
37 2007 008	Porch – The Mews at Shoreditch	“ “ “
37 2007 009	LB Stoke House – replacement bathroom window	“ “ “

#### 2007/48 FINANCE

Cash at bank		1596.03
Accounts to pay	Parsons Landscapes	112.98
	Rospa	77.55
	Chapel	10.00

Mr. D. Parsons declared an interest.

Proposed by Mrs S. Kilbey, seconded by Mr M.Newport

The Chairman reported on the meeting that had been held with the internal auditor. This audit has increased in scope and section 4 now covers a review process for financial procedures and also a risk assessment needs to be conducted. In future the budget when calculating the precept needs to have two lists; a) for necessities b) for important extras, a depreciation plan also needs to be made. The “Good Councillor Guide” recommends the appointment of a Treasurer Councillor – Mr. V. Freir was proposed in his absence.

As yet another request for financial support from a worthy cause was received the Clerk suggested a revision of the previous Councils policy of no donations. The GCG indicates that bonafide donations are a legitimate use of PC funds.

#### 2007/49 RESIDENTS MEETING

This has been arranged for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 in the Village Hall. Mrs. S. Kilbey produced a draft agenda entitled “what are the Authorities doing for us?” Several local speakers had been invited and a flyer would be put through every letterbox with the details. As agreed at the last meeting £20.00 has been allocated for tea, coffee & biscuits.

#### 2007/50 PARISH PLAN.

A contact had been made regarding the burying of the cables. The Village Hall Committee had offered £50.00 towards a Community Chest grant application for a new notice board by the Church on the understanding that PC would donate the board on the Village Hall to them. It was suggested that the old board from the Church be resited at Haydon (currently a pallet in the hedge) It was noted that planning permission will be needed for the new notice board.

#### 2007/51 OTHER VILLAGE MATTERS

The new road layout also included the fresh drainage channel in the verge by the signpost, it is not a large as expected but can always be made bigger if necessary. The Area Neighbourhood Watch AGM– contact Mrs. S. Kilbey, tickets are needed. There had been several burglaries on one night, also two car windows were smashed. The police did visit the village asking for information, Mr. S. Burgess also contacted them with information, no-one had received any feedback. Both the Community Beat Manager and the Community Support Officer have been on sick leave for some time The Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster was unaware of the situation. At present there would be no Police presence at the Residents Meeting. The Chairman is to make an official complaint.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45p.m.for further PQT.

The Landrover kitted out with aerials etc and seen touring the area is tracking some newly released barn owls.

The effluent at Greenway Farm is still in evidence. The buildings are apparently in Stoke St. Mary Parish although the Farmhouse is in Neroche. Contact environmental health dept. The hedge at Haydon along the motorway bridge needs cutting back – contact highways.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50p.m

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