

STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2018

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING ON 21ST JUNE 2018

Present: Keith Holder (Chair), Anna Mearns, Sebastian Wolf, Amanda Taylor, Keith Hambly, Kim Gibson, John Johnston, Kirsty Hayes, John McEntee, Alan Townsend, Bridget Banwell (Clerk), 3 members of the public

1. **Election of Chair for the meeting**

The election of a Chair was not on the Agenda and it will therefore be necessary to elect a chair for the meeting.

It was proposed that Cllr Holder be elected to Chair the meeting.

PROPOSED BY: Amanda Taylor **SECONDED BY:** Anna Mearns

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

The formal procedure for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair will be conducted at the June meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Philip Ham.

3. **Declarations of interest - None**

4. **Public Session**

- (1) Geoff O'Sullivan talked at length about his concerns over the stream. He said there is heavy erosion on the right hand side and that 20 feet of the bank has already eroded. There is a lot of silt in the stream and also the ponds further down and questioned where this is coming from. He has met with Cllr Hambly to discuss these issues, but Mr O'Sullivan felt that the PC should produce an action plan to deal with the situation as a matter of urgency. Cllr Hambly has been in contact with the Somerset Highways bridge man who has inspected the bridge and considers the erosion to be light. He will carry out a further inspection and produce an action plan. Cllr Hambly will also contact the Flood Risk Management Team and is trying to set up a meeting with the Environment Agency. Wayne McKeown from Wainwrights, who attended this evening's meeting, assured Mr Sullivan that the Environment Agency takes samples from the quarry at least once a month to ensure it is complying with the limits on silt. He added that during the last 12 years the quarry has not received a single warning to say it is discharging dirty water. Wayne said that, without taking any form of responsibility, he is happy to be involved in future discussions regarding the stream. Cllr Holder said that the two main issues are volume of water and suspended particles in the water, which can be independent of each other. He felt that the stream was not the responsibility of the PC, although Cllr Hambly is dealing with the various agencies on Mr Sullivan's behalf. Mr O'Sullivan agreed to meet with Wayne and Cllr Hambly who will give feedback to the PC.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 8.30pm

- (2) The Applicant of Planning Item 7(1) explained that it is difficult to sustain a short-term holiday market, hence his application to remove a previous accommodation condition to allow full term occupation of the two smaller barns.
- (3) Wayne McKeown said that approval had been granted for the 3 tips. He offered reassurance that this should not affect how things work at the quarry. He is aware that this will not be a popular decision, but said that Wainwrights is still part of the community who can be approached at any time with any concerns.

2 members of the public left the meeting at 8.30pm

5. **County & District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Townsend talked about a potential unitary authority. He said that MDC's position was sound, having fulfilled many merge facilities in recent years. At the last referendum, 85% voted against MDC joining a unitary authority. Cllr Townsend said that the new council leader would be announced next week.

6. Minutes of previous meeting

After amending, the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April were agreed to be a true record and signed by Cllr Mearns.

PROPOSED BY: Sebastian Wolf **SECONDED BY:** John McEntee

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Matters arising not covered on the Agenda

1. Item 3(3): Cllr Mearns confirmed that a specific fireproof door damper had been purchased for the hall door. Cllr Hayes will ask her husband to fit it.

8. Planning

1. Application 2018/0685/VRC – Goldsborough Farm, Burnt House Lane to Towns End, SSM – Application to remove condition 2 (occupation terms) of planning approval 107703/002 (conversion of barn to 2 units for short term holiday letting) to allow full term occupation

PC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

PROPOSED BY: Sebastian Wolf **SECONDED BY:** Keith Hambly

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Clarification to DP22 – Reuse and Conversion of Rural Buildings: Cllr Taylor circulated an email prior to the meeting. She has spoken to MDC who say that the policy is very flexible and can be construed in different ways. It is not designed to knock down buildings, but to convert them. It would appear that the PC's approach is correct.

9. Playing Field

1. Pavilion/Football Club

Cllr Johnston confirmed that one window has arrived and the other will be ready shortly. It was agreed that it would be safer to install the windows after the roofing work has been completed. Cllr Johnston felt strongly that the football club should not be charged for using the pavilion in view of the fact that the PC supports the Youth Club and the Mother and Toddler group by paying hall rental. He said that the football club is willing to pay for the electricity supply to the pavilion. However, if this were the case, it would be difficult to hire out the building to other people. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

2. Safety issues arising from Annual Inspection Report

Cllr Gibson will provide Cllr Johnston will some rubber matting for the 2 climbing figures since the concrete base will need to be lowered. Cllr Johnson will liaise with Cllr Wolf to decide the best course of action.

10. Millennium Wood

Simon Clark will prepare a draft basic management plan ready for the next meeting. The next meeting of the woodland group will take place at Cllr Mearns' house on 12th June at 6.30pm. The paths need to be kept clear over the summer. Cllr Johnston will talk to Mike Massey to see what equipment he has and Cllr Gibson will obtain a quote from the farmer who cuts her hedges.

11. Defibrillator

This is ready to be installed by a commercial electrician. Cllr Gibson said that her husband is an electrician and may be able to install. The defibrillator is currently in the Knatchbull Arms in case of an emergency. Cllr Johnston will publicise this in the Lychgate. Training sessions will be arranged shortly. Cllr Hambly confirmed that the machine is covered by the hall insurance.

12. Silting of rivers

This was discussed at length during Item 4(1).

13. (1) Pedestrian Road Safety Enhancement Scheme

Cllr Mearns will chase SCC for an update. She has heard nothing further from Cllr Ham.

- (2) Mill Lane: The signs are in place and look very official.

14. Repairs to Bus Shelter

Clerk has obtained one quote for £180 + VAT, but is having great difficulty in getting a second quote. Most companies are willing to provide the acrylic pane, but are not prepared to fit it. In view of the excess payment to the insurers, Cllr Johnston and Wolf will look into doing it themselves.

15. Finance

1. Bank Balances: Current A/C £4,699.79 (Statement received before the transfer of funds)
Reserve A/C £50.00
2. Cheques for authorisation:
SALC – Membership fee 218/19
A Mearns – Reimbursement for door damper
Fountain Timber Products Ltd – Play bark
Amanda Clements Advertising – Signage for Mill Lane
Fae Clements – Website maintenance – Inv. 020
PROPOSED BY: John Johnston **SECONDED BY:** Sebastian Wolf
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Correspondence

All emails to Clerk forwarded prior to the meeting.
Clerk will forward correspondence relating to the change in Data Protection Regulations.

17. Matters to report/Items for next Agenda

1. Traffic speeds at Tower Hill, Coalpit Lane and Moonshill.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st June at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.43pm

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Dated _____