

STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the meeting held on 21st July 2022 in the War Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Amanda Taylor, Keith Hambly (Chair), Nick Corbett and John McEntee, Matthew Rice

Also, in Attendance – Kate Egan – Parish Clerk

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for absence

All Councillors were present

3. Absent

No Councillors were absent

4. (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received from Councillors on items on the agenda

(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Nick Corbett has a written request for dispensation in relation to War Memorial Hall Matters for four years (expires June 2026) and Cllrs Amanda Taylor and Keith Hambly have written requests for dispensation in relation to the Community Playing Field for one year (expires June 2023)

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

There were no requests for dispensation as appropriate

5. Public Session

There were 14 members of the public in attendance.

The Chair opened up the public session to explain the process regarding the appeal for the outline planning application for residential development of up to 47 dwellings and a Planning Consultant had been appointed to help fight the case. Residents were also informed on how to submit comments to the Planning Inspector. The floor was opened up for questions and comments. Objectors were encouraged to submit any further comments to the Planning Inspector before the deadline of 5th August.

Questions were asked on whether the Parish Council could help with reducing the number of large vehicles travelling through the village and could an alternative route be found. This has been an on-going problem for many years as there is no simple answer or obvious alternative route for the vehicles that are travelling to a factory in a neighbouring village.

The applicant for planning application 2022/1114/REM (item 9a) was in attendance and spoke about the matters raised. A couple of questions were asked and these were answered.

A representative from the Millennium Wood was in attendance and requested several items be discussed and possible approved, these will be added to the next agenda.

6. County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Phillip Ham sent his apologies

District Councillor Alan Townsend was in attendance and gave a short verbal report about planning issues and two District Councillors who had sadly died recently, their wisdom will be missed, they were long standing Councillors and well respected.

County Councillor Barry Clarke was in attendance and gave a verbal report about the current progress on Local Government Reorganisation and specifically the Local Community Networks (LCN's), the financial situation of Somerset County Council and possible savings. Somerset County Council are providing food vouchers for children over the summer.

7. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2022, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2022 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

8. Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

(a) Burnt Out Car in Stoke Lane Quarry Unfortunately the vehicle cannot be removed without proof of ownership or paperwork and as a result the Parish Council due to not having any legal powers or duties to remove they vehicle, are unable to progress this any further.

9. Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.

(a) 2022/1114/REM Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2018/1913/OTA for the erection of a single dwelling and associated access. Matters of access/appearance/landscaping. Layout/scale to be determined. Land to Rear of Central Stores, Stoke Hill, Stoke St Michael.
Update Stoke St Michael Parish Council recommended approval.

(b) 2022/1355/VRC Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) and condition 4 (Materials) of permission 2022/0428/HSE (replacement of existing outhouse with ancillary accommodation). Condition Number 9s) 2,4 Conditions (s) Removal: Applicant has reviewed the original design and considers the changes proposed are an improvement. Substitute new drawings for the original drawings, including some amendment to materials. **Update** Stoke St Michael Parish Council recommended refusal for the same reasons as before which is the excessive height of the building.

10.Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and others.

(a) 2022/0571/LBC & 2022/0243/FUL Convert two single storey barns into holiday lets. Dunfords Farm, Edford Hill, Holcombe. **Update** The application has been withdrawn.

(b) APP/Q3305/W/21/3286463 Outline planning application for the residential development of up to 47 dwellings, public open space, ecological mitigation land, landscaping and associated works with access from Coalpit Lane (all other matters reserved). Land South of Fairbanks, Coalpit Lane, Stoke St Michael **Update** the Secretary of State has decided that the appeal should be examined at an informal hearing, the date and venue is still yet to be decided. Mark Reynolds from Context Planning has been appointed to write a statement on behalf of the Parish Council. Due to the deadline, it was agreed all Councillors would review the document and respond by email to Cllr Keith Hambly with comments before submission of the final version.

(c) 2022/10327/HSE Erection of a single storey extension to form garden room and first floor extension over existing utility to south elevation including a glazed link and alterations to roof pitch. The Old Post Office, Stoke Hill, Stoke St Michael. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application

11.To Be Resolved/Discussed

(a) Proposal to accept the quote for the tree survey to be carried out on trees located on Parish Council owned land.

This item was deferred to the next meeting

(b) Proposal to accept the recommendation from Stoke St Michael Woodland to purchase a Jubilee bench to be sited within the wood.

The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a Jubilee bench for £510.00 plus delivery. The Council also agreed to principle to purchase suitable fixings and possibly a plaque. **Update** Following the meeting etching a maximum of ten words would cost an extra £25.00 - £35.00.

(c) Proposal to accept the quote for the removal of the Hawthorn Trees from the Mead. Quote received is £90.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for the removal of the Hawthorn Trees from the Mead for £90.00. Gaits Gardening Services will be contacted to proceed with the works.

(d) Proposal to request permission for the community to use the land near the Lychgate for a Duck Race on 1st September.

The Council **RESOLVED** in principle that the community use the land near the Lychgate for a Duck Race subject to the Parish Council seeing a copy of the public liability insurance and risk assessments.

(e) Report from Cllr Nick Corbett on the initial discussions with Pippa Rayner from Somerset Wildlife about Rewilding Somerset

Cllr Nick Corbett spoke about the discussion he has had so far and possible areas within the village that could be left to rewild.

(f) Report from Cllr John McEntee on the informal meeting between Eastern Mendip Parish Councils held on 7th July

Cllr John McEntee gave a verbal report of the meeting and the different issues between urban and rural areas. The next meeting is on Thursday 11th August at 7.30pm at Doultling village Hall.

12. Clerk's Report

(a) Following the last meeting and discussion regarding the repair of the culvert in the middle of the village, a Bridge Engineer from Somerset County Council has been in contact with outlying plans and road diversions, also answering the various questions posed. A site meeting has been requested to help to concerns from residents. **Update** The works have now been postponed until the Autumn but a site meeting will be arranged with Somerset County Council and the Parish Council prior to the works being commenced.

(b) In regard to the Design Code - the Parish Council are having two further half day sessions. These are being held to develop and agree the content of the Design Code, the likely dates are Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th August and will be held in the War Memorial Hall.

(c) . APP/Q3305/W/21/3286463 Appeal of house at Yellowgate. If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. Please ensure that any representations you wish to make on this appeal or received by the Planning Inspectorate by 5th August 2022

13. Finance

Bank Balances as at: - 13th July 2022

Reserve Account - £48,780.52

Current Account - £3,164.94

Quarterly Review of the Budget – This was noted by the Parish Council

Approval of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and it was signed by the Chair.

Receipts

(a) Burial Fees (from W J Trotman)- £128.00 – chq banked 20.06.22

(b) Burial Fees (from W J Trotman) - £203.00 – chq banked 20.06.22

(c) Burial Fees (James Long Masons) - £150.00 – chq banked 20.06.22

(d) Bank Interest - £0.48 – received 09.06.22

(e) Bank Interest - £0.43 – received 11.07.22

(f) Burial Fees – Perkins - £144.00 – received 13.06.22

(g) Compensation from Lloyds Bank - £25.00 – received 20.06.22

(h) Burial Fees - £64.00 – Hobbs Marble and Granite – received 7.7.22

(i) Memorial Fees - £16.00 – received cheque from Forsey & Son

(j) Compensation from Lloyds Bank - £75.00 – received 13.07.22

Payments

(k) Gaits Gardening Service – Work carried out at the Lychgate - £361.91

(l) Gaits Gardening Service – trimming of cemetery hedge - £90.00

(m) Ionos – Web Hosting - £12.00 – pd by DD 16.6.22

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(o) SLCC – Training Course (Non-Visible Disabilities Awareness) - £12.00

(p) Clerks Salary – June - £254.44

(q) HMRC – June - £49.40

(r) Postage Costs - £3.45

(s) Glasdon – purchase of dog waste bins - £369.55

(t) Primrose Garden Maintenance - £666.52

(u) Mendip District Council – recharge for elections 2022 - £100.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the above Payments and Receipts

14. Correspondence

- (a) Community Planning and Engagement Project – forwarded 15.6.22
- (b) Invitation to Somerset Climate Network Webinar on Tuesday 5th July – forwarded 18.6.22
- (c) Frome Area Local Community Network – next meeting Wednesday 3rd August at 7pm in Frome Town Hall and online – forwarded 12.07.22

15. Matters to report / items for next agenda

There were no matters to report or items for the next agenda

16. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 1st September 2022 in the War Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm