

STOKE ST. MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Stoke St Michael Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Stoke St Michael Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business

Kate Egan Clerk to the Council

Agenda for the Meeting of STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

To be held on Thursday 8th February 2024 at Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall Starting at 7.30pm

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Absent**
- 4. (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**
(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
Cllr Anna Mears has a written request for dispensation in relation to the Millennium Wood for four years (expires September 2027). Cllr Keith Hambly has a written request for dispensation in relation to Stoke St Michael Community Field for one year (expires September 2024). Cllr Amanda Taylor has a written request for dispensation in relation to Stoke St Michael Community Field, Stoke St Michael Community Events and Stoke St Michael Woodland Group for four years (expires January 2028)
(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
- 5. Public Session**
- 6. Somerset Councillor Reports**
- 7. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th January 2024, previously circulated**
- 8. Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**
- 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) 2024/0120/FUL** Erection of 38 dwellings, including 30% affordable homes (11 units), with associated infrastructure & works, new access, landscaping, parking and sustainable drainage. Land East of Frog Lane, Stoke St Michael
 - (b) 2023/2484/HSE** Retrospective planning permission for a timber outbuilding / summerhouse in rear garden, ancillary to main house. The Birch, Stoke Crescent, Stoke St Michael.

(c) **APP/E3335/W/23/3332581** Appeal in relation to planning application 2023/1487/PIP. Permission in Principle application for Erection of 1no. dwelling house. Land at 366487 146920 Church Street, Stoke St Michael. The appeal is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and, if considered appropriate, a site visit by the Inspector. If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN quoting the appeal reference number. Closing date is 21st February 2024.

(d) **2024/0091/PAA** Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2no. dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development. Barn at Blue Cedar Farm, Susannas Lane, Stoke St Michael. This is a **Notification** only and in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to the Planning Officers.

10. Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council

(a) **2023/1606/FUL** Change of use of agricultural land for the erection of 2000 Solar array panels and associated equipment. Land at 366731 146471 Burges Hill, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

(b) **2023/2232/FUL** Erection of detached dwellinghouse. 31 Moonshill Road, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** Somerset have granted approval.

(c) **2023/0200/HSE** Rear Extension, 20 St Michaels Close, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** Somerset Council have granted approval.

11. To Be Resolved / Discussed

(a) Proposal to agree the Ear Marked Reserves for 2024-2025

(b) Proposal to purchase a Community Notice Board either with double doors or top hinge.

(c) Proposal to set date for the Annual Parish Meeting, it can be held between the 1st March and the 1st of June.

(d) Proposal to appoint a Parish Council representative to sit on the committee for Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall.

(e) Proposal to cover the cost of felling to ground level a large conifer tree which has partially died, located behind the church which will cost £2640.00.

12. Clerk / Councillors Report

(a) The Auto Speed cameras and associated equipment have arrived, signs have been placed at the main entrances to the village and two cameras has been installed on Coalpit Lane and Long Cross Bottom. The camera will be monitored closely as it may need some adjusting to capture speeding cars but data is starting to be downloaded.

(b) Verbal report on the last LCN Meeting held on Thursday 11th January.

(c) The Parish Council has been contacted by the local PCSO and they have wondered if the Council would like to arrange a “come meet us event.”

- (d) The Parish Council have been contacted by the Mendip CSW Coordinator and have requested the equipment returned as there is no longer a Speed Watch Group within the village, they have also offered assistance with the Auto Speed Cameras.

13.. Finance

Bank Balances as at: - 02.02.2024

Unity Current Account – £22,872.78

Unity Savings Account - £20,000.00

Quarterly Budget Review October to December 2023

Approval and signature of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

Receipts

Payments

(a) Stoke St Michael War Memorial – Hall Hire - £30.00

(b) Ionos – Monthly charge for the website - £13.80 – pd DD 31.01.2024

(c) ICO – Annual subscription - £35.00 – pd by DD 03.03.25

(d) Clerks Salary and Expenses – January - £365.30

(e) J Murtagh Tree Services - £780.00 – two invoices

Transfers

(f) Transfer of £20,000 from the current account to the new Savings Account

14. Correspondence

(a) Following the resignation of a Parish Councillor, there were no requests for a by-election so the Parish Council are able to co-opt a Parish Councillor.

(b) Somerset Council Conservative Group Briefing Sheet February 2024 – forwarded 02.02.24

(c) Minutes from the LCN Meeting held on 11th January and the opportunity to join the Sub Committees and the Working Parties – forwarded 02.02.24

15. Matters to report / items for next agenda

16. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 21st March 2024 starting at 7.30pm, Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall.