

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 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.** Tash Scully from Somerset Youth Work Alliance will be giving a short presentation to the council.
6. **Somerset Councillor Reports**
7. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, previously circulated**
8. **To note Stoke St Michael Parish Council is not eligible for adopting the General Power of Competence as two thirds of the Councillors were not elected at the elections held in 2022, although there is a qualified Clerk.**
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) 2024/0807/FUL** Erection of ground mounted domestic PV Solar Panels. Plot north of Somers Farm, Burnt House Lane, Stoke St Michael.
10. **Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council**  
**(a) 2023/1708/CLE** Mixed use of equestrian and residential purposes. Sycamore Farm Stud, Burges Hill, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** Somerset Council have said the development is not lawful

- (b) **2024/0583/LBC** Application to reinstate original fireplace opening and insert wood-burning stove. The Mill, Mill Lane, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** Somerset have granted approval.
- (c) **2024/0576/FUL** Installation of a slurry lagoon with capacity for the holding. Stoke Farm, Kings Road, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** Somerset have granted approval.
- (d) **APP/E3335/W/23/3332581** Land to the East of Church Street, Stoke St Michael. **Decision** The appeal has been dismissed.

#### 11. To Be Resolved / Discussed

- (a) Proposal to create a Working Party to create an Emergency Plan for the village.
- (b) The Parish Council have received a written request following the formal closure of the churchyard at St Michael and All Angels Church in February 2024 to take on responsibility for the maintenance and care of the Churchyard. Following this formal request the proposal is to create a short-term working party to look at the implications of the Parish Council taking on the responsibility for the maintenance and reporting back to the next meeting where the formal response can be debated as the Parish Council have a three-month deadline in which to reply otherwise it automatically becomes the Parish Councils responsibility.

#### 12. Clerk / Councillors Report

- (a) A new bus shelter has been ordered, installation will hopefully be in the middle of June, there will be a slight disruption as temporary traffic lights will be in place.
- (b) The rocks have finally been installed around Moonshill, a huge thank you to Wainwrights and Cookwood for their help both in donating the rocks and giving up their time to place them. Also thank you to Cllr Amanda Taylor for co-ordinating it all and other Councillors who helped.
- (c) Thank you to everyone who installed the new Community Noticeboard, keys will be held at the shop.
- (d) Curo held a public consultation on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June regarding the potential housing development of Coalpit Lane. Responses can be sent direct to Curo. A meeting will be held to discuss the planning application once it is received.

#### 13. Finance

Bank Balances as at: - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Unity Current Account – £18,145.22

Unity Savings Account – £48,854.56

##### Receipts

(a) Burial Fees - £142.00 paid by cheque

(b) Insurance Claim from Aviva - £5285.00 – received 20.05.24

(c) Burial Fees - £72.00 received by bacs 23.05.24

##### Payments

(d) Ionos – Website Hosting - £13.80 – paid by DD 30.05.24

(e) Renewal of Garden Waste Bin - £68.00

(f) Clerks' salary and expenses – £293.70

(g) Primrose Garden Maintenance - £729.05

**14. Correspondence**

- (a) Councillor Training Courses – forwarded 14.05.24
- (b) Shepton Highways and Traffic Group, possible agenda and Somerset Highways Programme for the year – forwarded 17.05.24
- (c) Minutes from the LCN held on 28<sup>th</sup> April – forwarded 24.05.24

**15. Matters to report / items for next agenda**

**16. Closed session sale of land**

**17. Under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

- (a) Discussion on the possible acquisition of land by the Parish Council

**18. Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 starting at 7.30pm. Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall.