

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 18th July 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 13th June, previously circulated**
- 8. Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**
- 9. Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council**
- 10. Grants**
(a) Grant Application from Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall for £3,000
- 11. To Be Resolved / Discussed**
 - (a) Proposal to create a working group to discuss ideas for Youth Services within the village
 - (b) Proposal to purchase some bulbs for planting at Moonshill Green
 - (c) Proposal to approve the dead conifer tree from behind the church at a cost of £2640.00. Permission has been received from the Archdeacon.
 - (d) Proposal to accept the drawings and approve the quote for Structural Calculations on the bridge at £320 + VAT

12. Clerk / Councillors Report

- (a)** Following an online meeting with the Head of Operations from Somerset Council, the contract with the current supplier ceases at the end of May 2025 and services will be brought in-house or devolved down to Councils. The services currently provided are emptying of litter bins, dog waste bins, litter picking, hedge trimming on the Highways, removal of graffiti, street cleaning etc. If the services are bought in-house to Somerset Council, charges will be passed to the Councils, prices have continually been requested so that they can be included within the budget for next year but as yet no information is forthcoming.
- (b)** Letters were sent by recorded delivery to the PCC, The Diocese of Bath & Wells and Somerset Council informing them of the Parish Council's decision to pass the responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard to the principal council which is Somerset Council.
- (c)** Update from Cllr Phil Howard on the Emergency Plan

13.. Finance

Bank Balances as at: - 10th July 2024

Unity Current Account – £17,117.07

Unity Savings Account – £49,098.60

Approval and signature of the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

To note the Quarterly Budget Review

Receipts

(a) Burial Fees - £18.00 – received 26.06.2024

(b) Bank Interest - £244.04 – received 30.06.2024

Payments

(c) SALC – Training - £56.00

(d) Clerks Salary for June and expenses - £374.45

(e) Primrose Garden Maintenance – Grass Cutting - £729.05

(f) Unity Trust Bank – Quarterly Bank Charges - £18.00 – pd by DD

14. Correspondence

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 5th September 2024 starting at 7.30pm. Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall.