

Stogumber Parish Council, SPC.

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall on September 15th 2010

The meeting started at 19.45

Present

J. Spicer, Chairman

C. Bramall

D. Criddle

J. Danson

C. Matravers

V. Sellick

M. Symes

T. Thomas

Mr A. Trollope-Bellew S.C.C

T. Taylor, W.S.D.C.

A. Weir, Clerk

1. **Apologies:** K.Rew,
T.Taylor for being unable to be at the start of the meeting
2. **Declaration of Interests:**
There were no declaration of interests.
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on May 12th 2010.**
It was proposed and passed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting on 14th July were a reasonable record of the meeting. They were signed by the chairman.
4. **Public, Comments, Questions or Suggestions.**
No member of the public was present.
5. **County Council, CC.**
Mr Trollope- Bellew indicated that details of finance changes would not be announced until 20th October but it was likely that the savings needed would be between 25 and 40% and that therefore things that we as a parish think are important may have to be stopped. He believed we should consider our precept carefully.
The proposals for Hinkley Point had been looked at closely by the County Council, CC, and many of the details of the housing plans for those to work on the site were not agreed by the CC. Whilst these differences may well be considered the final decision is not made by the CC.
6. **West Somerset District Council, WSDC.**
Mr T.Taylor had not yet arrived as he was at another meeting. As these other meetings at which he had to be present were often on a Wednesday it was proposed and agreed that we should return to having our meetings on a Thursday. It was also hoped that these meetings would be held as in the past in Dene Close Common Room. See 6,1 below
7. **Area Meeting.**
The Clerk reported that the two particular topics that might be relevant to us were Hinkley Point and the Magna report. The thoughts on Hinkley point were similar to those raised in 5 above. It was mentioned that the park and ride system for workers was strongly proposed and that this would involve daily, some 15 buses from and returning to the proposed parking area, for the park and ride system, to the West side of Williton. The comments on Magna are recorded under 12 below.
9. **Quantock Hills AONB and Exmoor National Park, ENP.**
This item was brought forward and Mr Trollope-Bellew was asked for his opinion. He felt that things would be better if the two entities were kept separate. If Quantock Hills was swallowed up by ENP it might find its development restricted by ENP.
Mr A Trollope- Bellew left the meeting.

8. Suggestions for Projects.

Five projects were raised and it was agreed that council should try and encourage interest and progress in all five. It was then agreed that each project should be progressed by the councillors indicated:-

Car Parking: DC, MS, CB, CM, VS

Children and Play Area: TT, CB, KR, CM

Field from Miss May's Estate. DC, MS, CB, CM, VS

Stogumber Walk Round Trail: JS, JD, .

Survey of what the parishioners wanted JS, CB, KR, TT

It was also agreed that it would be sensible for the use of the field and the possible car parking to be looked at in conjunction with each other.

It was agreed that the survey if using a questionnaire should be passive not active and that whilst children were to be considered possible facilities for teenagers should also be considered. It was still believed that we would be getting some money from the 106 and there is anyway £9000, nine thousand, in the bank allocated for Stogumber.

During this discussion Mr T. Taylor arrived.

10, Pathway to Cricket Club

A letter from Summerfield had been received. This indicated that they would give the parish £1000, one thousand pounds, and thereby give the parish the path and the responsibility of its upkeep. The PC felt that this was too little and that they should write back saying they would accept the responsibility of £5000, five thousand was given. It was not decided finally what should be done with the hedge. **Action** MS & CB

6,1 WSC Report.

Mr TT, emphasised the points that had been raised by Mr A T-B in 5 above about Hinkley Point. He felt WSC were getting on much better with EDF and that they were trying to solve the problems together rather than from different angles. They were trying to mitigate rather than compensate.

11. Children playing in Station Road, Archer's Grove

The use of the grass area at the corner of Wood Lane and Station Road had been raised by a resident. The council will look into its ownership and who is responsible for its upkeep and its use.

12. Magna Walkabouts.

It was planned to have a walk about the two Magna Sites in Stogumber on Tuesday, 18th January 2011. The walk about Slade Close and Quantock View to start at 10.45 and that at the Orchard and Dene Close to start at 12.15. The walk about is intended for Housing Officers, Magna West Somerset, MWS Technical and Property Services, Tenant Representatives; MWS Board Members; Avon and Somerset Constabulary; Local Authority elected members and staff.

Tenants requiring a visit at a specific time should telephone Freephone 0800 138 6107 to arrange an appointment.

13. Finance

13,1 Bank Account Signatures was still not finalised

13,2 The present situation of Current Account £35, Deposit Account £7. and Reserve account £7918 was agreed

13,3 The Finance regulations would be circulated before the next meeting

13,4 The auditors report and fee for £58.75 were accepted and it was agreed that the fee should be paid

13,5 The Council expressed their strong regrets that even after the announcing of Gadd's closing there had been some million pounds of house sales and that the small S106 that should have been allocated to the council had not been forthcoming. It was felt that in future such monies should be paid over to the local authority at the start of such a project rather than waiting and waiting for it at the end of a project..

- 13.6 It was agreed that the Precept and Budget for next year should be considered at the next meeting
- 13.7 The Council had been thanked by CLOWNS for their donation of £25.00 towards this year's play schemes.
- 14. Planning** The clerk reported :-
1. 10/005 & 6 Catford Cottage. Alterations to Rear Extension and New Garden Room Extension and change linhay to a study. Permission Granted
 2. 10/007. Higher Vexford House: Erection of Stable Building and Alteration to Existing Field Access. Permission Granted
 3. 10/008. Castlake Barns. Conversion of Barns to Live/Work Unit. PC has made site visit and sent report to WSC where Plan is under consideration
 - 4.. 10/009. Willow Cottage. Proposed Garden Store and Workshop. PC has made site visit and sent report to WSC where Plan is under consideration.
 5. 10/ 011. Pound House. First Floor Extension. Site Meeting planned at 18.00hrs on Thursday 16th September.
- 15. Salt bins** Two salt bins were to be purchased
- 16. Waste bin outside the village Hall.** The Clerk would contact the school and the village hall and if they were both in agreement the bin would be moved from across the road to Wick House to outside the village hall.
- 17. Play Area.**
It is believed that the Magna Houses will be completed early next year and that then the play area will be able to be used more satisfactorily
- 18. Highway Matters**
- 1, Barn side fence on pathway in Station Road. The final details of the responsibility for the whole fencing still to be confirmed. It was believed by the council that all parallel to Station Road was confirmed. SCC will maintain the outside parallel to Station Road and Stogumber PC that parallel to Station Road on the inside.
 - 2, Tree at Slade Close, Station Road Corner. Magna and the Highways will be contacted to try to remove the tree.
 3. The final decision on the Pathway to Kingswood has not yet been decided
 4. Shute Street, Ford had been repaired. The source of the water seepage through the road had not yet been found and therefore no action to correct this fault had been taken .
 - 5, The highways have promised to attend to the Asbeer Hill grips.
 6. Winter Services: Background, Questionnaire was completed and returned to the Highways
- 19. Council Risk Assessment.**
The Clerk had issued each councillor a risk assessment sheet and it was agreed that the council's policy regarding risks and their assessment would be discussed at the next meeting.
- 20. Avon and Somerset Strategic Plan 2010-13**
- 21. West Somerset Council's Standards Committee, WSCSC, Local Assessment Process.**
From WSCSC review of the first ten cases given to them they had circulated to parish councils their conclusions and hoped that they would be helpful to the parish councils.
- 22. Junction of Ashways and Ashbeer Hill.**
No further action had been taken.
- 23. Forthcoming Meetings of Local Organisations.**
The Clerk will try to keep the council and the public aware of such meetings.

A sheet indicating some of the immediate forthcoming meetings was given to each councillor.

24. Electronic Services.

A sheet indicating that councillors accepted information through electronic means was agreed and signed by most councillors.

25. Library Service Review.

The dates for the library review in the local areas were announced to customers and it was agreed that it should be published in the shop

26. Community Safety Consultation

The Community Safety Consultation Survey Leaflet was showed to the council. No further action was taken

27. Correspondence available.

The Clerk indicated some of the recent correspondence that he had received and particularly mentioned the funding money that was available to West Somerset Local Action Group. It was not felt that the council should make any recommendations for the Community Policing Awards 2010.

28. Any matters by permission of the Chairman.

No matters raised

29. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that meetings should return to Thursday and that the next meeting will be **Thursday 11th November**