

**MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00pm**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Parish Councillors                      John Roberts (Chairman)  
   Malcolm Hogg  
   Margaret Hogg  
   Andrew Jeanes  
   Patricia Pardoe  
   Colin Penny  
   Barbara Rich

In Attendance: Caro Slaymaker (Parish Clerk)  
   Sgt Tracy Marlow, Avon & Somerset Police  
   District Cllr Michael Caswell  
   District Cllr Julie Pay  
   Mary Roberts representing CANS  
   Thirty-two members of the public

**Public Session**

The Chairman announced that he would suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak on items 6 and 7 relating to Lime Street.

No other issues were raised.

**4693 Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Cllr Edney.

**4694 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Penny and Rich declared interests in the Playing Field.

**4695 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4696 Committee Minutes**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 4 September and the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 28 September were **noted**.

**4697 District Council Liaison**

Cllr Caswell reported that the consultation on the Core Strategy/Local Plan will be issued to Parish Councils around 18 October. He advised that it be carefully considered and let SDC know of any problems as soon as possible. The Clerk confirmed that she had been contacted by Planning regarding a consultation event and presentation the next Parish Council meeting on 9 November.

Cllr Pay had nothing to add.

**4698 Lime Street/Mill Lane Safety Project**

The Chairman explained that, in response to concerns from parents, the Parish Council had established a working group of Councillors, parents and school representatives to explore how to make the pedestrian route to school safer. This had culminated in a bid to the County Council for a Road Safety Improvements Scheme, and a proposal had now been received. A copy of the plan was on display and would be subsequently available at the Parish Office. He introduced Sgt Marlow who had kindly agreed to advise on the plan and safety issues from a police perspective. Highways had also been invited to send a representative but no-one was available. Cllr Malcolm Hogg explained what had been proposed and the options the Parish Council had been given to choose from.

*Standing Orders were suspended to give members of the public an opportunity to give their views.*

Concerns expressed focussed on the following main points:

- a) The proposal would have an unmanageable impact on parking on Lime Street between the traffic lights and the Village Hall;
- b) The red "virtual footway" would give pedestrians a false sense of security, while there was nothing to stop drivers encroaching on it;
- c) Sgt Marlow advised that such red areas is advisory only, and they could not therefore stop people driving or parking on it;

*Standing Orders were resumed*

Councillors **agreed** that they liked the proposal for the Palmers Path refuge area. Option 1 was preferred as it would provide the best protection for pedestrians. The virtual footway proposal was disappointing and did not have support. Councillors shared the public's concerns about safety and the effect on parking. It was agreed that the need of the children and the needs of Lime Street residents had to be balanced. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Project Officer in these terms with a request for further discussion.

#### **4698 Lime Street Road Safety**

The Chairman explained that following an incident in Lime Street when a vehicle had driven along the pavement the Parish Council intended to look again at how Lime Street could be made safer particularly for pedestrians. It was important that any scheme pursued did not create or increase the problems elsewhere, such as a one-way system which had previously been suggested.

*Standing Orders were suspended to give members of the public an opportunity to give their views.*

Concerns raised centred on the speed of vehicles, vehicles mounting the pavement and that the road was not suitable for large vehicles such as coaches.

A number of suggestions were made. Sgt Marlow provided advice on the pros and cons of speed bumps and bollards.

*Standing Orders were resumed*

It was **agreed** to pursue the idea of bollards, in the narrowest part of the odd-numbered side of Lime Street. The Clerk would write to Highways.

*At the end of this item most members of the public left the meeting*

#### **4699 Anti-vandalism signage**

Councillors considered the sign proposed by the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee. It was **agreed** that there was no need for it on Council property and that there was no way of controlling demand on the budget.

#### **4700 Nether Stowey United Charity**

It was agreed to re-appoint Mrs Sandy Lindford as a Parish Council Trustee for a further period of five years until 1 November 2019.

#### **4701 Planning**

Application Ref: 36/15/00015  
Address: 4 Clock House St Mary Street, Nether Stowey  
Proposal: Fell 1 no Leylandii tree

It was **agreed** to support the application.

#### **4702 Financial Matters**

The Clerk presented the Budget Report to 9 October, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The report was **noted**.

**4703 Expenditure**

Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 14 September:

Date	Payee Name	Cheque	Amount	Transaction Details
18 Sept	Office Payroll	103587-59	1,938.65	Office payroll Sept 2015
19 Sept	Stowey Bears Preschool	103590	90.00	Grant for Tapestry Package min No 4682
22 Sept	Clerk's PPDC	103591	300.00	Replenishment for Clerk's PPDC
22 Sept	Castle stores	Cash	2.99	Fly spray for office
22 Sept	Tesco Direct	P-012	201.75	Tablets for Stowey bears
3 Oct	EDF Energy	DDR	19.00	Public Toilets electricity, s/o Oct
3 Oct	EDF Energy	DDR	8.00	Clock Tower electricity, s/o Oct
3 Oct	E Martin Comp Services	DDR	28.34	Website maint contract
8 Oct	NS Village Hall	103592	22.50	Village hall Hire 14/09/15
8 Oct	Talk Talk	DDR	18.48	Telephone Bill For Office
8 Oct	Purnells Printers	103593	19.20	A1 printing for Mill Lane Palmers path
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 2,648.91</b>	

The expenditure was approved and (any) two of the authorised signatories were instructed to sign the relevant cheques (proposed Cllr Penny, seconded Cllr (Malcolm) Hogg).

**4704 Bank Reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation and accounts check had been carried out and signed by the Chairman. He confirmed that he was satisfied that it was in order.

**4705 Highways**

Cllr Hogg asked that the Clerk contact the residents of no Poole Close about their hedge which was encroaching on the footpath to Audley Close. The cycle barrier had recently been removed and a left part of the footing which was dangerous.

**4706 Reports**

Village Hall: Cllr Pardoe had been unable to attend the last meeting but understood that plans for a joint community building were being examined.

FONSL: there had been a plant sale.

Playing Field: Cllr Penny would attend his first meeting later in the week.

SSG: The next Community Forum meeting would be on 15 October. The draft minutes of the Transport Forum meeting on 17 September would be circulated to Councillors when received.

CANS: The first May Fair mailing to stall-holders had been sent.

**4707 Correspondence**

A response from Mr Liddell Grainger MP had been received earlier in the day and had been circulated. The original had apparently been lost in the post. A copy is appended to these minutes.

**4708      Forthcoming meetings and events and next meeting**

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Thurs 15 Oct	Community Forum	TBC	6pm	MH
Tues 27 Oct	Quantock Cluster Meeting	Chilton Trinity	7 pm	JR, other Cllrs welcome

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**4709      Next Parish Council Meeting**

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Mon 9 Nov	Parish Council Meeting	NS Village Hall	6 pm	All Councillors
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Councillors were reminded that the Parish Council meeting would start early for the presentation on the Local Plan Review. The presentation was open to the public. It would be preceded by a drop-in information event, which would also be held at the Village Hal. Details were still to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Minute no: 4707

IAN LIDDELL-GRAINGER, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

24th July, 2015

Dear Mr. Roberts,

**Rural Affordable Housing**

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> July on behalf of Nether Stowey Parish Council about the Housing Bill and the extension of the Right to Buy scheme to Housing Association tenants.

I have fully appreciate the points you make about the cost of property in Nether Stowey and I entirely agree that it is important to keep young people and families in our villages to protect the viability of businesses, facilities, schools and so on.

Receipts from selling current property will help build replacement affordable homes on a one-for-one basis in the same area. This means the number of homes across all tenures will effectively double for each home sold, increasing national housing supply and creating a new affordable home for those in need from each sale. However, this works on the assumption that land is available and that people are in agreement locally about a development and from your comments and what I have seen elsewhere in the area this is not something that can be automatically assumed.

With regard to the SHAL Housing Association development at Nether Stowey, I am familiar with the development and, indeed, discussed their plans with SHAL before the development was built. I fully understand why you want to ensure that the development remains for the benefit of local people with a local connection.

The points you raise about the possible impact of the extension of the Right to Buy Scheme are ones that have been made to me by a number of villages in the constituency and housing groups who specialise in the provision of affordable housing in rural areas.

I have been raising the problems that the proposals may pose for affordable housing stock in rural areas and points like the ones you make with my colleagues at the Department of Community and Local Government over the last few weeks.

Please address correspondence to 16, Northgate, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3EU  
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They assure me that they have taken on board the sort of situation you describe and are aware of the concerns being expressed but at this moment in time were unable to give me definitive information on how it might apply in your cases like as the development of the Right to Buy scheme is still ongoing.

There will be Rural Exception Sites which are small sites used for Affordable Housing in perpetuity where sites would not normally be used for housing and as I understand it, the extension of the Right to Buy scheme will not apply to tenants in Affordable Housing. However, as the Nether Stowey site is operated by SHAL which is a housing association even with the 106 agreement in place, I am not sure at this stage whether we would be able to argue it came within the Rural Exception category.

Further details on the extension of the Right to Buy scheme will be published alongside the Housing Bill and the Housing Bill will be published sometime in the autumn.

That said, you may rest assured that I will continue to lobby Ministers about the particular issues facing rural areas if affordable housing and housing association stock is sold. I will be studying the Bill and the further information about the extension of the Right to Buy scheme very carefully when it is published in due course to ensure that problems that have been described to them have been taken into account and stand ready to make whatever further representations may be necessary with regard to affordable housing in the area.

In the meantime, many thanks for taking the trouble to write. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if the Parish Council have any further points they would like to raise about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Liddell-Grainger, M.P.

Mr. W. J. Roberts,  
Chairman of Nether Stowey Parish Council,  
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Nether Stowey,  
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Somerset TA5 1LN

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## Monthly Budget Report to 9 October 2015

Acc Code	Account	Budget 2015/16	First quarter	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Second quarter	Oct 2015	Third quarter	Total spent to date	Balance
310	General Reserve**	20,604.24	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	20,604.24
321	Elections Reserve	1,232.00	100.00				0.00		0.00	100.00	1,132.00
	Total other Reserves	<b>31,365.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	31,365.59
	<b>Reserves Total</b>	<b>53,201.83</b>	<b>100.00</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	53,101.83

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<b>Income</b>											
1002	Allotment Rental	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	see payments
1003	Council Tax Grant	-4,953.00	-2,476.50			-2,476.50	-2,476.50		0.00	-4,953.00	100.00%
1004	Bank Interest	-20.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
1006	Cemetery Income	-2,100.00	0.00		-664.00	-133.00	-797.00		0.00	-797.00	37.95%
1007	Christmas tree + lights - donations	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
1008	<i>Not used</i>	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
1009	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	0.00	-18,957.00			-18,957.00		0.00	-18,957.00	**
1011	Precept	-46,996.00	-23,498.00			-23,498.00	-23,498.00		0.00	-46,996.00	
1012	Printing & Copying receipts	-1,000.00	-420.16	-8.22	-53.13	-5.62	-66.97		0.00	-487.13	48.71%
1013	May Fair 2015 Income	0.00	-1,145.56				0.00		0.00	-1,145.56	**
1014	May Fair 2016 Income	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
1016	Village Trail Booklet Income	0.00	-10.00				0.00		0.00	-10.00	see payments
1017	War Memorial Project	0.00	-60.00				0.00		0.00	-60.00	see payments
1999	Misc Receipts	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
115	VAT Refunds	0.00	0.00	-1,799.48			-1,799.48		0.00	-1,799.48	**
	<b>Subtotal Income For Year</b>	<b>-55,069.00</b>	<b>-27,610.22</b>	<b>-20,764.70</b>	<b>-717.13</b>	<b>-26,113.12</b>	<b>-47,594.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-75,205.17</b>	

**Expenditure****Expenditure Parish Office**

4101	Office Equipment	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4102	Parish Council Office Rent	2,100.00	517.07		500.00	2.49	502.49		0.00	1,019.56	48.55%
4103	Postage	130.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%

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<b>Parish Office <i>continued</i></b>											
4104	Stationery	190.00	6.98		18.54		18.54		0.00	25.52	13.43%
4105	Telephone & Internet	330.00	41.29	14.17	14.72	14.09	42.98	15.40	15.40	99.67	30.20%
4106	Website + IT costs	410.00	140.86	162.62	23.62	23.62	209.86	23.62	23.62	374.34	91.30%
4107	Books and publications	65.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4108	Printing	1,200.00	114.46	142.19			142.19	16.00	16.00	272.65	22.72%
	<b>TOTAL Expenditure Parish Office</b>	<b>4,425.00</b>	<b>820.66</b>	<b>318.98</b>	<b>556.88</b>	<b>40.20</b>	<b>916.06</b>	<b>55.02</b>	<b>55.02</b>	<b>1,791.74</b>	<b>40.49%</b>
<b>Staff Costs</b>											
4201	Salaries	24,300.00	5,319.03	1,211.77	1,211.76	1,938.65	4,362.18		0.00	9,681.21	39.84%
4202	Recruitment	0.00	0.00			40.00	40.00		0.00	40.00	**
4204	Staff travel and subsistence costs	0.00	57.77				0.00		0.00	57.77	**
4205	Staff Training	407.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
	<b>TOTAL Staff Costs</b>	<b>24,707.00</b>	<b>5,376.80</b>	<b>1,211.77</b>	<b>1,211.76</b>	<b>1,978.65</b>	<b>4,402.18</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,778.98</b>	<b>39.58%</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>											
4301	Audit Fees	600.00	295.00	300.00			300.00		0.00	595.00	99.17%
4302	Bank charges	25.00	5.25		0.75	0.75	1.50		0.00	6.75	27.00%
4303	Chairman's Honorarium	250.00	250.00				0.00		0.00	250.00	100.00%
4304	Councillors' Expenses	340.00	270.14				0.00		0.00	270.14	79.45%
4306	Elections	300.00	100.00				0.00		0.00	100.00	33.33%
4307	Insurance	1,250.00	1,053.38				0.00		0.00	1,053.38	84.27%
4309	Subscriptions	925.00	338.91				0.00		0.00	338.91	36.64%
4310	Village Hall Hire	360.00	67.50	22.50	22.50		45.00	22.50	22.50	135.00	37.50%
4312	Quantock Cluster expenditure	0.00	84.93				0.00		0.00	84.93	**
	<b>TOTAL Administration &amp; Finance</b>	<b>4,710.00</b>	<b>2,465.11</b>	<b>322.50</b>	<b>23.25</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>346.50</b>	<b>22.50</b>	<b>22.50</b>	<b>2,834.11</b>	
<b>Cemetery</b>											
4402	Cemetery Rates	140.00	139.20				0.00		0.00	139.20	99.43%
4403	Maintenance	2,995.00	558.00	465.00			465.00		0.00	1,023.00	34.16%
	<b>TOTAL Cemetery</b>	<b>3,135.00</b>	<b>697.20</b>	<b>465.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>465.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,162.20</b>	
<b>Community Services</b>											
4502	Allotment	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4504	Christmas Tree & Lights	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**

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<b>Community Services continued</b>											
4506	Oral History	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4507	Parish Council Newsletter	250.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4508	Parish Plan	0.00	0.00	31.40			31.40		0.00	31.40	**
4510	Village Trail Booklet	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	see receipts
	<b>TOTAL Community Services</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31.40</b>	
<b>CANS</b>											
4503	CANS	60.00	2,469.75				0.00		0.00	2,469.75	see reserve
4513	May Fair 2015 expenditure	0.00	2,216.18	320.00			320.00		0.00	2,536.18	see reserve
	<b>TOTAL CANS</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>4,685.93</b>	<b>320.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>320.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,005.93</b>	
<b>Village Maintenance</b>											
4601	A39 Verge	509.50	170.50	77.50			77.50		0.00	248.00	48.68%
4602	Clock Tower Maintenance	300.00	0.00		849.50		849.50		0.00	849.50	283.17%
4603	Clock Tower Electricity	480.00	91.21	8.00	81.33	6.80	96.13	8.00	8.00	195.34	40.70%
4604	General Maintenance	420.00	93.00	31.00			31.00		0.00	124.00	29.52%
4605	Old Gaol + The Cross	235.00	46.50				0.00		0.00	46.50	19.79%
4606	Palmers Path	600.00	46.50	15.50			15.50		0.00	62.00	10.33%
4609	Dog Bins	1,165.00	677.32			348.40	348.40		0.00	1,025.72	88.04%
	<b>TOTAL Village Maintenance</b>	<b>4,909.50</b>	<b>1,125.03</b>	<b>132.00</b>	<b>930.83</b>	<b>355.20</b>	<b>1,418.03</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>2,551.06</b>	<b>51.96%</b>
<b>Castle Street Toilets</b>											
4701	Castle St Toilets Cleaning	2,460.00	424.39	200.00			200.00		0.00	624.39	25.38%
4702	Castle St Toilets Electricity	770.00	100.00	46.54	19.00	17.10	82.64	19.00	19.00	201.64	26.19%
4703	Castle St Car Park/Toilets Rates	580.00	588.00				0.00		0.00	588.00	101.38%
4704	Castle St Toilets Repairs/Maint	200.00	0.00		773.98		773.98		0.00	773.98	386.99%
4705	Castle St Toilets Water/Sewerage	950.00	223.37				0.00		0.00	223.37	23.51%
	<b>TOTAL Castle Street Toilets</b>	<b>5,160.00</b>	<b>1,335.76</b>	<b>246.54</b>	<b>792.98</b>	<b>17.10</b>	<b>1,056.62</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>2,411.38</b>	<b>46.73%</b>
<b>Grants</b>											
4801	Miscellaneous Grants	485.00	266.40			257.50	0.00		0.00	523.90	99.98%
4801	<i>Grant to CANS from held over previous year</i>									500.00	n/a
4803	Playing Field	1,800.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4803	<i>Playing Field from Reserve/RLT funds received</i>		0.00	18,957.00	4,000.00		22,957.00		0.00	22,957.00	n/a



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4804	Transport	0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4805	Village Hall Maint Grant	1,884.69	1,537.43				0.00		0.00	1,537.43	81.57%
	<b>TOTAL Grants</b>	<b>4,169.69</b>	<b>2,303.83</b>	<b>18,957.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>257.50</b>	<b>23,214.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,518.33</b>	606.32%
<b>Transfers to Reserves</b>											
	<b>TOTAL Transfers to Reserves</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00%
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>											
	<b>TOTAL Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00%
<b>VAT Account</b>											
515	VAT Paid	0.00	1,111.78	3,918.66	339.74	122.32	4,380.72	11.00	11.00	5,503.50	
<b>Unallocated Balance of Budget</b>		<b>1,105.00</b>									
<b>Total Expenditure A/cs For Year</b>		<b>59,570.19</b>	<b>19,922.10</b>	<b>25,923.85</b>	<b>7,855.44</b>	<b>2,771.72</b>	<b>36,551.01</b>	<b>115.52</b>	<b>115.52</b>	<b>56,588.63</b>	NB Includes RLT funds
<b>Income</b>		<b>-55,069.00</b>	<b>27,610.22</b>	<b>20,764.70</b>	<b>717.13</b>	<b>26,113.12</b>	<b>47,594.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>75,205.17</b>	
<b>Balance expenditure-income</b>		<b>4,501.19</b>	<b>-7,688.12</b>	<b>5,159.15</b>	<b>7,138.31</b>	<b>-23,341.40</b>	<b>-11,043.94</b>	<b>115.52</b>	<b>115.52</b>	<b>-18,616.54</b>	