

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017 AT 6.30pm
IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Present: Parish Councillors John Roberts (Chairman)
 Colin Falla
 Kevin Ferriday
 Andrew Jeanes
 Pat Pardoe
 Barbara Rich

In Attendance: Caro Slaymaker (Parish Clerk)
 5 members of the public

Public Session

A member of the public spoke about his concerns about the felling of trees for the Lime Street Road Safety Project to do so. The Chairman explained the background and the evolution of the project to resolve the engineering difficulties and the intermittent nature of communications. He answered various questions.

No other issues were raised and all members of the public left.

5081 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Reid and Penny (both on holiday). Their absences were approved.

5082 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Rich declared an interest in the Playing Field.

5083 War Memorial

Councillors considered further the proposal by the War Memorial Project Group to put a shin rail around the war memorial. Members remain concerned by the safety aspects of the design proposed, which all consider presented an unacceptable hazard to pedestrian safety. Unlike other fixtures on the Cross which are large or against the wall, the Council consider that the railing is too low and insubstantial to be easily seen by those who do not see well, and at night or when the Cross is crowded (such as the Carol Service, the Boxing Day Hunt gathering). Liability for any accident caused by the railing would fall to the Parish Council who have to indemnify the County Council against any claims.

Their primary concern was that they would not wish for anyone to be injured. They also have a responsibility to consider the effect of any subsequent claim for compensation and the costs of removing the railings in the event that insurance cover was withdrawn following an accident.

The Clerk had researched designs used elsewhere for portable wreath holders that might be more acceptable and could be moved against the wall but there was no representative of the War Memorial Group with whom these could be discussed.

5084 Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 13 November at 7 pm at Nether Stowey Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm