

Nether Stowey Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th April 1999 at 7pm at Nether Stowey Village Hall.

Cllr. Standring, Chairman of the Parish Council, took the chair.

Present:

Parish Councillors- Joyce Standring; Mike Harris; June Sparkes; David Slocombe; Gill Bennett
District Councillor- David Joslin County Councillor- Duncan Peaster
Clerk to the Council- Jenny Tyndall 5 parishioners

Cllr. Standring welcomed those present.

1. Apologies for absence

These were received from:

Parish Councillors. Shirley Watters; Melissa French; Richard Morse
District Councillors: Ken Dyer; Lillian Cartwright

2. Minutes of the 1998 Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman stated that these had been approved at the June 1998 meeting of the Parish Council.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read a report on the business of the Parish Council over the preceding year. (Copy attached). The Chairman finished her report by thanking Cllr. Peaster for his support over the year. Proposed by Cllr. Harris, seconded by Cllr. Sparkes.

4. Reports from Representatives

School Governors

The Clerk read the report prepared by Cllr. Morse. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Mr Todd, seconded by Mr Corkett

Playing Fields

Mr Youe gave a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Cllr. Standring, seconded by Cllr. Sparkes.

Cemetery

Cllr. Sparkes gave a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Mr Todd, seconded by Mr Youe.

Hinkley Point Liaison

Cllr. Standring read a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Cllr. Bennett, seconded by Cllr. Slocombe.

Footpaths

Cllr. Slocombe gave a report. (Copy attached)
Mr Todd pointed out that the Nether Stowey United Charity owned part of the land over which the South Lane footpath runs. They had not been aware of the proposed work as the Parish Council believed the land to be otherwise owned.
Proposed by Mr Ham, seconded by Cllr. Standring.

Youth Club

There was no report available. Cllr. Bennett agreed to report at the May Parish Council meeting.

Emergency Planning

There was no report available.

Village Hall

The Clerk read a report prepared by Cllr. French. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Cllr. Sparkes, seconded by Cllr. Bennett.

Over Stowey Custom Commons Monitoring Group

Cllr. Standring read a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Cllr. Slocombe, seconded by Cllr. Bennett.

Nether Stowey United Charities

Mr Ham gave a report on the work of the Charity. The Trustees meet twice a year and the main income is from Charinco share investments and the grant from the Parish Council. The Charity makes its main distribution at Christmas with the biggest difficulty being in ascertaining who should be in receipt of such support. Anyone who can identify likely recipients should contact one of the Trustees. The Christmas distribution in 1998 consisted of 19 donations of £10 and 11 potted plants to a total of 30 recipients. Parishioners living in sheltered accommodation are omitted from the distribution as they are in receipt of reduced television licences. Full financial details are available from the Clerk who undertakes the duties of secretary and finance officer for the Charity.
Proposed by Cllr. Standring, seconded by Cllr. Harris.

Twinning Association

Cllr. Harris read a report (Copy attached).
Proposed by Cllr. Slocombe, seconded by Mr Youe

Allotments

Mr Chedghey reported that the new Lease with Cricket Malherbie and the new Agreement between the Allotment Association and the Parish Council had been drawn up during the year. There were currently 15 members of the Association and 21 allotments. The allotments are in quite a good state and the only current issue was the damage caused by rabbits. Cllr. Standring will follow up the previous action taken to resolve this problem. A question was raised over allotment sharing. Shared renting of allotments is not allowed but once an allotment is rented the allotment holder can choose to share it with another party.
Proposed by Cllr. Harris, seconded by Cllr. Sparkes.

Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee

Cllr. Standring read a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Cllr. Bennett, seconded by Cllr. Sparkes.

Financial

The Clerk read out the draft end of year income and expenditure account as prepared by Sedgemoor District Council. There was a query over the large balance in hand. It was noted that the balance in hand was similar to the preceding year.
Proposed by Cllr. Standring, seconded by Cllr. Bennett

District Councillor

Cllr. Joslin read a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Mr Todd, seconded by Cllr. Harris.

County Councillor

Cllr. Peaster read a report. (Copy attached)
Proposed by Cllr. Standring, seconded by Cllr. Sparkes.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm