

**MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00pm**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Parish Councillors Tony Rich (Chairman)  
Rita Corbett  
Peter Greig  
Margaret Hogg  
Malcolm Hogg  
Pat Pardoe  
Carol Parsons  
John Roberts  
Teresa Youe

**In attendance:**  
District Councillor Ken Dyer  
District Councillor David Joslin  
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts  
Parish Council Clerk Ainslie Ensor  
Avon & Somerset Police PCSO Karen Evans  
4 Parishioners

**3602 Public Session**

Following concerns raised by Parishioners regarding the parking, for long periods, of a commercial vehicle in the vicinity of the Cross it was **agreed** that the Clerk be instructed to write to the owner of the vehicle requesting that it be parked elsewhere.

**3603 Apologies**

Apologies were received from District/County Councillor Edney who was attending another meeting.

**3604 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 8 September 2008 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

**3605 Office Equipment**

The Clerk outlined a proposal to replace the printer and purchase a new computer for the Parish Council office. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should obtain competing quotes for the proposed equipment and report back to a future meeting.

**3606 Pioneer Somerset – Devolution of Services Survey**

The reported that South Somerset District Council (on behalf of the five district councils and Somerset County Council) were carry out a survey of town and parish councils to establish the current position regarding services delivered by them and explore their willingness to take on (in whole or part) District Council Services. Following discussion it was **agreed** that Parish Councillors should provide the Clerk with their detailed comments. The Clerk would then produce a draft response based on these comments for consideration at the November Parish Council meeting.

**3607 Finance**

Approval of expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 8 September 2008

Payee	Amount	Details
G Bickers	1248.78	Cemetery Mtce £192 Playing Field Mtce £216 Village Mtce £674.78 Toilets Cleaning £166
Chanin & Thomas	166.66	Office Rent October
Nether Stowey Village Hall	38.00	CANS 5/9 Youth Council 30/9
Clarity Copiers (Avon) Ltd	50.13	Copy Charges
A J Standring	150.00	Internal Audit Fee 2007/8
Moore Stephens	334.88	External Audit Fee 2007/8
TalkTalk Business Ltd	62.99	Telephone
EDF Energy 1 Ltd	6.20	Clock tower electricity
EDF Energy Customers plc	9.97	Clock tower electricity
Viking Direct	142.08	Stationery
Sedgemoor Community Transport	217.00	Bus hire September
NpowerLtd	133.15	Toilets electricity
VerticalXtreme	50.00	Deposit re May Fair 2009
A Ensor	143.99	Postage £114 Internet £29.99
HM Revenue & Customs	276.12	PAYE/NI
A Ensor	727.24	Salary October
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,757.19</b>	

The above expenditure was **approved**.**3608 Planning**

Application Ref: 36/08/00017 &amp; 36/08/00018

Address: The Old Bakery, 9 St Mary Street

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of shop to residential accommodation as part of the Old Bakery and change of use and conversion of rear extension of the Old Bakery to one dwelling

Response: No Objections

The above response was **approved**.**3609 Highways**

The following items were noted:

- Castle Hill overgrown hedges need attention
- Flooding junction of Mill Lane and Jacksons Lane
- Street lights at Mill Lane / Lime Street obscured by vegetation
- Palmers Path is very slippery
- Path rear of Coleridge Road overgrown – write to Sedgemoor DC
- Hedges Butchers Lane / Hack Lane
- Pothole at junction of Mill Lane and Jacksons Lane

**3610 Reports**

PACT Cllr Roberts reported that two meetings of the Nether Stowey/Over Stowey core group had been held. It was proving tough to get PACT off the ground. No members of the

public had attended the meetings. Cllr Roberts was going to send fliers and visit local groups to promote PACT. If there was not a positive response the idea would be dropped. One issue that had arisen was the question of the Beat Management. The current beat manager had not attended any of the PACT meetings and was not well known in the village, unlike previous Beat Managers. Following discussion it was **agreed** that a letter be sent to the Divisional Commander expressing concern.

May Fair As part of the 2009 May Fair it was proposed to gather old photographs and memories of the village for recording and as a display.

CANS It had been proposed that a new toddlers' play be created on the ground adjacent to the footpath from Banneson Road to the Playing Field at the rear of the cemetery. Concern was expressed about the condition of the existing play area at the south end of the playing field and the pollution by the stream. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would contact appropriate bodies about this.

Public Health it was reported that rats had been seen outside the library.

Hinkley Point SSG Cllr Malcolm Hogg reported that British Energy was recommending a bid from EDF for the acquisition of the business. Hinkley Point A site is performing a Best Practical Environmental Option Study for the management of its solid intermediate level waste and an Options Assessment Workshop. A number of public meetings and exhibitions were being held regarding possible new developments at Hinkley Point.

### **3611 Liaison**

Cllr Dyer commented on the next Cluster Group meeting to be held on 4 November in Nether Stowey and the Western Somerset LARC bid and complaints about hedge trimming by Somerset Highways.

### **3612 Correspondence**

Correspondence received included:

- Moore Stephens - audit report received – they had passed annual report without comment
- SALC – consultation on members' and Officers' code of conduct should arrive shortly

### **3613 Forthcoming Meetings and Events**

Wednesday 15 Oct	SALC Cllr Training	7.00pm	Long Sutton
Wednesday 15 Oct	County / District Question Time	6.00pm	Town Hall
			Bridgwater
Monday 20 Oct	Exhibition and public meeting re Hinkley Point	4.00pm exhibition 6.30 meeting	Church Centre
Tuesday 04 Nov	Quantock Cluster Meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thursday 06 Nov	SALC Cllr Training	7.00pm	Draycott
Thursday 20 Nov	Active Living – Willow Weaving	2.00pm	Church Centre

### **3614 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 10 November 2008 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.