

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Parish Councillors Tony Rich (Chairman)
 Rita Corbett
 Margaret Hogg
 Pat Pardoe
 Carol Parsons
 Teresa Youe

In attendance:

District/County Cllr	John Edney
Parish Council Clerk	Ainslie Ensor
Assistant Parish Clerk	Jean Falla
Chairman of CANS	Mary Roberts
Community Council	Felix Marsh
Avon & Somerset Police	PCSO Karen Evans
12 Parishioners	

3645 Public Session

- (i) Dog Fouling
Parishioners make request that the Parish Council take action regarding dog fouling in the village as the problem appeared to have increased in recent months. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Sedgemoor District Council to implement an anti dog fouling campaign.
- (ii) Housing Needs Report
Felix Marsh, a Rural Housing Enabler for the Community Council for Somerset presented a Housing Needs Report which had been commissioned by the Parish Council. It was noted that the report would be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

3646 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Greig, Malcolm Hogg and John Roberts. The absences were approved. Apologies were also received from District Cllrs Ken Dyer and David Joslin.

3647 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Clerk stated that the minutes of the December meetings would be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

3648 The Cross

The Clerk reported that written details of the proposed structural maintenance works and tree planting on The Cross had been received from County Highways. It was agreed that (i) the Parish Council wished the central tree to be removed as part of these works (ii) further details of the proposed replacement trees was needed (species, size etc) (iii) concern was expressed regarding the proposed location of street furniture. It was agreed that a further site meeting be held with the relevant County Officers before the works were commenced.

3649 Finance

Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 8 December 2008

Payee	Amount	Details
Somerset Playing Fields' Association	10.00	Annual subscription
St Mary's Church Nether Stowey	5.00	Youth Council Meeting
Nether Stowey Village Hall	1100.00	Maintenance Grant
Nether Stowey Village Hall	38.00	CANS meetings 7 th & 28 th November
Npower Ltd	88.42	Toilets Electricity
Opal	20.68	Office Telephone
Cancelled		
Edward Martin Computer Services	1813.02	Office Computer System Net £1,576.54 VAT £236.48
R J Jeanes	100.00	Allotment Rent
Chanin & Thomas	130.45	Office Rent
Grandfield & Son	41.64	Office lock (rent account)
Opal	34.29	Office Telephone
EDF Energy 1 Ltd	6.32	Clock Tower Electricity
EDF Energy Customers PLC	23.44	Clock Tower Electricity
Society of Local Council Clerks	117.00	Annual Subscription 2009
Mrs V Selwood	16.00	Refund of bus fares
A Ensor	53.84	Internet £29.99 Office Equip £23.85
HM Revenue & Customs	191.60	PAYE/NI
J Falla	526.40	Salary January
A Ensor	741.57	Salary January
Total	£5,057.67	

The above expenditure was approved.

3650 Liaison

Cllr Edney reported that there would be a press conference in the next week when details of the proposed development of the former British Cellophane site and adjacent land would be given. The development would cover some 300 acres and would comprise of a regional processing, packaging and distribution plant for Morrisons plus other industrial and commercial developments, a hotel and residential. The development would require the River Parrett barrage to be completed. Cllr Edney reminded the council that county council elections would be held on 4 June.

3651 Highways

The Chairman reported that the Friends of Coleridge had requested Parish Council support for a request for improved signage to Coleridge Cottage. The Council was supported the proposal. However, it was agreed that before improved signage was installed it would be prudent to discuss the opening hours for the property with the National Trust as there was little point improving signage to a property that was not open to the public.

3652 Reports

Police PCSO Evans reported on crime statistics for the last month for the Parish (2 thefts of fuel, 1 concern for welfare, 2 burglaries)

3653 Correspondence

Correspondence received includes:

- Email from Cheddar re disbanding warden service for Mendip AONB
- Consultation on code of recommended practise for Local authority publicity
- Letter from Mr Eric Coates re blocked culvert by New Stowey Farm

3654 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- 14 January Western Somerset LARC Executive (Cllr Greig to attend)
- 16 January Active Living Liaison Meeting at Williton (Clerk to attend)
- 19 January Proposed Community Car Scheme - 7.00pm Village Hall
- 20 January Youth Council - 6.30pm Church Centre
- 06 February CANS - 7.00pm Village Hall
- 12 February Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods - Bridgwater Rugby Club

3655 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 9 February 2009 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm