

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 09 MARCH 2009 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: District Councillor Ken Dyer
District Councillor David Joslin
Parish Council Clerk Ainslie Ensor
Assistant Parish Clerk Jean Falla
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
4 Parishioners

3667 Public Session

A parishioner commented that in the light of the current economic conditions local authorities should seek ways in which to limit future expenditure. The possibility of reducing the time street lighting was operative was discussed.

3668 Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Parsons, the absence was approved. Apologies were also received from District / County Cllr Edney who was at another meeting.

3669 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the meeting held on 16 February 2009 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3670 Liaison

Cllr Joslin reported that the link road to the Colley Lane Industrial Estate had recently been approved and that the District Council had approved the proposed north Bridgwater development that would create 2000 new houses plus commercial and industrial development. It was hoped that these development would have a positive impact on the surrounding district.

3671 Disposal of Printer

The Clerk reported that a Hewlett Packard DeskJet Printer purchased in 2003 was now surplus to requirements. The current book value was £42. The availability of the printer had been advertised in the Quantock Messenger and one expression of interest had been received from Books for Life, a copy of which was circulated to the meeting. It was **agreed** that the surplus printer be donated to Books For Life. Mr Todd thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the charity.

3672 Finance

Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 16 February 2009

Payee	Amount	Details
Chanin & Thomas	166.66	Office Rent March
Nether Stowey Village Hall	19.00	Cluster Meeting 03/02
Nether Stowey Short Mat Bowling Club	30.00	CANS – Youth Activity Programme
Opal	33.88	Office Telephone
Somerset Association of Local Councils	313.38	2009/10 Affiliation Fee
A Ensor	204.40	Internet £29.99 Office Equip £58.71 May Fair £58.50 Postage £29.99
HM Revenue & Customs	206.74	PAYE/NI
J Falla	533.23	Salary March
A Ensor	761.96	Salary March
Total	£2,269.25	

The above expenditure was **approved**.

3673 Highways

The following items were noted:

- A39 traffic management in the event of road closures, the Clerk reported that there would be a joint meeting on 20 April involving police, various Parish Councils and Highways to look at this problem.
- Works to The Cross had commenced
- Blocked gullies – some had been cleared but a number still needed to be cleared
- Awaiting confirmation from Highways about mending of potholes following recent cold weather.

3674 Reports

Village Hall Cllr Corbett reported that the existing Treasurer was retiring and the Management Committee was seeking a replacement.

Quantock Cluster Cllr Rich reported that he had been elected Chairman of the Quantock Cluster of Parishes for the next year. It was hoped that the thirteen parishes could work together more closely through the Cluster to mutual benefit.

Western Somerset LARC – Cllr Greig reported that the project would be launching a small grants scheme (up to £100,000) later this year for projects linked to the core principals of the project.

Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group Cllr Hogg reported that EDF had nominated Hinkley Point as a location for two nuclear power stations.

3675 Planning

Application Ref: 36/09/00001/JAB
 Address: Springfield, South Lane
 Proposal: Works to trees in conservation area
 Response: Oppose. The proposed works will damage the tree and the visual amenity of the conservation area.

The above response was **agreed**.

3676 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- AONB Service - Summary of planned events on the Quantock Hills
- Age Concern – Active Living Newsletter
- Notice of Village Hall AGM
- EDF Notice re nuclear site nomination

3677 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- 18 March 7.00pm Playing Field Meeting
- 7 April 7.30pm Village Hall AGM
- 27 April 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting

3678 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 20th April 2009 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm