

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2009 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance:
District/County Cllr John Edney
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
Parish Council Clerk Ainslie Ensor
Mr R Packham WYG Environment Planning Transport Ltd
53 Parishioners

3690 Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Dyer and Joslin.

3691 Election of Chairman

Cllr Rich was **elected** Chairman for the year 2009/10 and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3692 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Parsons was **elected** Vice Chairman for the year 2009/10

3693 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Clerk reported that Cllr Parsons had sent written apologies before the last meeting which were not recorded as he had not seen them until after the meeting. The minutes for the meeting held on 20 April 2009 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3694 Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies

The following appointments were **Agreed**.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Representative 2009/10</u>
Nether Stowey Village Hall	Rita Corbett
Nether Stowey Playing Field & Clerk (<i>Trustee</i>)	Teresa Youe, Pat Pardoe
Nether Stowey Community Pavilion Project	Carol Parsons & Tony Rich
Nether Stowey Youth Club	John Roberts
Nether Stowey Footpaths Group	Rita Corbett Elizabeth Woolcock (<i>Parish ROW Liaison Officer</i>)
Quantock Commoners	Carol Parsons

Quantock Hills AONB JAC
Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group
Nether Stowey United Charity
Nether Stowey Affordable Housing
Development Group

Carol Parsons (*SALC Representative*)
Malcolm Hogg
Clerk
Carol Parsons &
Margaret Hogg

3695 Appointment of Committees

The following Committee memberships were **Agreed**.

Cemetery Committee

Margaret Hogg, Pat Pardoe, John Roberts, Tony Rich (*ex officio*), Carol Parsons (*ex officio*)

Personnel Committee

Margaret Hogg, Peter Greig, John Roberts, Tony Rich (*ex officio*), Carol Parsons (*ex officio*)

Personnel (Appeals) Committee

Rita Corbett, Malcolm Hogg, Pat Pardoe, Tony Rich (*ex officio*), Carol Parsons (*ex officio*)

Village Maintenance Committee

Rita Corbett, Peter Greig, Teresa Youe, Tony Rich (*ex officio*), Carol Parsons (*ex officio*)

Community Action for Nether Stowey

Teresa Youe, Pat Pardoe, John Roberts, Tony Rich (*ex officio*), Carol Parsons (*ex officio*)

3696 Village Maintenance

(i) Clock Tower Repairs

The Clerk reported on repairs need to the clock mechanism and the electrical system in the clock tower. It was **agreed**

- (a) that Mr Nichols of Tower Clocks be instructed to undertake the repairs to the clock mechanism at an estimated cost of £500 plus VAT
- (b) that the Clerk obtain two written quotes for the work to the electrical system.

(ii) Clean Sweep

CLLrs were asked to return the previously circulated Clean Sweep feedback forms to the Clerk who would pass the information to Sedgemoor DC.

3697 Planning

- (i) Application Ref: 36/09/00003/JAB
Address: 64 South Lane
Proposal: 1. Crown lift (removal of secondary branches hanging into the garden of Springfield to a height of 7 metres max. 2. Reduce end weight of canopy to southern side by up to 2 metres max. 3. Crown Clean (removal of dead wood and damaged/fractured branches). This should be carried out within the canopy as a whole.
Response: No Objections

The above response was **agreed**.

- (ii) Application Ref: 36/09/00002/RM
Address: Land at junction of South Lane and Castle Hill
Proposal: Erection of three two storey dwellings with associated parking and formation of access.

District Cllr Edney stated that as he sat on the Development Control Committee he would listen to the points made but make no comment at this stage.

The Chairman invited members of the public to make comments and representations on the following matter. Mr Packham spoke on behalf of the applicants followed by 12 parishioners who opposed the application followed by the two applicants.

Cllrs Greig and Pardoe declared a personal prejudicial interest in the following matter on the grounds of long standing social connections with one of the applicants and withdrew from the meeting after making statements.

The Clerk reported that two letters of object and one telephone of object had been received. The following response was **agreed**.

Response: Object

- (i) The proposed access will be detrimental to highway safety being located close to a four way junction.
- (ii) The traffic and on street car parking generated by the proposal will exacerbate traffic congestion and parking problems in the area
- (iii) The proposed dwellings will have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties which they will overshadow, overlook and visually dominate.
- (iv) The design of the proposed dwellings is not in keeping with the nature of the area and is not sympathetic to the Conservation Area which is adjacent to the application site.
- (v) The hard landscaping of the site will lead to increased risk of storm water run-off causing flood risks to neighbouring properties.

The Parish Council requests that if the application is to be considered by the Development Control Committee that the Committee holds a site visit before determining the application.

Cllrs Greig and Pardoe rejoined the meeting

3698 Finance

(i) Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 20 April 2009

Payee	Amount	Details
Nether Stowey Recreation Ground	500.00	Grant 1 st Tranche
Mid Somerset Catering Hire Ltd	172.96	May Fair 2009
P Greig	195.00	May Fair 2009
A Rock	400.00	May Fair 2009
VericalXtreme	750.00	May Fair 2009
Grandfield & Son	49.68	May Fair 2009
G Bickers	800.50	Cemetery Mtce £200 Village Mtce £230.50 Playing Field Mtce £200 Toilets Cleaning £170
Bristol Wessex Billing Services Ltd	99.06	Toilets Water & Sewerage Chgs
EDF Energy Customers plc	16.29	Clock Tower Electricity
Opal	32.81	Telephone
Somerset Screen Productions	27.00	May Fair 2008
Viking Direct	182.54	Stationery
Chanin & Thomas	166.67	Office Rent
Allianz Insurance plc	598.23	Insurance premium
A Ensor	44.81	Postage £0.90 Stationery £13.92 Internet £29.99
Total	£4,035.55	

The above expenditure was **approved**.

(ii) Annual Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2009

The Clerk presented the draft accounts for the last financial year a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

The accounts were approved and the Chairman and Clerk authorised to complete the annual report to the external auditors.

3699 Highways

The following items were noted:

- Environmental Maintenance Information Sheet received with details of highway grass cutting
- Problems of speeding vehicles in the village in the evening

3700 Reports

Playing Field – The first car boot of the year was held on Monday 4 May and was a success with 48 traders and a good attendance

Western Somerset LARC – Cllr Greig reported that there would be an opportunity on 21 May at Blackmore Farm, Cannington for people interested in small grants for projects to gain more information about the scheme.

3701 District and County Council Liaison

There was nothing to report.

3702 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- Sedgemoor Standards Committee - letter reminder on legal position on gifts & hospitality – Cllrs to register any gift or hospitality worth £25 or over received in connection with official duties & declare interest
- Sedgemoor District Council – Dog Control Order banning dogs from Children’s Play Area on Playing Field
- Warm Streets – availability of free or subsidised insulation
- Copy letter from Christine Wright to SDC re procedures on planning applications 36/07/00013 and 36/08/00021
- CPRE – leaflet on Village of Year Competition
- Police – beat newsletter

3703 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

- 19 May – Quantock Cluster Meeting Enmore 6.45pm
- 21 May – LARC meeting with local businesses Cannington 7.00pm
- 4 June – County & European Elections
- 9 June – LARC Local Action Group – Crowcombe 7.00pm
- 20 June – Coleridge 100 Event Church Centre – 11.00am (+ Women’s Walk in pm)

3704 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 8th June 2009 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm



NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

FOR

YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2009

BALANCES

Balances at 1 April 2008	
Current Account	
Statement Balance at 1st April 2008	11119.49
Deposit Account	
Statement Balance at 1st April 2008	986.72
Balances at 1st April 2008	12,106.21
Less Total Net Expenditure For 2008/2009	-4,112.65
<i>Notional Balances at 31st March 2009</i>	16,218.86
Balances at 31 March 2009	
Current Account	15,360.35
less unrepresented cheques (102449 & 102540)	163.15
plus receipts in hand	30.00
	15,227.20
Deposit Account	991.66
Balances at 31st March 2009	16,218.86

BREAKDOWN OF BALANCES

Account	Balance 01-Apr-08	Net Expenditure 2008/2009	Balance 31-Mar-09
General Reserve	5,493.20	-2,038.33	7,531.53
Payroll Account	1,573.89	-396.77	1,970.66
Parish Plan Account	771.19	0.00	771.19
Community Action for Nether Stowey	693.09	-1,911.55	2,604.64
Nether Stowey Active Living	610.70	61.41	549.29
Nether Stowey Community Pavilion Project	1,687.14	131.03	1,556.11
2008 May Fair	1,277.00	1,277.00	0.00
2009 May Fair	0.00	-1,235.44	1,235.44
Total	12,106.21	-4,112.65	16,218.86

**SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2009**

Account Code	Budget	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	2007/2008
	Total Net Expenditure / Income	42,904.37	15,129.30	27,775.07	22,442.34
9000	VAT Paid	1,112.28			789.76
9001	Precept		33,000.00		-31,550.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE/INCOME	44,016.65	48,129.30	-4,112.65	-8,317.90

Chairman: _____ Clerk: _____
(A Rich) (A E Ensor)

Approved by the Parish Council 11th May 2009 Minute 3698(ii)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2009

Account Code	Budget	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	2007/2008
ADMINISTRATION					
2001	Employee Costs	13,809.04			10,360.84
2002	Telephone/Internet	676.35			662.66
2004	Office Rent & Mtce	1,999.93			1,800.00
2005	Councillors/Clerks Expenses	1.70			0.00
2006	Audit Fees	435.00			435.00
2007	Room Hire & Exps Public Meetings	57.00			57.40
2008	Office Equipment & Mtce	1,663.01			33.05
2009/9011	Stationery & Printing	583.24	7.60		959.63
2010	Chairman's Allowance	175.00			150.00
2012	Parish Newsletter	431.09			479.56
2013	Postage	95.09			173.18
2015	Statutory Fees	35.00			35.00
3002	Training Costs	0.00			75.00
3003	Insurance	523.30			502.49
3010	Subscriptions	465.38			468.68
3018	Elections	0.00			71.12
9004	Interest Received		4.94		-4.91
9010	Miscellaneous Income		100.00		0.00
Net Administration Expenditure				20,837.59	16,258.70
CEMETERY					
1004	Rates	194.04			186.48
1006	Pest Control				53.30
1008	Cemetery Maintenance (Contractor)	1,817.00			1,891.00
1009	Cemetery Maintenance (Other)	21.64	23.50		0.00
9003	Fees & Income Rec'd		2,170.73		-1,803.10
Net Cemetery Expenditure				-161.55	327.68
VILLAGE MAINTENANCE					
3001.01	Ad Hoc	1,624.16			497.50
3001.02	Seat Mtce	250.00			210.00
3001.03	South Lane FP	129.00			235.50
3001.04	A39 FP	144.00			153.50
3001.05	Palmers Path	264.00			445.50
3001.06	Mount Rd Verge	140.00			165.00
3001.07	Old Gaol	3.00			241.66
3001.08	Millennium Wood	0.00	210.60		80.00
3004	CCTV Maintenance	0.00			202.90
3006	Clock Tower Maintenance	314.58			59.20
3008	Playing Field Mtce Exp	2,348.00			4,019.05
3009	Village Hall	1,100.00			1,050.00
9006	SDC Amenity Grant		510.30		-649.16
Net Village Maintenance Expenditure				5,595.84	6,710.65

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2009

Account Code	Budget	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	2007/2008
CASTLE STREET TOILETS					
3020.01	Castle Street Toilets Rates	1,801.80			1,731.60
3020.02	Castle Street Toilets Power	402.35			290.97
3020.04	Castle Street Toilets sewerage	126.94			92.82
3020.05	Castle Street Toilets water	129.09			88.86
3020.06	Castle Street Toilets cleaning	1,986.00			1,629.06
3020.07	Castle Street Toilets repairs & mtce	312.10			497.39
9011	Castle Street Toilets Mtce Grant		3,500.00		-4,000.00
Net Castle Street Toilets Expenditure				1,258.28	330.70
COMMUNITY SERVICES & SPECIAL EXPENSES					
3005	Clock Tower Electricity	77.87			56.76
3011/9002	Allotment Rental	100.00	100.00		0.00
3015/9005	Community Transport	1,673.00	454.90		636.40
3016/9030	Christmas Tree Lights	107.80	178.49		34.01
4001	Miscellaneous Grants	150.00			325.00
4009.01	Twinning Anniversary Reception	547.18			0.00
Net Community Services & Special Expenses Expenditure				1,922.46	1,052.17
PARISH PLAN					
4005	Parish Plan	0.00			46.85
Net Parish Plan Expenditure				0.00	46.85
COMMUNITY ACTION FOR NETHER STOWEY					
4008.01	CANS Expenditure	275.72			157.55
4008.01	Youth Shelter	179.45			1,249.36
4008.03/9017	Youth Council/Activity	40.00	351.00		0.00
9013	Grants & Donations Received		689.08		-2,100.00
	Transfer from 2008 May Fair	-1,366.64			
Net Community Action for Nether Stowey Expenditure				-1,911.55	-693.09
NETHER STOWEY ACTIVE LIVING					
4008.02	Active Living Expenditure	988.10			631.95
9014	User Payments		376.69		-111.65
9014	Grant Received		550.00		-1,131.00
Net Nether Stowey Active Living Expenditure				61.41	-610.70
NETHER STOWEY COMMUNITY PAVILION PROJECT					
4007	Pavilion Project	131.03			296.38
Net Nether Stowey Community Pavilion Project Expenditure				131.03	296.38
2008 MAY FAIR					
4009	2008 May Fair Expenditure	4,178.83			440.00
9015	Sponsorship & Other Income		5,268.47		-1,717.00
	Transfer to 2009 May Fair	1,000.00			
	Transfer to CANS	1,366.64			
Net 2008 May Fair Expenditure				1,277.00	-1,277.00
2009 May Fair					
	Transfer from 2008 May Fair	-1,000.00			
4010	2009 May Fair Expenditure	397.56			0.00
9016	Sponsorship & Other Income		633.00		0.00
Net 2009 May Fair Expenditure				-1,235.44	0.00