

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 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

In attendance:
 District Cllr Ken Dyer
 Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
 Parish Clerk Ainslie Ensor
 8 Parishioners

3727 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Youe (family commitment). The absence was **approved**. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Joslin and District /County Cllr Edney who were at other meetings.

3728 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the meeting held on 13 July 2009 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3729 Planning

(i) Application Ref: 36/09/00009
 Address: 1 Exeter Close
 Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of detached garage
 Applicant: Mr D Excell
 Response: No Objections

Cllr Greig declared a personal prejudicial interest in the following item and left the meeting.

(ii) Application Ref: 36/09/00010
 Address: Holly View, Castle Street
 Proposal: Removal of front porch, insertion of window in front (NW) elevation and removal of glazing from rear sunroom roof
 Applicant: Dr P Simpson
 Response: No Objections

Cllr Greig rejoined the meeting

(iii) Application Ref: 36/09/00014
 Address: 29 Lime Street

- Proposal: Erection of single storey/two storey rear extension, partly on site of existing (to be demolished)
- Applicant: Mr C Chaffey
- Response: No Objections
- (iv) Application Ref: 36/09/00008
- Address: 15 Banneson Road
- Proposal: Erection of part two storey, part single side extension and rear conservatory
- Applicant: Mr M Sortwell
- Response: No Objections

The above responses were **agreed**.

It was **agreed** that in future all application sites would be visited by the Parish Council, prior to the full Parish Council deciding on the consultation response.

3730 Finance

(i) Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 13 July 2009

Payee	Amount	Details
Nether Stowey Village Hall	1150.00	Annual Maintenance Grant Approved 13.07.2009
Sedgemoor Community Transport	275.00	Grant for travel for elderly & Infirm agreed 13.07.2009
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Charity	100.00	Grant agreed 13.07.2007
Opal	31.69	Office Telephone
EDF Energy Customers plc	8.74	Clock Tower Electricity
GWB Services June/July	1537.50	Cemetery Mtce £487.50 Playing Field Mtce £350 Village Mtce £368 Toilets Cleaning £332
R Keene	25.00	CANS - Cake presentation Village of Year Competition
Clarity Copiers	80.50	Printing Charges
Viking Direct	64.12	Stationery
Chanin & Thomas	166.66	Office Rent August
Karen Evans (PCSO)	20.52	CANS - Youth Activity Day
Opal	32.61	Office Telephone
Opal	33.20	Office Telephone
cancelled		
Edward Martin Computer Services	129.38	Computer Repair
G Bickers	884.00	Cemetery Mtce £225 Village Mtce £218 Playing Field Mtce £275 Toilets Cleaning £166
A Ensor	29.99	Internet
HM Revenue & Customs	180.07	PAYE/NI
J Falla	539.77	Salary September
A Ensor	752.92	Salary September
Total	£6,041.69	

The above expenditure was **approved**.

(ii) Grants to Outside Bodies

It was agreed that in future all applicants for significant grants would be asked to submit a Business Plan before the grant application is considered by the Parish Council.

3731 Highways

The following items were noted:

- Speed Indicator Device – the Clerk reported that speed readings taken in St Mary Street over the period 26 Aug to 2 Sept showed an average speed, westbound of 23.1mph and eastbound 20.6 mph. The site, therefore, does not qualify for a SID. Highways had invited the Parish Council to nominate another site and it was agreed to request speed readings on South Lane immediately before the junction with Banneson Road.
- Resurfacing of Coleridge Road on 1 October.
- Parking problems in Banneson Road, item to be placed in the Quantock Messenger requesting people to park with due consideration for other traffic.
- Speed restriction signs in Jacksons Lane
- Concern was expressed about the condition of the road at the top of Lime Street
- Action taken re overgrown hedge at telephone exchange.
- Overgrown hedge in Mount Road (Chairman to speak to householder)
- The Chairman reported that a meeting was being arranged, as the Quantock Cluster, to discuss an emergency plan for the A39, all local councils between Williton and Bridgwater and all emergency services were to be invited.

3732 Reports

Western Somerset LARC Cllr Greig reported that the Local Action Group had received 8 expressions of interest for grant aid, 7 of which came from the south side of the Quantocks. It was desirable to see more applications from the Quantock Cluster area if we were to benefit from the funds available. Details of the project were now available at www.somersetleader.org.uk. The next LAG meeting would be in November.

Hinkley Point The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Roberts had attended a rugby match at Bridgwater sponsored by EDF when they met the B Station Manager.

Oral History Cllr Roberts reported that all the preparatory work had now been completed to ensure the project met the requirements of County Records. The next step was to obtain funding of about £1500 to enable the necessary specialist recorders to be purchased.

3733 District and County Council Liaison

Cllr Dyer reported that the National Grid were proposing new 400KVA transmission lines from Hinkley Point, these would go to Bridgwater and then on to Avonmouth and Southampton and would not affect Nether Stowey. The Sedgemoor Splash was now closed, it had to be closed immediately as it was losing £2000 per day.

3734 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- Appeal letter from Sedgemoor CAB – offering to attend meeting to make short presentation on the service they provide (*declined*)
- Appeal Letter from Victim Support (*declined*)
- Letter from EDF re site investigations for proposed Hinkley C – start September and continue through this autumn / winter
- Letter from Cllr Edney re £1200 grant available to Nether Stowey – only stipulation

being that project be for the benefit of the whole community and would not otherwise happen (*suggestions for next meeting*)

- Sedgemoor Planning Policy – working on Preferred Options for the Core Strategy which is the primary document for the emerging LDF (replaces Local Plan and sets development options to 2026) – *a drop in session on afternoon of 12 October has been arranged and one of the Planning Policy Team will make a presentation to the next Parish Council meeting*
- SDC have arranged a training session on Planning for Parish Councillors on 6 October at Bridgwater House, commencing at 6.30pm – limited to three from each parish
- Somerset CC – appeal for nominations for governors of Sedgemoor Schools – brochure in parish office
- Letter from Quantock Hills AONB service – re Sudden Oak Death disease – presentation at Halsway Manor on 24 September – (*post meeting note – meeting changed to 18 November at Crowcombe*)
- Invitation from EDF for one representative of PC to attend inaugural meeting of EDF Energy Hinkley New Build Community Forum on 30 September at 7pm at Stogursey (*Cllr Malcolm Hogg offered to attend*)
- Letter from AONB Service re Sustainable Development Fund – grants of up to 75% £100 to £25,000
- Notification from architect for Ancient Mariner – previous applications withdrawn – redesigning scheme to take into account comments of planning and conservation officers – will be submitting revised scheme shortly – happy to meet PC to discuss plans (*PC will carry out site visit when plans received from SDC*)

3735 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

15-Sep-09	Community Council AGM	4pm	Burtle
20-Sep-09	Sedgemoor Annual Civic Service	3pm	West Huntspill
21-Sep-09	Army Cadet Force - Make Your Mark	6.30pm to 8pm	Church Centre
24-Sep-09	Somerset Playing Fields Association AGM	7.30pm	Woolavington
25-Sep-09	SLCC Branch Meeting	10am to 12.30pm	Ruishton
26-Sep-09	SALC AGM & Area General Meeting	10.30am to 4pm	Woolavington
12-Oct-09	SALC Training on Power of Well Being	7.30pm	Burnham on Sea
15-Oct-09	SALC Clerks Workshop (Clerk to attend)	2.00pm	Edington

3736 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 12th October 2009 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm