

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 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:
Principal Planning Officer Stuart Houlet
District Cllr Ken Dyer
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
Parish Clerk Ainslie Ensor
9 Parishioners

3737 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.

3738 Sedgemoor Local Development Framework

Stuart Houlet, Principal Planning Officer Policy, Sedgemoor District Council outlined the background to the Local Development Framework (LDF) and explained that Nether Stowey had been identified as a Key Rural Settlement (KRS). As such new open market housing could be developed in the village, however, at this point it was not proposed to extend the existing village development boundary or allocate any Greenfield sites for such development. The emerging LDF policies seek to retain rural services in key rural settlements and enhance them where possible. In response to questions Mr Houlet confirmed that the current draft LDF did not take into account the possibility of future developments at Hinkley Point. The consultation period closes on 24 November 2009.

3739 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the meeting held on 14 September 2009 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3740 Licensing

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been consulted by SDC on an application to vary the Premises Licence for the Ancient Mariner, 42 Lime Street. The effect of the proposed changes was to reduce the flexibility of the licence. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the application.

3741 Planning

- (i) Application Ref: 36/09/00015SJR
 Address: Danesborough, Lime Street
 Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension, partly on site of conservatory (to be demolished) and erection of detached garage, partly on site of garage (to be demolished)
 Applicant: Mr A Fuller
 Response: No Objections
- (ii) Application Ref: 36/09/00016/SJR
 Address: 15 Banneson Road
 Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension and rear conservatory
 Applicant: Mr M Sortwell
 Response: No objections
- (iii) Application Ref: (a) 36/09/00017RM & (b) 36/09/00018RM
 Address: The Ancient Mariner 42 Lime Street
 Proposal: (a) Erection of building to form bed and breakfast accommodation and associated car parking, demolition of skittle alley
 (b) Demolition of skittle alley
 Applicant: Mr I Taylor
 Response: The Parish Council supports the proposed development

The above responses were **agreed**.

3742 County Councillors Grant Fund

It was **agreed** that the Nether Stowey Oral History Project be nominated to receive the £1200 grant available from Cllr Edney's grant fund.

3743 Finance

(i) Monthly Financial Report

The report was noted

(i) Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 14 September 2009

Payee	Amount	Details
Bridgwater Mowers	900.00	Playing Field Mtce – per minute 3682 (April 2009)
SALC	15.00	Training Seminar
J Falla	24.00	Training Expenses
G Bickers	628.50	Cemetery Mtce £225 Village Mtce £62.50 Toilets Cleaning £166 Playing Field £175
EDF Energy 1 Limited	6.20	Clock Tower Electricity
The Hairy Bear	70.00	Active Living – August
A Ensor	49.16	Internet £29.99 Active Living(Sept)£17.78 Office Exps £1.39
Payroll Expenses	1,584.75	October Salaries and PAYE/NI

Totals	£3,277.61
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The above expenditure was **approved**.

3744 Highways

The following items were noted:

- Speed Indicator Device – speed reading being taken by Highways on South Lane
- Traffic in Mill Lane – “near miss” with pushchair
- Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Corbett to visit school to discuss parking problems with the Headteacher

3745 Reports

Coleridge Cottage – Cllr Greig reported that after over four years of discussion the National Trust had agreed to restore Coleridge Cottage garden and was looking for village opinions on what should be in the garden. There was an opportunity for the school to create an allotment and restore the orchard at the Cottage end of the garden. It was hoped to have the work undertaken by next summer. The Curator was preparing a salvage plan for the Cottage in the case of fire and it was hoped that valuable artefacts could be moved to the Village Hall in an emergency.

Hinkley Point New Build Community Forum – Cllr Malcolm Hogg reported on the inaugural meeting of the forum which had been established as part of the consultation process for the proposed new build. The Forum would be meeting monthly. EDF were carrying out extensive geological surveys and boreholes. EDF were working at risk for all preparatory works prior to obtaining planning permission. EDF are hoping to commence work in 2010 with the new power stations coming on line in 2017 and 2019.

3746 District and County Council Liaison

Cllr Dyer had nothing to report

3747 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- EDF – request to make 30 minute presentation to Parish Council meeting on 14 December (agreed)
- NHS Somerset – consultation on redevelopment of Bridgwater Community Hospital – 23 Sept to 2 December (to be asked to attend PC meeting on 9 November)
- Sedgemoor District Council – Electoral Review of Sedgemoor District Council – commences 27 October 2009 – invitation to presentation on 28 October 2009 at Bridgwater House at 6pm
- Somerset Waste Partnership – **Love Food Hate Waste** campaign briefing
- Somerset County Council – update on Building Schools for the future – milestone dates
- Great Crane Project Newsletter
- Sedgemoor District Council – confirmation that door on 9 St Mary Street is temporary – all doors & windows will be approved by Conservation Officer before installation
- Environment Agency – letter re their role in nuclear new build
- Community Policing Awards – closing date 30 November 2009

3748 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

15-Oct-09	SALC Clerks Workshop	2.00pm	Edington
30 Oct 09	CANS/PACT	7.00pm	Village Hall

3749 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.35pm