

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 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 / County Cllr John Edney
 Project Director NHS Somerset Simon Corrick
 Parish Clerk Ainslie Ensor
 5 Parishioners

3750 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Parsons (unwell) Cllr Youe (family commitment). The absences were **approved**.

Apologies were also received from District Cllrs Dyer and Joslin.

3751 Redevelopment of Bridgwater Community Hospital

Simon Corrick, Project Director Somerset NHS, gave a presentation on the proposed redevelopment of Bridgwater Community Hospital. The focus was for the delivery of services locally via community hospitals and local medical centres. The project was more than bricks and mortar but also staff resources. The Bridgwater Community Hospital serves a wider area than just the town of Bridgwater and by 2027 it was estimated 28% of the catchment population would be over 65 years old. The proposed hospital would be larger than the new facilities in Minehead, Frome and South Petherton and would be able to accommodate circa 10,000 day surgery cases per annum and the enlarged outpatients department would be able to deal with 30,000 appointments per annum. Consultation forms had been circulated to all Parish Councillors who were invited to return them direct to the NHS.

3752 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

3753 Sedgemoor Electoral Review

The Clerk outlined the review of the electoral for Sedgemoor District Council being carried out by the Boundary Committee of the Electoral Commission and suggested that if the Parish Council felt that it was preferable that the present Sedgemoor Ward arrangement appertaining to Nether Stowey was retained that this be communicated to the Boundary Committee. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council was in favour of the present Ward arrangements and that the Clerk would draft a submission to the Boundary and circulate it to all Parish Councillors for comment before submitting it.

3754 District and County Council Liaison

Cllr Edney stated that the Grant for the Oral History project had been processed. Cllr Edney outlined the financial position of the County Council and the steps being taken by the new administration.

Cllr Edney left the meeting

3755 Sedgemoor Local Development Framework – Core Strategy

The Clerk referred to the presentation on the Core Strategy preferred options made at the last meeting. It was important that if the Council did not agree with the proposals in the consultation document that a formal submission be made to the District Council. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council supported the designation of Nether Stowey as a Key Rural Centre but did not support the spatial strategy which it was felt was unduly restrictive for the parish. The Parish Council considered that the strategy should allow Nether Stowey to develop in a way which suited the community and maintained the vitality of the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a submission to Sedgemoor and circulate it to all Parish Councillors for comment before submitting it.

3756 Coleridge Cottage

Cllr Greig explained that the National Trust had agreed that the garden of Coleridge Cottage, which was currently waste land, be restored. It had been suggested that the restoration be carried out as a community project, funded by the National Trust. Initial discussions had indicated that Nether Stowey Primary School had an interest in being involved and that Stowey Gardeners and through their President, Bridgwater College (Land Based Studies at Cannington) were also interested in being involved. The idea was that the garden be developed as a vegetable garden with an orchard and seating area. The restoration of the garden would enhance Coleridge Cottage. The National Trust had invited the Parish Council, on behalf of the community, to enter into a formal agreement for the restoration of the garden. Following discussion the Parish Council **agreed** in principle to enter into an agreement with the National Trust, the detailed agreement to be submitted to a future meeting for consideration.

3757 Parish Office Sign

The Clerk reported that Chanin & Thomas wished to replace the fascia sign on 2A Castle Street and had proposed that the new sign be divided in half and with the Parish Council name on one half and their name on the other. They had stated that the cost of the new sign was £300 plus VAT and had asked if the Parish Council would make a contribution to the cost. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would make a contribution of £100 towards the new sign.

3758 Planning

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

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| (i) | Application Ref: | 36/09/00019 (Listed Building) |
| | Address: | 30-32 Castle Street |
| | Proposal: | Retrospective Planning Permission for re-roofing, because of fire damage. |
| | Applicant: | Mrs M Dobson |
| | Response: | The Parish Council declined to comment on this application. |

Cllr Greig rejoined the meeting.

- (ii) Application Ref: 36/09/00020
 Address: Springfield, 66 South Lane
 Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension, partly on site of existing (to be demolished)
 Applicant: Mr C Knox
 Response: No Objections
- (iii) Application Ref: 36/09/00021 (Tree Preservation Order)
 Address: Smithy View, Lime Street
 Proposal: Fell 1 No Norway Spruce because of shading and too large or garden
 Applicant: Mr N Palmer
 Response: No Objections

The above responses were **agreed**.

3759 Finance

(i) Monthly Financial Report

The report was noted

(ii) Telephone Bills

It was **agreed** that in view of the problems experienced in the receipt of invoices a direct debit be completed for the payment to Opal of future telephone bills.

(i) Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 12 October 2009

Payee	Amount	Details
Moore Stephens	356.50	External Audit Fee 2008/9
Chanin & Thomas Ltd	499.98	Office Rent Set/Oct/Nov
Opal	66.47	Office Telephone Oct & Nov
Clarity Copiers (Avon) Ltd	42.98	Copy Charges
Npower Ltd	242.32	Toilets Electricity
The Information Commissioner	35.00	Data Protection Act Registration renewal
Nether Stowey Village Hall	19.00	Room Hire CANS 30 Oct
St Mary's Church Nether Stowey	17.50	Room Hire CANS 21 Sep
EDF Energy Customers plc	13.56	Clock Tower Electricity
1 st Nether Stowey Cubs	194.80	May Fair - Vertical Xtreme Sponsorship Income
Nether Stowey Junior Football Club	107.40	
Nether Stowey Community Pavilion Project	68.00	
Nether Stowey Twinning Association	33.00	
A Ensor	90.74	Internet £29.99, Postage £60, Office Supplies £0.75
Payroll Expenses	1,488.77	November Salaries and PAYE/NI
Total	£3,276.02	

The above expenditure was **approved**.

3760 Highways

The following items were noted:

- Details of winter service 2009/2010 received from Highways

3761 Reports

Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group – Cllr Malcolm Hogg reported that the SSG met the previous week when it had received a short presentation on the proposed new build. It was estimated that there would be 4800 employed at the site during construction and that 300 school places would be needed in the area. EDF were carrying preparatory works prior to obtaining planning permission at their risk.

Western Somerset LARC – Cllr Greig reported on the latest meeting of the Executive. The lack of interest from the northern part of the area was very disappointing. To date all the interest was coming from the southern part of the area. Although the desire was to allocate funds fairly the LARC needed local schemes to be brought forward for consideration.

3762 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- Moore Stephens – completion of annual audit – return approved – they suggest PC looks at level of general reserves
- Police beat newsletter
- SALC - December area meetings cancelled - power of well being seminar 16 Jan West Buckland
- SDC offer of woodland mix daffodils for amenity planting
- Berrow PC application for lottery funding – request for people to vote for them
- AONB – Works to Car Park Dead Woman’s Ditch (to protect area of high archaeological value on Crowcombe side)
- Letter from P Simmons re planning procedures - re Ancient Mariner – case is to be determined by SDC Development Committee on 17 November
- South Western Ambulance Service – consultation on becoming one of the first ambulance trusts to achieve foundation status – consultation period runs to 4 December – *meeting at Taunton on 1 December 2009 9am to 19pm*
- Somerset Waste Partnership – Strategy Review – invitation to meetings 20 & 27 November – evening workshop in late November / early December 30/11 7/12, 9/12
- Minutes of Quantock Cluster Meeting held on 1 September 2009

3763 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

Date	Day	Meeting
12 Nov 09	Thursday	EDF Hinkley Point New Build Community Forum (Cllr Hogg to attend)
12-Nov-09	Thursday	Western Somerset LAG (Cllrs Rich and Greig to attend)
18-Nov-09	Wednesday	AONB - presentation on Sudden Oak Death (Clerk to attend)
19-Nov-09	Thursday	SDC Budget Consultation Cllr Rich and Clerk to attend)
20-Nov-09	Friday	Somerset Waste Management Strategy (Clerk to attend)
27-Nov-09	Friday	Somerset Waste Management Strategy (Clerk to attend)
08-Dec-09	Tuesday	Quantock Cluster Meeting (Cllrs Rich and Greig and Clerk to attend)

3765 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 14th December 2009 at 7pm.

It was **agreed** that Parish Councillors would meet on Monday 11 January 2010 in the Parish Office to discuss the precept for 2010/2011 and that the January Parish Council meeting would be held at 7pm on Monday 18 January 2010 in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.50pm