

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2010 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Parish Councillors Tony Rich (Chairman)
Rita Corbett
Malcolm Hogg
Margaret Hogg
Pat Pardoe
Teresa Youe

In attendance: District Councillor David Joslin
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
Assistant Parish Clerk Jean Falla
5 Parishioners

3843 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts (business), Cllr Greig (unwell).
The absences were **approved**.
Apologies were also received from District Cllr Dyer and District / County Cllr Edney.

3844 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 May 2010 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

3845 Parish Council Vacancy

It was **agreed** that notices inviting interested persons to contact either the Parish Office or any parish councillor be placed on the notice boards and in the July issue of the Quantock Messenger. The Parish Council will consider the matter of co-option at the September meeting.

3846 Electoral Review of Sedgemoor District Council

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would respond formally to the draft proposals indicating its support for the revised Quantock Ward.

3847 Burial Act 1853 – Closure of St Mary’s Churchyard

The Parish Council considered a report from the Clerk on a consultation received from the Ministry of Justice regarding an application for the closure of St Mary’s Churchyard pursuant to the Burial Act 1853.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council had no objections to the closure of St Mary’s Churchyard

It was further **agreed** that at such time as the PCC serves notice on the Parish Council to take over the maintenance of the churchyard the Parish Council will formally resolve and give written notice to the District Council to take over maintenance, and at the same time indicate to the District Council that the Parish Council would be prepared to undertake the maintenance of the churchyard with the benefit of a grant from the District Council, and also invite the PCC to contribute an annual grant to the cost of maintenance. It was noted that further detailed

investigations would be needed into the précis scope of the maintenance liability.

3848 Planning

- (i) Application Ref: 36/10/00007/LE
 Address: 18 Coleridge Road
 Proposal: Erection of two storey side attached dwelling
 Applicant: Mrs Dobson
 Response: No objections but consideration should be given to using obscured glass in upstairs side windows

- (ii) Application Ref: 36/10/00008/DRT
 Address: 23 Mill Lane
 Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to east elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished)
 Applicant: Mr R Stenhouse
 Response: No objections

- (iii) Application Ref: 36/10/00009/RSM
 Address: 30-32 Castle Street
 Proposal: Installation of condensing boiler for central heating, with additional radiators, hot water storage tank and exhaust water vapour outlet pipe to rear elevation. Removal of old boiler and existing tanks.
 Applicant: Mr P Greig
 Response: No objections

- (iv) Application Ref: 36/10/00010/LE
 Address: 18 Coleridge Road
 Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to rear elevation partly on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished) and revised parking to rear of property
 Applicant: Mrs Dobson
 Response: No objections but consideration should be given to using obscured glass in upstairs side windows

The above responses were **approved**.

3849 Greening of St Mary's Project

Further to a presentation made by a representative of the PCC at the May Parish Council meeting and a further report by the Clerk, a grant of £75 towards the cost of a survey was **approved**.

3850 Finance

(i) Monthly Financial Report

The monthly financial report for May 2010 was noted.

(ii) Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 10 May 2010

Payee	Amount	Details
Kings Audio	44.81	Oral History
G Wright	25.00	Active Living Speaker Fee

G Bickers	831.25	Cemetery Mtce £459, Village Mtce £32.25, Toilets Cleaning £340
S Youe	141.40	Parish Council website/email
A Ensor	102.51	Internet £29.99, Postage £1.32, SLCC conference £71.20
Purnells Secretarial Services Ltd	111.04	Stationery
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	64.62	Conference Fee 18/5
North Somerset Farmers Market Ltd	240.00	May Fair stall hire
Sedgemoor District Council	200.00	May Fair stall hire
Bristol Wessex Billing Services Ltd	118.57	Toilets water & seweragecharges
Chanin & Thomas	166.66	Office Rent
National Association of Local Councils	211.50	Conference Fee 2/7
Clarity Copiers (Avon) Ltd	70.50	Computer set up
KDR Electrical Services	60.51	Repairs to toilets lights
May & June Payroll expenses	£3,007.16	Salaries / NI / PAYE
Total	£5,395.53	

The above expenditure was **approved**.

3851 Highways

Discussions took place regarding the ongoing/increasing problems with traffic in Mill Lane following the opening of the new Children's Centre. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would write to the relevant parties and stress the urgency for some kind of resolution to this problem.

3852 Reports

There were no reports.

Cllr Hogg stated that he thought it advisable that in future 2 or 3 people should attend all EDF meetings not just himself.

3853 District Council Liaison

Cllr Joslin commented on the fact that the 'Standards Board' was going to be abolished.

3854 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- Quantock Lodge Leisure Ltd – request for letter of support for grant application for sustainable heating system. It was resolved that the Clerk would write a letter of support and forward it to the appropriate bodies.
- Letter from Somerset Hedge Group – looking for local volunteers to help with survey of hedges (funded by DEFRA)

- Sedgemoor District Council – copy of presentations and results of Town & Parish Workshops – Cllr Youe requested that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting
- Avon & Somerset Police – Strategic Policing Plan 2010-2013

3855 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting	Venue	Time	
Thursday 24 June	SALC Area Meeting	Edington Village Hall		
Thursday 24 June	Active Living	Church Centre	2.00pm	
Friday 2 July	NALC Conference	Bristol	9.30am	Cllr Greig & Clerk to attend
Friday 9 July	Oral History Project Launch	Village Hall	7.00pm	Organised by Cllr Roberts
Saturday 10 July	Village Party in The Park	Playing Field	afternoon/evening	
Thursday 15 July	Sedgemoor Affordable Housing open Day	Junction 24	4.00pm to 7.30pm	
Monday 20 Sept	Presentation by EDF	Village Hall	7.00pm	

3856 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 12th July 2010 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm