

**MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2011 AT 7.00pm**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

**In attendance:**  
District Councillor                      Ken Dyer  
Parish Clerk                                      Ainslie Ensor  
Chairman of CANS                      Mary Roberts  
EDF Energy                                      Ross Edwards

**3917 Apologies**

Apologies were received from District Cllr Joslin and District/County Cllr Edney.

**3918 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 February 2011 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

**3919 Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes, of the following committee meetings (copies of which are appended to these minutes) were **noted**:

- (i) Finance & Audit Committee: 7 March 2011 (draft)

**3920 Hinkley Point Power Stations**

The Clerk outlined the current open consultations regarding Hinkley Point these were:

- (i) Planning Application to West Somerset DC re preliminary works
  - (ii) Article 30 Application to Somerset CC re remediation works
  - (iii) EDF Consultation on Phase 2 "Changes to Preferred Proposals" for Hinkley C.
- Ross Edwards representing EDF Energy answered questions regarding the EDF consultation on Hinkley C. Following detailed discussion the following was **agreed**:
- (i) The Parish Council objects to the planning application for the preliminary works on the grounds that the necessary off site highway improvements will not be in place prior to commencement of the works.
  - (ii) The Parish Council notes with concern that it is proposed to carry out his work without any improvements to the highway infrastructure.
  - (iii) The Parish Council considers (a) that EDF's proposals for offsite highway infrastructure improvements are not adequate and (b) that a new road link from the A38 north of Bridgwater to the A39 west of Bridgwater should be constructed prior to the commencement of the construction of Hinkley Point C.

It was further **agreed** that the drafting of the detailed responses to these consultation be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Major Projects Working Group.

### **3921 District Council Liaison**

The Chairman noted that this would be last meeting that Cllr Dyer attended as a District Councillor and paid tribute to his long service the Parish.

### **3922 Highways**

The following items were noted:

- Parking problems in Coleridge Road area – there remained a need to create more off road parking spaces
- Road patching to A39 to be carried out during the coming week.

### **3923 Reports**

Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group – Cllr Malcolm Hogg reported that it had been agreed to use the A site turbine hall as a site for spoil from the C site and that discussions were underway between EDF and NNDA regarding the use of the turbine hall as a fabrication plant for the C site. The B station manager was to become the C site manager.

CANS – The Clerk reported that CANS met on 21 February – a report of the matters discussed at the meeting is appended to these minutes

### **3924 Correspondence**

Correspondence received included:

- Sedgemoor District Council – LDF Newsletter
- Sedgemoor District Council – Hinkley C Supplementary Planning Document – consultation draft. It was **agreed** that Cllrs would pass detailed comments to the Clerk by Tuesday 22 March for submission to SDC.
- Public Sector Mapping Agreement – wef from 1 April the council would have free access direct to Ordnance Survey mapping information
- Somerset Rural Youth Project – letter re support for youth clubs

### **3925 Forthcoming Meetings and Events**

15 March	Affordable Housing Working Group – Parish Office 5.00pm
15 March	Quantock Cluster Meeting, Village Hall 6.45pm
16 & 17 March	SDC consultation meetings on Hinkley C SPD at North Petherton & Bridgwater (both commence 7.00pm)
17 March	SALC Area Committee – Otterhampton Village Hall 7.30pm
22 March	Village Hall AGM 7.30pm

### **Parish Council Meetings**

4 April	Finance & Audit Committee Village Hall 7.00pm
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### **3926 Date of Next Meeting**

If there is no contested Parish Council election the next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 11 April 2011 at 7pm. If there is a contested parish council election the next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Monday 16 May 2011 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2011 AT 7.00PM**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Robert Booth (Chairman)  
 Rita Corbett  
 Peter Greig  
 Malcolm Hogg  
 Tony Rich

**In attendance:**  
 Parish Councillor Pat Pardoe  
 District Councillor Ken Dyer  
 Parish Council Clerk Ainslie Ensor  
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**FA-0047 Apologies**

There were no apologies

**FA-0048 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2011 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**FA-0049 Income and Expenditure Report**

The income and expenditure report for February 2011, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, was **accepted**.

**FA-0050 Expenditure**

Expenditure incurred since the Committee meeting of 7 February 2011

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
Margaret Harrison	25.00	Active Living Speaker Fee
Chanin & Thomas	166.74	Office Rent March
Community Council for Somerset	35.00	Annual Subscription 2011/12
Somerset Association of Local Councils	323.48	Annual Subscription 2011/12
Somerset Association of Local Councils	20.00	Seminar Fee
Buller Taxis	30.00	Active Living Transport Jan & Feb 2011
Viking Direct	135.35	Stationery
Sedgemoor Community Transport	325.00	Grant approved 07.02.2011
G Bickers	760.62	Toilets Cleaning £76.50 Toilets Mtce £19.12 Cemetery £114.75 Seats Mtce £308 Village Mtce £242.25
Payroll Expenses	1503.58	March Salaries & PAYE/NI

Cllr Corbett declared a prejudicial interest in the following items and left the meeting.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
Nether Stowey Village Hall	40.00	Hire of Hall 10/1 (F&A Com) & 17/1 (PC)
Nether Stowey Village Hall	500.00	Grant approved 07.02.2011
Nether Stowey Village Hall	57.00	Hire of Hall 7/2 (F&A Com); 9/2

		(Vill Mtce Com); 21/2 (CANS)
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Cllr Corbett rejoined the meeting.

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

Payee	Amount	Details
Stowey Bears Pre School	100.00	Grant approved 06.12.2010

Cllr Booth rejoined the meeting.

Cllrs Rich and Hogg declared a prejudicial interest in the following items and left the meeting.

Payee	Amount	Details
Nether Stowey Recreation Ground	900.00	(part) Grant approved 07.02.2011
Nether Stowey Community Pavilion Project	900.00	(part) Recreation Ground grant approved 07.02.2011
Nether Stowey Community Pavilion Project	1535.48	Release of grant approved 07.02.2011

Cllrs Rich and Hogg rejoined the meeting.

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£7,357.25</b>	
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### **FA-0051 Local Funding of Services**

The Chairman reported that on 24 February he and the Clerk attended a budget briefing by the Leader of Sedgemoor District Council who outlined how the District Council had balanced its budget for 2011/12. In response to questions the Leader had confirmed that the District Council would make a £200,000 saving in the 2011/12 budget from local funding of services (i.e. the transfer of the funding of services to Town and Parish Councils) and that the District Council's Medium Term Financial Plan envisaged a further saving in 2012/13 of £340,000 from local funding of services. It was also indicated that the District Council envisaged working through the list of service areas discussed in the town & Parish Council briefings held in the spring/summer of 2010. The District Council indicated that discussions about further local funding would commence soon after the May elections.

The Clerk outlined the position with regards to precepts and explained that, if the Parish Council 2012/13 precept saw an increase of the size of the 2011/12 increase (31.9%), it was possible that the Parish Council Band D precept amount could exceed that of the District Council. Many felt that this situation would be unsustainable. It was, therefore, important that the Parish Council undertook a detailed examination of the services that may be "offered" by the District Council to determine which the Parish Council could, and would be willing, to undertake and / or if there were alternative ways of delivering the service. Possible areas included provision of the children's play area in Theillay Close, maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard (when closed), maintenance of public open areas and verges. The Clerk reminded the committee that in the future similar proposals, as regards the local funding of services, may also come from the County Council and Police Authority etc.

Following discussion it was **agreed** that the relevant Working Groups and Committees should be asked to consider these matters in detail and report back to this Committee.

### **FA-0052 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

### **FA-0053 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee would be on Monday 4 April 2011 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

## Working Group Report to the Parish Council

<b>Name of Working Group</b>	Community Action Nether Stowey
<b>Date of Report</b>	14 March 2011
<b>Prepared By</b>	Clerk to the Parish Council
<b>Details of meetings held since last report</b>	21 February 2011 – attended by 12 people
<b>Report on activities since last report</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meeting of 21 February 2011</u></p> <p><u>May Fair 2011</u> The arrangements for May Fair (7 May) were discussed) it was noted that CANS needed to find an organiser for 2012 as this would be Ainslie’s last year as organiser. Mike Henry, Ron Scales and Teresa Youe agreed to distribute road closure letters, Denise Eccles agreed to arrange dancing on The Cross, Vicky Fielder was organising the pram race, Mary Roberts to contact St Johns Ambulance and seek raffle prizes.</p> <p><u>Youth Council</u> Everyone agreed that we needed to restart the youth council. TY would speak to her daughter about this. Our PCSO Karen had offered to support a “chill and chat” drop in for youngsters – Ainslie Ensor said that there was funds available for this.</p> <p><u>The Old Orchard</u> Ainslie Ensor outlined problems over land ownership. It was unanimously agreed that we should continue to maintain the area as this would help a parish council claim to ownership. Ron Scales agreed to co-ordinate this project.</p> <p><u>Improvements to The Cross</u> It was agreed that CANS wished to build on the success of the Christmas Lights and seek further improvements to The Cross, including a possible war memorial. Mike Henry agreed to co-ordinate this project</p> <p>The desirability of organising litter picks etc was discussed – it was agreed that this was best left to the Parish Council’s Village Maintenance Working Group.</p> <p>Ainslie Ensor would put details of CANS current projects in Quantock Messenger.</p>
<b>Recommendations to the Parish Council (if any)</b>	None