

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 APRIL 2011 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk Ainslie Ensor
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
2 Members of the public

3927 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Corbett (family commitment) and Roberts (business). The absences were **approved**.

Apologies were also received from District/County Cllr Edney.

3928 Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

3929 Committee Meeting Minutes

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

- (i) Planning Committee 21 March 2011 (draft)
- (ii) Finance & Audit Committee: 4 April 2011 (draft)

3930 Highways

The following items were noted:

- Letter from Sedgemoor District Council regarding the reduction in weed spraying and highway verge grass cutting and horticultural maintenance. The Clerk to clarify the number of cuts to the A39 highway verges.
- Letter from a resident concerning parking in the centre of the village. It was noted that the Parish Council had no powers as regards the regulation of on street parking
- Concern was expressed regarding the recent planting of trees on the A39 highway verge that was due to be leased to the Parish Council.

3931 Reports

Western Somerset LARC – Cllr Greig reported that because of the abolition of the Regional Development Agency LARC operations were effectively suspended for 6 months whilst the reorganisation of responsibilities was sorted out. It was hoped that the six months would be clawed back by an extension of the project but he was not hopeful. It was hoped that the

Village Hall Committee would come forward with an application for support for energy saving measures.

CANS – The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the CANS project group regarding improvements to The Cross would meet on 12 April.

3932 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- Returning Officer – confirmation that the Parish Council Election on 5 May would be uncontested.
- Somerset County Council – letter concerning the Devon and Somerset bid for high speed broadband. The Council indicated its support for the bid.
- Sedgemoor Local Development Framework – details of examination in public. It was noted that the Clerk would be unable to attend and agreed that Cllr Greig should represent the Parish Council.

3933 Forthcoming Meetings and Events

18 April	Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00pm Village Hall
7 May	Nether Stowey May Fair

Parish Council Meetings

4 May	Finance & Audit Committee Village Hall 7.00pm (subject to availability of venue)
TBA	Planning Committee

3934 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16 May 2011 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2011 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance:
Parish Council Clerk Ainslie Ensor
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
26 Members of the Public

P-0023 Apologies

There were no apologies.

P-0024 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 February 2011 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

P-0025 Planning Applications

The following responses were **agreed**.

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| (i) | Application Ref: | 36/11/0002/SJH |
| | Address: | 6 Ferguson Close |
| | Proposal: | Erection of rear single storey extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation. |
| | Applicant: | Mr A Southwick |
| | Response: | Support |
| | | The Parish Council supports the imposition of the planning condition suggested by the Highway Authority. |
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| (ii) | Application Ref: | 36/11/00003/DRT |
| | Address: | 10 St Mary Street |
| | Proposal: | Installation of a satellite dish on the rear east facing garden wall. |
| | Applicant: | Mr A Burge |
| | Response: | No Objections |
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| (iii) | Application Ref: | 36/11/00004/RSM |
| | Address: | Castle Hill House, Castle Hill |
| | Proposal: | Internal alterations to include new family bathroom, master bedroom with en suite on first floor and second floor alterations to form en suite. |
| | Applicant: | Mrs J Collins |
| | Response: | No Objections |

Cllr Pardoe declared a personal prejudicial interest in the following item and left the meeting after making a statement.

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| (iv) | Application Ref: | 36/11/00006/LE |
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Address: Land to the West of 18 Coleridge Road
Proposal: Erection of extension to dwelling to form a further 2 dwelling with parking area and formation of access
Applicant: Mr T Merchant
Response: Support: The proposed new dwellings are in keeping with the area and will provide needed starter homes.

Cllr Pardoe rejoined the meeting.

- (v) Application Ref: 36/11/00007/RM
Address: Land at the junction of South Lane and Castle Hill
Proposal: Erection of three dwellings, formation of access and parking.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Goodridge Griffiths
Response: Object:
The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed development for the following reasons.
(i) the proposed dwellings are not in keeping with the nature of the area and are not sympathetic to the adjacent Conservation Area and Listed Building.
(ii) The proposed dwellings will have an adverse impact on the street scene and neighbouring properties. By virtue of their height they will overshadow, overlook and visually dominate.
(iii) The proposed vehicular and pedestrian access to Castle Hill will be detrimental to highway and pedestrian safety, being located on a four way junction.
(iv) The proposed pedestrian access to South Lane is detrimental to highway safety.
(v) The traffic and on street parking generated by the proposal will exacerbate traffic congestion and parking problems in the area. The proposed development only provides for 7 parking spaces for 4 properties.
(vi) The hard landscaping of the site will lead to an increased risk of storm water run-off causing flood risk to neighbouring properties.
(vii) The boundary wall in South Lane is important both visually and historically and should not be breached.
- (vi) Application Ref: 36/11/00008/DRT
Address: 10 St Mary Street
Proposal: Conversion of bedroom to bathroom on top floor including installation of external pipework to rear elevation
Applicant: Mr A Burge
Response: No Objections. We would suggest that the route of the waste pipe from the shower be reconsidered to reduce the external length.

P-0026 Date and Times of Next Meeting

To be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2011 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance:
 Assistant Parish Clerk Jean Falla
 1 Member of the Public

FA-0054 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Malcolm Hogg (away on business), the absence was **approved**.

FA-0055 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

FA-0056 Income and Expenditure Report

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

FA-0057 Expenditure

Expenditure incurred since the Committee meeting of 7 March 2011

Payee	Amount	Details
Chanin & Thomas	166.66	Office rent April
T Wheeler	31.00	Refund May Fair Stall Fee (less £5 admin charge)
A J Nicholls	378.43	Clock Maintenance
A E Ensor	83.66	Postage £25.16 May Fair £58.50
G Bickers	408.25	Cemetery, A39 verge maintenance and toilet cleaning
GPR Traders	100.00	Deposit may fair stalls
Total Expenditure	£1168.00	

The above expenditure was **approved** and (any) two of the authorised signatories were **instructed** to sign the relevant cheques.

FA-0058 Correspondence

Arrangements for submission of Annual Return for 2010/11 were **noted**

FA-0053 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee would be on Tuesday 3 May 2011 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7:20pm