

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2012 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In Attendance:

District Councillor	Mike Caswell
County Councillor	John Edney
Parish Clerk	Ainslie Ensor
Chair of CANS	Mary Roberts
<i>(For Minute 4035)</i>	Lyndon Brett
5 Members of the Public	

4033 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Pardoe (unwell), the absence was **approved**. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Pay who was attending another meeting.

4034 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Caswell left the meeting.

4035 Inwood Farm – Pre application Consultation

This matter had been referred to the Parish Council by the Planning Committee held on 12 December 2011. Mr Lydon Brett (agent for F G Jeans Ltd) addressed the meeting and explained the background to the proposals and answered questions from Cllrs. The Parish Council noted that the proposals were in line with the emerging Parish Plan and indicated that they supported the proposals as presented.

Cllr Caswell rejoined the meeting.

4036 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 December 2011 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4037 Committee Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the following Committee meetings (copies of which is appended to these minutes) were **noted**:

- (i) Planning Committee, 12 December 2011 (draft)
- (ii) Finance & Audit Committee, 9 January 2012 (draft)

4038 Budget and Precept 2012-2013

The Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee introduced the Budget and Precept for 2012-2013 recommended by the Committee (*Minute FA-0124, 9 January 2012*). He thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their work in preparing the figures and reported that, despite the substantial amounts spent on the Clock Tower, overall expenditure for the current year was projected to be within the original budget. The proposed budget for the next year would allow the Parish Council to look to protect services felt valuable to the village. The proposed precept was effectively a zero increase in the Parish Council element of the Council Tax.

The budget of Total Net Expenditure for the year 2012 – 2013 of £49,050 was **agreed**. The Parish Council precept for 2012-2013 of £47,850 was **agreed**.

4039 Local Government Pension Scheme

The Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee reported that the Committee recommended (*Minute FA-0123, 9 January 2012*) that the Parish Council make provision for the post of Clerk to be covered by the Local Government Pension Scheme. Financial provision for this was included in the 2012-2013 budget.

It was **agreed** that Nether Stowey Parish Council becomes a Scheduled Body under Regulation 4(3) of the Local Government Pensions Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008.

4040 Hinkley Point C

The Clerk reported on the public meeting held on 11 January 2012 and comments made by parishioners in response to the December 2011 Parish Newsletter. The issues raised were; concerns about traffic generation in Stogursey Lane and through the village from Crowcombe via Mill Lane and from Taunton via South Lane; the lack of a northern Bridgwater By Pass; negative impact on tourism; pedestrian safety on the A39. These were all issues previously identified by the Parish Council in its responses to the pre-application consultations by EDF. It was agreed that the written representations to the IPC should include these points and that the Parish Council wished to reserve the ability to give evidence at the hearings held by the IPC.

4041 Proposed War Memorial

The Chairman of **CANS** reported that the proposed War Memorial on the Cross had been considered by the CANS meeting held on 13 January 2012 which had considered the results of the public consultation carried out via the December Parish Newsletter. It was noted that the preferred design was option C and that the option 2 inscription had received the most support. However, in view of the number of qualifying comments the Project Group would obtain an artist's impression showing the memorial and inscription before a final decision was made on the wording. The exact location of the memorial was discussed and it was agreed that this would be determined at a site meeting to be held on 18 January at 10.30am. It was noted that the project would be funded by public donations and not be a charge on the Parish Precept.

It was **agreed**:

- (i) that in response to the request from **CANS**, and in light of the results of the public consultation the Parish Council would make a planning application for a War Memorial on The Cross in accordance with the recommendations of the CANS meeting held on 13 January 2012
- (ii) that the Parish Council will accept ownership of the War Memorial, when commissioned and installed, provided that
 - (a) all costs associated with the commissioning and installation of the Memorial are funded by donations
 - (b) that a capital endowment of not less than £2000, similarly funded by donations, is paid to the Parish Council, before the installation of the Memorial, to cover future revenue expenditure on the Memorial

4042 Consultation Documents

Somerset County Council Parking Strategy

Cllr Booth presented a report on the above consultation document and explained the recommendations.

Following discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council broadly welcomes the draft Parking Strategy, subject to the following points.

- (i) The Parish Council agrees that using parking management to influence transport mode choices is a blunt tool at best, and unpredictable in its consequences, particularly in a rural county such as Somerset. There is a high risk that people in rural communities will be disproportionately disadvantaged. The Parish Council urges the County Council to focus the Parking Strategy more precisely on addressing parking, rather than addressing congestion.
- (ii) The Parish Council urges the County Council to consider the Parking Strategy in context of Somerset County Council's reductions to public transport provision. Commuters, shoppers and visitors from rural communities have less choice than at any time in decades about the transport modes they can use. For example, the situation is now so restricted that a worker from Nether Stowey has no public transport option which allows them to work a standard 37 hr week in Taunton.
- (iii) The Parish Council opposes any interference in the ability of local communities to set their own parking charges, and opposes the interference in the parking charges markets proposed in the draft strategy.
- (iv) That the Parish Council opposes any interference in retail parking on the edges of Bridgwater town centre, as there are no parking problems in these areas.

4043 District Council Liaison

Cllr Edney reported that the County Council would be considering its budget on 16 February and that the intention was to keep the Council Tax at the same level. Further cuts were inevitable due to reduced government grants. He answered questions about the proposed sale of land on the Quantocks and stressed that the majority of the land was already subject of a 999 year lease to the Forestry Commission and stated that notwithstanding comments made elsewhere not everything owned by the County Council was up for sale..

Cllr Caswell reported that the Port of Bristol scheme had now been submitted to West Somerset Council. Sedgemoor DC was also looking at zero Council Tax increase but this may only be achieved by the use of reserves. He understood that there would be a special meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee on 27 February to consider the results of the study into a Bridgwater By Pass.

4044 Highways

There were no items to report.

4045 Reports

(i) EDF Forum

Cllr Malcolm Hogg reported on the latest meeting when comments were made about the DCO application. The forum had been informed that minor changes to the detail of the application could be made during the process, e.g. traffic calming in Cannington but no further details of highway junction improvements etc were given.

(ii) CANS

The Chairman of CANS presented a report on the matters discussed at the meeting on 13 January 2012, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

(iii) Coleridge Cottage

Cllr Greig reported that the National Trust wished to involve the village in the property and to this end were proposing extending a privilege pass for local residents the details of which were

being considered at present. It was hoped that this would be in place for the opening of the Cottage in March. It was **agreed** that the current planning application to reinstate the original gateway to the building was supported by the Parish Council.

4046 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- SALC Notification of changes to Code of Conduct, abolition of Standards for England. *It was noted that later in 2012 there will be a need to change the Parish Council's Standing Orders*
- The Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision 70 Castle Hill – appeal dismissed
- Sedgemoor DC News release about administration considerations re Diamond Jubilee celebrations
- Somerset CC Invitation to Local Choice Events 7 Feb Bridgwater Rugby Club (*Cllrs Booth and Roberts to attend*).
The Clerk reported that an email had also been received requesting a meeting to review the Parish Council's capacity to take on additional services to the community.

4047 Forthcoming Meetings & Events

Saturday 21 Jan	Public Launch of Friends of Nether Stowey Library	Nether Stowey Library	11am	
Monday 23 Jan	deadline for registration with IPC			
Wednesday 1 Feb	SDC Seminar re Localism Planning	Bridgwater House	6.00pm	Cllr Greig to attend
Friday 3 Feb	Appointment Working Party	Parish Office	10.00am	
Monday 6 Feb	Finance & Audit Committee	Parish Office	7.00pm	
Tuesday 7 Feb	Somerset County Council - Local Choice	Bridgwater Rugby Club	7.00pm	Cllr Booth & Cllr Roberts to attend
Thursday 9 Feb	Appointment Working Party	Parish Office	All Day	
Friday 10 Feb	Special Parish Council Meeting	Parish Office	7.00pm	

4048 Date of Next Meeting

- Monday 13 February 2012 Village Hall 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2011 AT 6.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance:

Parish Council Clerk Ainslie Ensor
Chairman of CANS Mary Roberts
Lyndon Brett (for minute P-0055)
Robert Snook
4 Parishioners

P-0051 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Corbett.

P-0052 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Greig declared a personal interest in planning application 36/11/00024 in that the owner of the property is his neighbour.

P-0053 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 3 October 2011 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

P-0054 Planning Applications

The Chairman invited 2 parishioners objecting to the application and the applicants to address the committee.

The following response was **agreed**

Application Ref:	36/11/00024
Address:	14 Channel Close
Proposal:	Erection of two storey side extension partly on site of existing garage (to be demolished)
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Flay
Response:	No objections

If the application is approved the applicants are requested to consider their neighbours during construction.

P-0055 Pre Application Consultation

Mr Lydon Brett, agent for FG Jeanes Ltd outlined proposals for development at Inwood Farm and answered questions thereon. Mr Brett explained that his clients wished to hear any comments by the Parish Council before they submitted the application. The Clerk reported that Mr Brett had supplied a CD with details of the application but that this had not been received in time to distribute it to councillors.

It was agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda of the Parish Council meeting to be held on 16 January 2012 by which time councillors would have had the opportunity to consider the information supplied. Mr Brett would attend to answer any questions raised.

P-0056 Planning Applications E-Consultation by Sedgemoor District Council

The Clerk reported that Sedgemoor had invited parishes to participate in electronic consultation for planning applications and that Nether Stowey had been selected as one of 6 parishes for a trial. This will involve all planning application information being supplied to the Parish Council via e-mail. The Clerk would be attending a meeting with SDC early in the New Year to discuss issues raised by the trial.

The report was **noted**.

P-0057 Date and Times of Next Meeting

To be arranged.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2012 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance:
 Parish Councillor Margaret Hogg
 Parish Councillor Teresa Youe
 Parish Clerk Ainslie Ensor

FA-0118 Apologies

There were no apologies.

FA-0119 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FA-0120 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2011 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

FA-0121 Income and Expenditure Report

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

FA-0122 Expenditure

Expenditure incurred since the Committee meeting of 5 December 2011

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	Details
102959	St Mary's PCC	12.00	Hire of lounge for library steering c'ttee
102960	Nether Stowey Village Hall	57.00	7 Nov F&A, 10 Nov CANS, 14 Nov PC
102961	Web Scaffolding	1,752.00	Access to clock tower
102962	Mike Henry	7.50	Keys for Old Gaol
102963	West Somerset Free Press	268.80	Recruitment Advert
102964	Newsquest	1,005.84	Recruitment Advert
102965	Wibble Farm Nurseries	51.00	Christmas Tree
102966	Clarity Copiers (Western) Ltd	117.31	Printer Supplies
102967	A Ensor	57.85	Parking £1.20 Stationery £9.46 Postage £47.19
102968	I McDonald	27.60	Stationery Re War Memorial Project

102969	Payroll Expnses	1,491.28	Salaries January PAYE/NI
102970			
102971			
Total		£4,848.18	

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

FA-0123 Local Government Pension Scheme

The Clerk reported that at its meeting on 12 December 2011 the Parish Council established an Appointment Working Party, comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and the Chairmen of the Finance & Audit, Personnel and Planning Committees to deal with all matters up to the appointment of a new Clerk to the Parish Council. The Appointment Working Party met on 29 December 2011 when it considered the terms and conditions of employment to be offered to the new Clerk. Having considered a report from the Clerk, and bearing in mind that the discretionary power for a Parish Council to pay a Gratuity in lieu of Pension to an employee will be repealed from 16th January 2012, the Working Party agreed that the Clerk's post should be offered with the benefit of membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. In order to implement this decision the Council needs to pass a resolution to become a Scheduled Body under Regulation 4(3) of the Local Government Pensions Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008.

Recommendation to the Parish Council:

That the Parish Council becomes a Scheduled Body under Regulation 4(3) of the Local Government Pensions Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008.

FA-0124 Budget and Precept 2012-2013

The Chairman introduced and recommended to the Committee the draft budget for 2012-13. The Clerk explained that, although the proposed budget and precept showed a small rise over the current year, because of an increase in the tax base for the parish the Council Tax associated with the Parish Council precept would rise by 2pence per annum, so it was in effect a standstill budget.

It was **agreed** that the Committee should develop a medium term financial plan which should include working towards accruing a general reserve in the order of the annual precept.

Recommendation to the Parish Council:

That the Parish Council approve the draft budget for the year 2012 – 2013 with total net expenditure of £49,050 and a precept of £47,850.

FA-0125 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 6 February 2012 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Financial Report for December 2011

Account Code	Account	Balance at 31.03.2011	Budget 2011/2012	Total 2011/2012	Expenditure April to Sept	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Total to 31 Dec 2011	Balance
Parish Office													
10001	Office Equipment	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00		4.81					4.81	495.19
10002	Parish Council Office Rent	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	520.00	667.16	166.67	168.45				1,522.28	1,227.72
10003	Postage	0.00	150.00	150.00	74.57	-37.84	28.32					65.05	84.95
10004	Stationery, printing	0.00	950.00	950.00	973.62	-37.41	45.70	-24.07				957.84	-7.84
90012	Printing & Copying	0.00	-100.00	-100.00	-109.74	-9.68	-24.02	-51.56				-195.00	95.00
10005	Telephone & Internet	0.00	550.00	550.00	209.05	27.03	28.04	28.10				292.22	257.78
Staff Costs													
20001	Payroll Reserve	2,833.81	400.00	3,233.81	0.00							0.00	3,233.81
20002	Recruitment	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00							0.00	250.00
20003	Salaries	0.00	20,400.00	20,400.00	8,947.68	1,491.28	1,491.28	1,491.28				13,421.52	6,978.48
20004	Staff travel and subsistence costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.30	1.20		1.20				33.70	-33.70
20005	Staff Training	0.00	250.00	250.00	75.00							75.00	175.00
Administration & Finance													
30001	Audit Fees	0.00	550.00	550.00	535.00							535.00	15.00
30003	Chairman's Honorarium	0.00	175.00	175.00	175.00							175.00	0.00
30005	Councillors' Training	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00							0.00	150.00
30006	Elections	750.00	250.00	1,000.00	105.00							105.00	895.00
30007	Insurance	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,256.27							1,256.27	-56.27
30008	Statutory Fees	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00	35.00						35.00	0.00
30009	Subscriptions	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00			140.00				140.00	360.00
30010	Venue Hire	0.00	25.00	25.00	152.00	38.00	38.00	38.00				266.00	-241.00
90011	Precept	0.00	-47,000.00	-47,000.00	-47,000.00							-47,000.00	0.00
90009	Miscellaneous Grants	3,700.00	0.00	3,700.00	0.00							0.00	3,700.00
Cemetery													
40002	Cemetery Rates	0.00	170.00	170.00	125.57							125.57	44.43
40003	Maintenance	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,255.50	486.00	243.00					1,984.50	415.50

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4004	Pest Control	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00							0.00	50.00
9006	Cemetery Income	0.00	-2,100.00	-2,100.00	-1,545.00		-145.00	-25.00				-1,715.00	-385.00
Community Services													
5001	Active Living	922.55	100.00	1,022.55	1,022.55							1,022.55	0.00
5002	Allotment	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00							0.00	100.00
9002	Allotment Rental	0.00	-100.00	-100.00	0.00							0.00	-100.00
5003	CANS	2,007.40	0.00	2,007.40	63.31	1.67	12.29	45.07				122.34	1,885.06
5004	Christmas Tree & Lights	224.79	0.00	224.79	0.00		362.20					362.20	-137.41
5005	May Fair 2011/12	1,636.09	0.00	1,636.09	851.54	95.93		0.90				948.37	687.72
9008	May Fair 2011/12 Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	-623.80	-30.00	-270.00	-254.00				-1,177.80	1,177.80
5006	Oral History	349.11	0.00	349.11	0.00							0.00	349.11
5007	Parish Council Newsletter	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00							0.00	600.00
5008	Parish Plan	771.19	0.00	771.19	0.00							0.00	771.19
5009	Youth Services	226.66	100.00	326.66	0.00							0.00	326.66
5010	Nether Stowey Village Trail Booklet	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.83	13.65						20.48	-20.48
9016	Village Trail Booklet Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	-25.00	-20.00						-45.00	45.00
Nether Stowey Library													
	Staff Costs	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00							0.00	2,200.00
	Rates	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00							0.00	1,000.00
	Heat & Light	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00							0.00	600.00
	Water	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00							0.00	50.00
	Cleaning & Refuse	0.00	700.00	700.00	0.00							0.00	700.00
51001	Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00			24.00				24.00	226.00
51000	Establishment of Community Organisation	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00		1,000.00					1,000.00	500.00
Village Maintenance													
60001	A39 Verge	0.00	150.00	150.00	53.25	13.50	13.50					80.25	69.75
60002	CCTV	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00							0.00	100.00
60003	Clock Tower Maintenance & Electricity	0.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,280.69		649.42	4,236.41				6,166.52	-4,516.52

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60004	General Maintenance	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00							0.00	400.00
60005	Old Gaol	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00			7.50				7.50	42.50
60006	Palmers Path	0.00	300.00	300.00	40.50	121.50	27.00					189.00	111.00
60007	Public Seating	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00							0.00	250.00
60008	South Lane Footpath	0.00	100.00	100.00	40.00	40.00						80.00	20.00
60009	Dog Bins	0.00	150.00	150.00	139.18							139.18	10.82
	A39 Wood	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00							0.00	750.00
	Millennium Wood	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00							0.00	300.00
Castle Street Toilets													
70001	Castle Street Toilets Cleaning	0.00	2250.00	2250.00	691.00	350.00	350.00					1,391.00	859.00
70002	Castle Street Toilets Power	0.00	600.00	600.00	186.95	162.29						349.24	250.76
70003	Castle Street Toilets Rates	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00							0.00	450.00
70004	Castle Street Toilets Repairs & Mtce	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00		27.00					27.00	223.00
70005	Castle Street Toilets Sewerage	0.00	275.00	275.00	48.99		109.69					158.68	116.32
70006	Castle Street Toilets Water	0.00	250.00	250.00	40.69		114.92					155.61	94.39
Grants													
80001	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00			100.00				100.00	100.00
80003	Playing Field	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00		1,500.00					1,500.00	0.00
80004	Transport	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00							0.00	250.00
80005	Village Hall	0.00	900.00	900.00	0.00							0.00	900.00
	General Reserve	9,635.15	0.00	9,635.15	0.00							0.00	9,635.15
Total Net Expenditure For Year		23,056.75	730.00	23,786.75	-30,402.50	3,409.28	5,772.82	5,926.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	-15,294.12	39,080.87
90013	VAT Paid	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	637.20	13.53	350.83	852.90				1,854.46	-754.46
Total Expenditure for Year		23,056.75	1,830.00	24,886.75	-29,765.30	3,422.81	6,123.65	6,779.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	-13,439.66	38,326.41
	Current Account	22,062.74			-29,765.30	3,422.81	6,123.65	6,779.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,502.40	
	Deposit Account	994.01										994.01	
	Total	23,056.75			-29,765.30	3,422.81	6,123.65	6,779.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,496.41	

DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2012- 2013

Account Code	Account	Projected Outturn 2011-2012	Balance at 31.03.2012	Proposed Budget 2012-2013	Notes	Total Available 2012 - 2013
Parish Office						
10001	Office Equipment	4.81	0.00	500.00	provision for moving parish office to library building	500.00
10002	Parish Council Office (Rent & Supplies)	2,022.28	0.00	3,000.00	assumes increase in office rent	3,000.00
10003	Postage	150.05	0.00	175.00	based on current year	175.00
10004	Stationery, printing	1,232.84	0.00	1,250.00	based on current year	1,250.00
90012	Printing & Copying	-505.00	0.00	-800.00	chgs for external copying & printing and internal transfers	-800.00
10005	Telephone & Internet	377.22	0.00	550.00	provision for moving parish office to library building	550.00
Staff Costs						
20001	Payroll Reserve	0.00	3,233.81	25.00	existing Clerk's retirement gratuity	3,258.81
20002	Recruitment	1,200.00	0.00	250.00	allows for local recruitment of Asst Clerk	250.00
20003	Salaries	18,796.52	0.00	20,850.00	includes pension provision for new Clerk and 1 month hand over period	20,850.00
20004	Staff Expenses	33.70	0.00	100.00	travel etc	100.00
20005	Staff Training	250.00	0.00	500.00	allows for training costs for new clerk	500.00
Administration & Finance						
30001	Audit Fees	535.00	0.00	600.00		600.00
30002	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
30003	Chairman's Honorarium	175.00	0.00	175.00	based on current year	175.00
30004	Councillors' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
30005	Councillors' Training	0.00	0.00	150.00	provision for Cllr training for power of general wellbeing	150.00
30006	Elections	105.00	895.00	250.00	reserve for future elections	1,145.00
30007	Insurance	1,256.27	0.00	1,400.00	allows for market increase in premiums	1,400.00
30008	Statutory Fees	35.00	0.00	35.00	data protection act	35.00
30009	Subscriptions	500.00	0.00	500.00	SALC/SLCC/SPFA	500.00
30010	Venue Hire	380.00	0.00	250.00	hire of rooms for meetings	250.00

Nether Stowey Parish Council

Account Code	Account	Projected Outturn 2011-2012	Balance at 31.03.2012	Proposed Budget 2012-2013	Notes	Total Available 2012 - 2013
30011	Wayleaves	0.00	0.00	0.00	only paid every 5 years	0.00
90009	Miscellaneous Grants Received	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	donations used in 11/12 to fund works to Clock Tower	0.00
Cemetery						
40001	Cemetery Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
40002	Cemetery Rates	125.57	0.00	170.00		170.00
40003	Maintenance	2,399.50	0.00	2,500.00	contractors fees	2,500.00
40004	Pest Control	0.00	0.00	50.00		50.00
90006	Cemetery Income	-1,965.00	0.00	-2,100.00	allows for increase in fees and chgs	-2,100.00
Community Services						
50001	Active Living	1,022.55	0.00	100.00	grant	100.00
50002	Allotment Expenditure	100.00	0.00	100.00	account balances to zero	100.00
90002	Allotment Income	-100.00	0.00	-100.00		-100.00
50003	CANS	182.34	1,825.06	0.00	non precept funds	1,825.06
50004	Christmas Tree & Lights	362.20	0.00	150.00	assumes any expenditure funded by donations	150.00
90007	Christmas Tree & Lights	0.00	0.00	-150.00		-150.00
50005	May Fair	948.37	687.72	0.00	non precept funds	687.72
90008	May Fair Income	-1,177.80	1,177.80	0.00	non precept funds	1,177.80
50006	Oral History	0.00	349.11	0.00	non precept funds	349.11
50007	Parish Council Newsletter	135.00	0.00	600.00	printing and distribution of parish newsletters	600.00
50008	Parish Plan	250.00	521.19	250.00	balance held non precept funds	771.19
50009	Youth Services	0.00	326.66	0.00	partly non precept funds	326.66
50010	Nether Stowey Village Trail Booklet	20.48	0.00	0.00		0.00
90016	Village Trail Booklet Income	-45.00	0.00	0.00	self financing	0.00
Nether Stowey Library						
51000	Establishment of Community Org	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	Project did not proceed due to High Court Ruling	0.00
51001	Miscellaneous	24.00	0.00	0.00		0.00

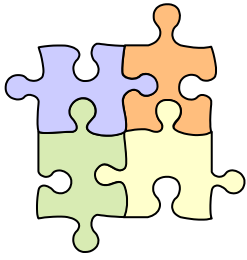
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Village Maintenance						
60001	A39 Verge	150.25	0.00	150.00	<i>based on current year</i>	150.00
60002	CCTV	0.00	0.00	100.00	<i>contingency</i>	100.00
60003	Clock Tower Mtce / Electricity	2,566.52	0.00	550.00	<i>routine expenditure only in 12/13</i>	550.00
60004	General Maintenance	100.00	0.00	400.00	<i>contingency</i>	400.00
60005	Old Gaol	57.50	0.00	100.00	<i>based on current year</i>	100.00
60006	Palmers Path	274.00	0.00	300.00	<i>based on current year</i>	300.00
60007	Public Seating	250.00	0.00	250.00	<i>based on current year</i>	250.00
60008	South Lane Footpath	100.00	0.00	100.00	<i>based on current year</i>	100.00
60009	Dog Bins	139.18	0.00	150.00	<i>based on current year - paid to SDC</i>	150.00
	A39 Wood	0.00	750.00	0.00	<i>Provision for agreed take over of wood from SCC</i>	750.00
	Millennium Wood	150.00	0.00	150.00	<i>based on current year</i>	150.00
Castle Street Toilets						
70001	Castle Street Toilets Cleaning	2,091.00	0.00	2,250.00	<i>based on current year</i>	2,250.00
70002	Castle Street Toilets Power	599.24	0.00	700.00	<i>based on current year</i>	700.00
70003	Castle Street Toilets Rates	0.00	0.00	930.00	<i>assumes current relief expires Sept 2012</i>	930.00
70004	Castle Street Toilets Repairs & Mtce	127.00	0.00	250.00	<i>contingency</i>	250.00
70005	Castle Street Toilets Sewerage	283.68	0.00	300.00	<i>based on current year</i>	300.00
70006	Castle Street Toilets Water	275.61	0.00	300.00	<i>based on current year</i>	300.00
Grants						
80001	Miscellaneous Grants	200.00	0.00	500.00	<i>allows for start up grant to FONSL</i>	500.00
80003	Playing Field	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	<i>based on current year</i>	1,500.00
80004	Transport	0.00	0.00	500.00	<i>provision for transport grant for elderly infirm</i>	500.00
80005	Village Hall	0.00	900.00	900.00	<i>2011/12 grant ring fenced as per decision of F&A Committee</i>	1,800.00
	Diamond Jubilee	0.00	0.00	600.00	<i>grant as per PC decision</i>	600.00
	Service Devolution Reserve	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	<i>contingency for future transfer of services from SDC/SCC & provision of digital mapping</i>	5,000.00
	General Reserve	0.00	14,841.06	1,740.00	<i>general reserve</i>	16,581.06

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Total Net Expenditure For Year		42,394.88	25,507.41	49,050.00		74,557.41
90011	Precept	-47,000.00		-47,850.00	Proposed precept	
90013	VAT Paid	2,154.46		-1,200.00	VAT paid less repayment of prev year	
Total Expenditure for Year		-2,450.66		0.00		
Reserves						
	Santander Current Account	24,513.40				
	Santander Deposit Account	994.01				
	Total	25,507.41		29,263.60	projected balances at 31.03.2013	

Analysis of Precept

	2011-2012	2012-2013	
Tax Base	569.86	580.02	1.78% increase in tax base
Precept	47,000.00	47,850.00	proposed precept
Cost per Band D property	82.48	82.50	cost per band D increase 2p per annum (0.025%)



C.A.N.S

Community Action for Nether Stowey

Meeting of CANS 13th January 2012
Nether Stowey Village Hall, Billiard room 7pm

Present:

Mary Roberts (Chairman)
Peter Greig
John Roberts
Margaret Hogg
Mike Henry
Ian & Ann McDonald.

Apologies were accepted from Martin Carpenter and Kevin Ferriday.

Millennium Wood.

CANS had been approached by Kevin Ferriday who wished to become involved but is not one to attend endless meetings. It was suggested that given his interests in nature and the outdoor environment that the Millennium Wood would be a good project for him to take on.

We discussed the history of the wood and what was probably required at this stage given the lack of maintenance and it was arranged that he would visit and report back to CANS.

Following his visit and inspection of the wood Kevin has recommended the following

- Removal of the "protection" from those trees which still have them. In a large number of instances the trees have outgrown the protection causing them to split.
- Cutting of grass in nearly all the wood. The grass is long and would benefit from being shortened as well as making the wood look "tidier"
- Reduction in size of a number of bramble bushes, which if left alone will soon become immense. He would only reduce (as opposed to remove) so they will remain to provide food / fruit for wildlife.
- Move the unused tree protectors to another location in the wood (out of sight) until we can arrange their removal, they are unsightly.
- He would like to install a number of bird and bat boxes as well as "insect hotels" to encourage wildlife into the wood land. These would be installed on the larger trees.
- The picnic table/bench would appear to be OK at present. It might require repainting but not before the late spring / summer (rain as much as anything)
- There are a number of questions and issues that Kevin would appreciate some advice, guidance and help with; these will be discussed shortly.

Kevin's recommendations have been forwarded to the Parish Clerk for his information and any input he may have regarding what and what cannot be done within the wood. I am led to understand that there is a small budget with regards to the wood and this can be used for materials etc.

Peter Greig has suggested that the ANOB should be contacted with regard to advice on the nesting boxes etc. He will be supplying a contact name for this purpose.

People should be aware that Kevin will be working within the wood on behalf of CANS and with the approval of the Parish Council.

May Fair 2012

At the present time good progress is being made towards the 2012 May Fair with around 40 confirmed stalls to date. Over the next two weeks telephone contact will be made with those who expressed an interest but have not yet confirmed.

A funding of £500.00 has been received from EDF which will be used to sponsor the greater part of the entertainment for the day.

It is proposed to hold a raffle on the day with the purpose of raising money for CANS to support future projects.

It is hoped that the old school which is now the library will be an integral part of any display on the day and to this purpose we have to make contact with the library organisation, Karen Bissex and Tom Mayberry

Coleridge Cottage will be open on the day and hope to participate in any display that may be held in the old school.

Martin Carpenter is with the assistance of Ainslie organising the road closures for the event as in previous years.

War Memorial Project

The Memorial Project Group have to date received from CANS funds of some £303.51 this being to pay for photocopying and printing, printing of 1050 consultation newsletters, stationery (for the proposed planning application), prizes (£30) for the school design competition

This has been entirely funded by non precept CANS funds.

- It was emphasised that from the outset through to completion the project would be funded by public donations and not in any way be a charge on the Parish Precept.
- That the Parish Council will only accept ownership of the War Memorial, when commissioned and installed providing all costs associated with the commissioning and installation of the Memorial are funded by donations.
- The project group were made fully aware that a sum of not less than £2000.00 would be required for a capital endowment to be paid to the Parish Council, before the installation of the Memorial, to cover future revenue expenditure on the Memorial

It was discussed and agreed that the project group would undertake to raise and return to CANS at least 50% of any amount provided by CANS in addition to the direct costs of the memorial. This is in line with how all other project groups operate within the auspices of CANS.

At the present time the group have twelve verbal guarantors for the sum of £6,000.00 and an anonymous donation of £1,000.00, plus a donation of £50.00.

The group intends to approach businesses and other organisations outside the village in the first instance with a view to gaining financial support and latterly will approach the village with similar intentions.

It was agreed that any letters, flyers or correspondence being sent out must be approved by CANS and the Parish Office before they are dispatched or printed.

Memorial location; There have been a number of onsite discussions with planners and conservation officers concerning the position of any proposed memorial.

Ian McDonald has been advised that they would prefer to see a distance of at least 1.2 metres between the existing wall and the memorial and provided drawings indicating the proposed location taking into account this request.

Although this was agreed in principle by the CANS meeting, both councillor Greig and councillor Roberts said as the Parish Council will be asked to be the applicant for the planning permission, they would prefer to have a site visit before committing themselves to any decision and this was agreed.

The Memorial design; It was agreed that the design known as Option "C" has the majority of support as indicated by the public consultation carried out via the December Parish Newsletter and this will be the design that goes forward.

The inscription; although it appears that that option 2 has received the majority of support it was also noted from verbal comments and the written comments via the public consultation in the December Parish Newsletter, that a number of people preferred a shorter version or a version that did not contain the phrase "In Honour Of Those Who Serve Today".

As the actual inscription does not form part of the planning application it was decided to defer this decision until a further artist's impression is provided showing the design and the inscription. It is entirely possible that the proposed inscription is too long for the memorial.

Mary Roberts
Chairman