

MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 2012 AT 7.00pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:	Parish Councillors	Peter Greig (Chairman) Robert Booth Malcolm Hogg Margaret Hogg John Roberts Teresa Youé
In Attendance:	County Councillor District Councillor PCSO Parish Clerk Assistant Clerk CANS 43 Members of the Public	John Edney Mike Caswell (<i>joined after the Public Session</i>) Georgina Long Caro Slaymaker Jean Falla Mary Roberts (Chair)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that item 6 (County and District Council Liaison) would follow item 3 to enable Cllr Edney and Caswell to leave for other meetings.

Public Session

Ron Hancock, representing the Stogursey Lane Protection Group, spoke for 20 minutes to express the Group's concerns regarding the potential affordable housing development at Stogursey Lane. These centred on:

- a) the undesirability of using a green-field site;
- b) road safety concerns on the A39/Stogursey Lane junction and the Mill Lane route to school;
- c) potential parking on Stogursey Lane;
- d) additional noise and light pollution;
- e) burden on local services and infrastructure;
- f) poor community consultation

A member of the public asked about the status of the County Council-owned Stowey Farm being reserved for affordable housing. Cllr Edney said that this was not the case but he would clarify the point and report back to the Parish Council.

The Public Session ended at 7.30pm. 37 members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Caswell joined the meeting.

4113 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Corbett (family commitment) and Cllr Pardoe (work commitment). Apologies were also received from District Cllr Pay.

4114 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

4115 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 April were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4116 County and District Council Liaison

Cllr Edney stated that he and the District Councillors were conscious that their attendance at Parish meetings was erratic because they were so thinly spread and meetings: they had agreed that wherever possible one Councillor would attend.

Cllr John Osman had been elected Leader of Somerset County Council in succession to Cllr Ken Maddock until the next County Council election in May 2013.

Cllr Edney said that he was much impressed by the Local Impact Report submitted to the Planning Inspectorate considering the Hinkley Point C application. He said that the terrible accident on the A39 on 5 June and its consequent effect on the local traffic had been noted. He was pleased that the Planning Inspectorate showed concern for the traffic situation and for the bypass.

There was a short discussion on the police's handling of the accident on 5 June. PCSO Long reported that the A39 had been closed and traffic diverted for 6 hours. Because of the Public Holiday the police had been reinforced by colleagues from other areas who did not know the area well resulting in gridlock in much of the area. At the Chairman's request, Cllr Edney undertook to follow up on an accident diversion scheme. The Cluster had had a number of meetings, chaired by Mr O'Dowd-Jones but nothing had ever come of them.

Cllr Edney left the meeting.

Cllr Caswell reported that Sedgemoor District Council also commended the LIR. He reported that he had recently been to Switzerland to see how the Swiss handled applications for nuclear waste disposal sites in the mountains. There were no suitable sites in the area.

4117 Income and Expenditure Report

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure report for May 2012, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

4118 Expenditure

Expenditure incurred since the Finance & Audit Committee meeting of 8 May 2012

Payee	Amount	Details
Wessex Water	£ 235.88	Castle St toilets – water/sewerage
34sp.com	£ 47.40	Hosting renewal
G Bickers	£ 497.00	Cemetery, Palmers Path, A39 verge and South Lane footpath maint, toilet cleaning
Office Depot	£ 5.64	Hole punch
Chanin and Thomas	£ 500.00	1 st quarter 2012/13 rent
Payroll expenses	£ 1,635.87	Salaries, tax, NI and pension fund
Community Council for Somerset	£ 35.00	Membership fee
War Memorial Fund (to G Wright)	£ 150.00	Grant for Jubilee Dance
NS Recreation Ground	£ 300.00	Grant for Party in the Park

Proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Malcolm Hogg. The above expenditure was **approved** and (any) two of the authorised signatories were **instructed** to sign the relevant cheques.

4119 Highways

There were no matters to report.

Reports**Quantock Hills JAC**

The Chairman reported on the most recent JAC meeting. Government cutbacks have reduced the AONB budget by 60%. It was now apparent that ultimately there will be no funding for the AONB from Government. The AONB would degenerate if there was no management: already there was damage from 4WD vehicles, which would get worse, and there was the risk of habitat and Sites of Special Scientific Interest would be damaged or destroyed. He would welcome any ideas or offers of any voluntary support.

SALC

The Clerk reported that she and the Chairman had attended a SALC meeting on 7 June to brief Chairmen and Clerks on the new Standards regime. The briefing was based on an as yet unpublished draft of the legislation, and the details were not yet final. Peter Lacey considered it likely that it would be passed very soon and be effective from 1 July. It was likely that Councils would have two months in which to adopt the new Code and revised Standing Orders. This will necessitate A Parish Council meeting on 14 August. In preparation the Clerk was circulating a copy of the briefing note and current Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

4121 Correspondence

Correspondence received included:

- Planning Inspectorate – notice of deadlines for comments on documents submitted to the panel
- Somerset County Council – notice that SCC had adopted civil parking enforcement powers from the police from 11 June 2012. PCSO Long explained what powers this covered, and what powers the police retained.

4122 Forthcoming meetings and events

Tues 12 June	Online demonstration of proposed accounts package	Parish Office	12 noon	Clerk, Asst Clerk
Wed 13 June	Meeting: Amanda Goddard, SDC	Parish Office	3.30 pm	Cllr Greig, Cllr Hogg, Clerk
Mon 18 June	Somerset Strategic Partnership meeting	Bridgwater House	2.30 pm	Cllr Greig, Clerk
Thurs 12 July	Affordable Housing Open Day	J24 Auction Centre	All day	

4123 Date of Next meeting

- Monday 9 July at 7pm at the Village Hall.

**Nether Stowey Parish Council
Financial Report for May 2012**

Account Code	Account	Balance at 31 Mar 12	Budget 2012/2013	Total 2012/2013	Apr 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Total to 31 May 2012	Balance
Parish Office												
10001	Office Equipment	0.00	500.00	500.00		60.00					60.00	440.00
10002	Parish Council Office Rent	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		531.24					531.24	2,468.76
10003	Postage	0.00	175.00	175.00	161.50						161.50	13.50
10004	Stationery, printing	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	12.91	161.27					174.18	1,075.82
90012	Printing & Copying	0.00	-800.00	-800.00	-5.20	-22.35					-27.55	-772.45
10005	Telephone & Internet	0.00	550.00	550.00	27.85	115.65					143.50	406.50
Staff Costs												
20001	Payroll Reserve	3,233.81	25.00	3,258.81	1,905.02						1,905.02	1,353.79
20002	Recruitment	0.00	250.00	250.00							0.00	250.00
20003	Salaries	0.00	20,850.00	20,850.00	2,360.82	1,783.35					4,144.17	16,705.83
20004	Staff travel and subsistence costs	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.85						93.85	6.15
20005	Staff Training	0.00	500.00	500.00							0.00	500.00
Administration & Finance												
30001	Audit Fees	0.00	600.00	600.00		250.00					250.00	350.00
30003	Chairman's Honorarium	0.00	175.00	175.00							0.00	175.00
30005	Councillors' Training	0.00	150.00	150.00							0.00	150.00
30006	Elections	895.00	250.00	1,145.00							0.00	1,145.00
30007	Insurance	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00							0.00	1,400.00
30008	Statutory Fees	0.00	35.00	35.00							0.00	35.00
30009	Subscriptions	0.00	500.00	500.00		35.00					35.00	465.00
30010	Venue Hire	0.00	250.00	250.00	20.00	80.00					100.00	150.00
30011	Wayleaves	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00	0.00
Cemetery												
40001	Cemetery Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00	0.00
40002	Cemetery Rates	0.00	170.00	170.00	65.50	65.00					130.50	39.50
40003	Maintenance	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		252.00					252.00	2,248.00

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40004	Pest Control	0.00	50.00	50.00			0.00	50.00
90006	Cemetery Income	0.00	-2,100.00	-2,100.00	-627.00		-627.00	-1,473.00
Community Services								
50001	Active Living	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		100.00	0.00
50002	Allotment	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		100.00	0.00
90002	Allotment Rental	0.00	-100.00	-100.00			0.00	-100.00
50003	CANS	1,825.06	0.00	1,825.06			0.00	1,825.06
50004	Christmas Tree & Lights	0.00	150.00	150.00			0.00	150.00
90007	Christmas tree and lights - donations for	0.00	-150.00	-150.00			0.00	-150.00
50005	May Fair 2012/13	1,177.80	0.00	1,177.80	754.47	446.59	1,201.06	-23.26
90008	May Fair 2012/13 Income	687.72	0.00	687.72	-406.00	-115.24	-521.24	1,208.96
50006	Oral History	349.11	0.00	349.11			0.00	349.11
50007	Parish Council Newsletter	0.00	600.00	600.00			0.00	600.00
50008	Parish Plan	521.19	250.00	771.19			0.00	771.19
50009	Youth Services	326.66	0.00	326.66			0.00	326.66
50010	Nether Stowey Village Trail Booklet	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.30		27.30	-27.30
90016	Village Trail Booklet Income	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
90017	War Memorial Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	-455.00	-1,253.00	-1,708.00	1,708.00
Nether Stowey Library								
	Staff Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
	Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
	Heat & Light	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
	Water	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
	Cleaning & Refuse	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
51001	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.31		0.31	-0.31
51000	Establishment of Community Organisation	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
Village Maintenance								
60001	A39 Verge	0.00	150.00	150.00		14.00	14.00	136.00
60002	CCTV	0.00	100.00	100.00			0.00	100.00

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60003	Clock Tower Maintenance & Electricity	0.00	550.00	550.00		50.58				50.58	499.42	
60004	General Maintenance	0.00	400.00	400.00						0.00	400.00	
60005	Old Gaol	0.00	100.00	100.00						0.00	100.00	
60006	Palmers Path	0.00	300.00	300.00		14.00				14.00	286.00	
60007	Public Seating	0.00	250.00	250.00		80.00				80.00	170.00	
60008	South Lane Footpath	0.00	100.00	100.00		35.00				35.00	65.00	
60009	Dog Bins	0.00	150.00	150.00	69.68					69.68	80.32	
	A39 Wood	750.00	0.00	750.00						0.00	750.00	
	Millennium Wood	0.00	150.00	150.00						0.00	150.00	
Castle Street Toilets												
70001	Castle Street Toilets Cleaning	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00		182.00				182.00	2,068.00	
70002	Castle Street Toilets Power	0.00	700.00	700.00	149.51					149.51	550.49	
70003	Castle Street Toilets Rates	0.00	930.00	930.00						0.00	930.00	
70004	Castle Street Toilets Repairs & Mtce	0.00	250.00	250.00						0.00	250.00	
70005	Castle Street Toilets Sewerage	0.00	300.00	300.00		115.11				115.11	184.89	
70006	Castle Street Toilets Water	0.00	300.00	300.00		120.77				120.77	179.23	
Grants												
80001	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	500.00	500.00	300.00	450.00				750.00	-250.00	
80003	Playing Field	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00						0.00	1,500.00	
80004	Transport	0.00	500.00	500.00						0.00	500.00	
80005	Village Hall	900.00	900.00	1,800.00	900.00					900.00	900.00	
80006	Diamond Jubilee	0.00	600.00	600.00						0.00	600.00	
90009	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00						0.00	0.00	
Reserves												
	Service Devolution Reserve	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00						0.00	5,000.00	
	General Reserve	14,841.06	1,740.00	16,581.06						0.00	16,581.06	
Total Net Expenditure For Year		25,507.41	49,050.00	74,557.41	5,555.52	3,450.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,006.49	65,550.92
90011	Precept	0.00	-47,850.00	-47,850.00	23,841.38	-				-23,841.38	-24,008.62	

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90013	VAT Paid	0.00	-1,200.00	-1,200.00	41.99	-4,394.18					-4,352.19	3,152.19
	Total Expenditure for Year	25,507.41	0.00	25,507.41	5,597.51	-943.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,654.30	20,853.11
	Current Account	29,357.56			5,597.51	-943.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,544.64	
	Deposit Account	995.00									995.00	
	Total	30,352.56			5,597.51	-943.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,698.26	