

**MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.00pm**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Parish Councillors Peter Greig (Chairman)  
Robert Booth  
Malcolm Hogg  
Margaret Hogg  
Shaun O'Byrne  
Pat Pardoe  
Barbara Rich  
John Roberts  
Teresa Youé

In Attendance: Caro Slaymaker (Parish Clerk)  
District Councillor Mike Caswell  
District Councillor Julie Pay  
Four members of the public

**Public Session**

A concern was raised about the overgrown vegetation at the bridge on Palmers Path. It was the responsibility of the school. The Assistant Clerk had contacted Somerset County Council during the school holiday, but the Clerk would contact the school as nothing had been done.

**4327 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**4328 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Margaret Hogg declared a personal interest in item 8 (Grants) as the Treasurer and a Co-ordinator of Active Living.

Cllr Pardoe declared a personal interest in item 8 (Grants) as a member of the Active Living Committee and as Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Rich declared a personal interest in item 8 (Grants) as Secretary to the Playing Field Committee.

There were no other declarations of interest.

**4329 District and County Council Liaison**

Cllr Caswell reported that Sedgemoor's big task at the moment was the planning for the Eastover Regeneration, which would be published in December. Sedgemoor is also working on the Meads Project. It is quiet as regards the Quantocks ward.

Cllr Pay had nothing to report.

The Chairman asked if there was any progress on Hinkley Point C. Cllr Caswell said there was nothing to report on that.

Cllr Hogg asked what was happening with the various road improvements that were planned in connection with Hinkley Point C. Some had been completed (eg the cameras, but others seem to have been abandoned.

Cllr Caswell confirmed that the plans had been put on hold until the Hinkley Point project was settled. He did not expect any further work would start until 2014.

**4330 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 September 2013 were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4331 Income and Expenditure Budget Report**

The Clerk presented the income and expenditure report to 11 October 2013, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The report was **accepted**.

**4332 Expenditure**

Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 9 September 2013

Date	Payee Name	Cheque	Amount	Transaction Details
10 Sept 2013	EDF Energy	DDR	9.00	EDF S/O Clock Tower metered Sept
10 Sept 2013	Sedgemoor DC	DDR	250.85	Dog Bins payment taken from Precept
19 Sept 2013	N A Haggett	103246	3,600.00	St Mary Street Culvert repairs (NB cheque received from householder)
24 Sept 2013	Staff Salaries	103247 – 103250	1772.34	September 2013 Salaries
25 Sept 2013	Community Council for Somerset	103251	35.00	Annual Membership
25 Sept 2013	Village Hall	103252	900.00	Maintenance Grant 2013-2014
01 Oct 2013	SLCC/SALC	103254	280.00	SALC Training & SLCC registration. Clerk: CiLCA
02 Oct 2013	Grant Thornton LLP	103255	390.00	External Audit 2013 Annual Return Fee
07 Oct 2013	NS Village Hall	103256	20.00	Hire of Club Room 9th September 2013
08 Oct 2013	TalkTalk	DDR	13.26	October 2013 Invoice
09 Oct 2013	EDF Energy	DDR	9.00	EDF S/O Clock Tower metered Oct
10 Oct 2013	SLCC	103258	99.20	Books for Parish Council
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£7,766.65</b>	

NB Cheque no 103253 re-issued as previous cheque (no 103245) damaged in post, returned and cancelled. Expenditure approved at September meeting

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

**4333 Conclusion of Audit**

The Clerk reported that the External Audit on the Annual Return for 2012/13 had now been completed and returned. There were no matters of concern, but two non-material comments relating to the Fixed Assets report, which the Clerk has noted. No further action is required. The Parish Council **noted** the satisfactory conclusion of the Audit and the non-material comments.

**4334 Road Safety Lime Street/Mill Lane**

A copy of the Road Safety Working Group's proposal is appended to these minutes. It was generally agreed that, although not ideal, it was clear that the more ambitious proposals considered were unlikely to be funded, and that, with the support of the users, this would make the situation

better. The proposal was **adopted** and would form the basis of a bid for Highways Small Improvements Grant. Cllr O'Byrne asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to his colleagues on the Working Group and to Cllr John Edney for their work.

#### **4335 Grants**

Village Hall: It was **agreed** to give a one-off grant of up to £300 be paid as a contribution to the stage curtains. Cllr Pardoe would confirm to the Clerk the final amount required up to a maximum of £300.

Playing Field: After consideration of the Playing Field Committee's financial report, it was **agreed**:

- i) to leave the Maintenance Grant at £1,500 for this year. The Grant could now be paid;
- ii) to take on the costs of the regular emptying of the dog bin and litter bin, to take effect from the beginning of the current financial year;

Active Living: it was **agreed** that the Grant could now be paid.

Cllr Roberts was concerned that there was a discrepancy between the Grants given to the Village Hall (£900) and Playing Field (£1,500). He considered that the Village Hall had more users. Cllr Youé said that originally the Playing Field had had extra because they had to pay rent for the Youth Club, but this was no longer an issue. There was a general discussion about the Parish Council's need to justify the use of public funds and their duty to ensure that funds were used for proper purposes but to enable the Playing Field and Village Hall to manage their own affairs.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would draft a Grants Policy in consultation with the Chairman and Cllrs Hogg and Roberts to clarify the criteria for awarding grants and to improve the way application for grants were made and considered.

#### **4336 Notice boards**

The Clock House wall was listed and it had now been established that Listed Building Consent was required to put notice boards there. Cllr Roberts considered The Cross was becoming rather cluttered, although the worst had recently been replaced, this situation could only be made worse if more notice boards were installed.

While working away he had looked at what other Parishes did and had researched the suppliers, obtained catalogues and provided photographs to illustrate his proposal. He proposed that CANS be asked to take on a project to look at the replacement of the current notice boards, in consultation with their owners, and consider funding a replacement if this was agreed.

It was **agreed** that CANS take on the project and report back to the Parish Council.

#### **4337 Lucy Hobbs Cemetery Trust**

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would investigate with Pardoes how they can liquidate the Trust's capital to pay the accrued legal costs and costs relating to the transfer of the Trust.

#### **4338 Service of Agenda by e-mail**

It was **agreed** that all summons and agendas would be sent by e-mail in future.

#### **4339 Committees**

Committee vacancies were filled as follows:

Finance & Audit: Cllrs Roberts and Cllr (Margaret) Hogg

Personnel: Cllr Roberts

Personnel Appeals: Cllr Rich

Cemetery: Cllr Roberts

The Clerk will circulate a revised chart in due course.

#### **4340 Highways**

Village Hall sign: it was **agreed** that the Clerk would discuss with Mr Penny whether a sign could be put on the Post Office wall.

A39 road sign: it was **agreed** that this was a matter for Holford Parish Council, West Somerset District Council and the appropriate Area Highway office. Any sign put within the Parish would be too far away to be useful.

St Mary Street railings: it was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to the Area Highways Office, to express again the Parish Council's safety concerns and to make it clear that Highways would be liable in the event of an accident.

#### **4341 Reports**

Stear Peninsula: Cllr Roberts reported that work on the Steart Peninsular Project to create a wetland habitat and flood defences was now almost complete. Some final work would be done in late summer 2014 to allow the banks to stabilise. The project was carried out by the Environment Agency in conjunction with the Wetlands & Wildlife Trust (who will continue to manage it). He said that project had been well planned and well managed and they had excellent relations with the local community.

Emergency Plan: Cllr Roberts reported that the Nether Stowey part of the plan was now in place.

Hinkley Point: Review of Intermediate Level Waste storage: there is a proposal under consideration for Hinkley Point to store 140 tons (only) of Fuel Element Debris from the Oldbury station from 2020. There is currently planning permission to store Hinkley Point's ILW only, so the new proposal would require further planning permission. The Site Stake-holders' Group has recommended against this option in the consultation – a final decision will be taken later in the year.

Village Hall: Cllr Pardoe reported that the Village Hall had lots of bookings coming in. They are working on a Hallowe'en event and the Christmas Market. The Rivertones evening had been a great success.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Licencing and General Purpose Committee meeting on Tuesday, when Nether Stowey's request for an additional Councillor was considered. The Committee had rejected the request and given the following grounds:

- i) there had been no contested election in the last few years, so there was no obvious pool of potential Councillors in waiting;
- ii) there was no clear need
- iii) it was not felt that the cost of £1,500, which would fall to the District Councillor was justified
- iv) other villages of similar size manage with 9 or fewer Councillors

Cllr Pay said that she would like to discuss the matter with the Chairman after the meeting.

Clerk's report: The Clerk had bought three books which were available for Councillors to borrow or consult.

Stogursey Lane Housing: Mr Stacey had confirmed that the land was recorded on his deeds as "Hoskins Paddock" (adjacent to the road) and "Thorns Paddock". These – or a variation – might be worth considering as a name for the new development road.

Dog Fouling: the Clerk had put up notices about the fly-tipping incident on Butchers Lane but had received no response. She had reported the incident to, and sought advice from, the Dog Warden, Clean Surroundings and Environmental Health, all at Sedgemoor DC.

#### **4342 Correspondence**

The Clerk provided a list of correspondence received. The following items had not been circulated previously:

19 Aug	Quantock Hills AONB	Orchard Research and Apple Heritage Day (19 Oct)
16 Sep	Rialtas	Price increase info- accounting software
19 Sep	Smith of Derby	Clock service discount info
27 Sep	Santander	Deposit A/C statement
2 Oct	Quantock Hills	Draft Management plan consultation
3 Oct	Ordnance Survey	Public Sector Mapping Agreement – update on info/services
4 Oct	Pardoes	Lucy Hobbs Trust
4 Oct	SDC	Electoral Registration Posters
7 Oct	SALC	New Model Standing Orders
8 Oct	SDC	Agenda for QC meeting 22nd October
8 Oct	SDC	CIL Consultation (circulated)
8 Oct	Village & Urban	Notice Board brochure
10 Oct	Community Council	Survey: what do Parish Councils most need help with?

Exchange of e-mails with various colleagues at Sedgemoor, all copied to Councillors, about the dog waste at Butchers Lane

The new Model Standing Orders would be circulated in the following week.

#### **4343 Forthcoming meetings and events**

3 September to 29 October - Hinkley C Connection consultation period for Parish Councils

8 October – 5 November – CIL Charging Schedule Consultation period

Sat 19 Oct	<b>Apple Heritage Day</b>	Fyne Court, Broomfield	11am-4pm	Public event
Tues 22 Oct	<b>Quantock Cluster</b>	Enmore Village Hall	6.45 pm	PG, CS: other Cllrs welcome
6 Nov	<b>Sedgemoor DC</b> Annual meeting with Parishes	Bridgwater House	5.30 pm	All Cllrs welcome

#### **SALC Training Dates**

6 Nov	Being a Good Councillor I	Edgar Hall, Somerton	3-5.30pm or 7-9pm
14 Nov	Budget Setting and Broader Financial Management	Edington Village Hall	7-9pm
21 Nov	Being a Good Councillor II	Edgar Hall, Somerton	10am-4pm

#### **4344 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 11 November at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

## Monthly Budget Report to 11 October 2014

Account Code	Account	Balance at 31 Mar 2013	Original Budget 2013/14	First quarter	Sept 2013	Second quarter	Oct 2013	Third quarter	Total spent to date	% Spent of Total
337	Village Maintenance	-1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	248.00	248.00		0.00	248.00	19.84%
	<b>Reserves Total</b>	<b>-42,670.34</b>	<b>42,670.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	248.00	248.00	0.00	0.00	248.00	
<b>Income</b>										
1002	Allotment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	See payments
1006	Cemetery Income	0.00	-2,200.00	-680.00		-1,008.00	-166.14	-166.14	-1,854.14	84.28%
1008	May Fair 2014 Income	0.00	0.00	-7.00		0.00		0.00	-7.00	**
1012	Printing & Copying receipts	0.00	-350.00	-113.50	-61.03	-169.76	-20.00	-20.00	-303.26	86.65%
1013	May Fair 2013 Income	0.00	0.00	-469.60		0.00		0.00	-469.60	**
1016	Village Trail Booklet Income	0.00	0.00	-10.00	-10.00	-31.00		0.00	-41.00	See payments
1017	War Memorial Project	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	See payments
1018	Quantock Cluster income	0.00	-390.00	-90.00	-30.00	-120.00		0.00	-210.00	See payments
115	VAT Refunds	0.00	0.00	-1,133.38		0.00		0.00	-1,133.38	**
	<b>Subtotal Income For Year</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-2,940.00</b>	<b>-2,503.48</b>	<b>-101.03</b>	<b>-1,328.76</b>	<b>-186.14</b>	<b>-186.14</b>	<b>-4,018.38</b>	
1011	Precept	0.00	-49,705.00	-24,852.50	-24,852.50	-24,852.50		0.00	-49,705.00	
	<b>Subtotal Income For Year</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-52,645.00</b>	<b>-27,355.98</b>	<b>-24,953.53</b>	<b>-26,181.26</b>	<b>-186.14</b>	<b>-186.14</b>	<b>-53,723.38</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>										
<b>Parish Office</b>										
4101	Office Equipment	0.00	900.00	114.38		127.00		0.00	241.38	26.82%
4102	Parish Council Office Rent	0.00	2,500.00	500.00		500.00		0.00	1,000.00	40.00%
4103	Postage	0.00	200.00	-1.00		50.00		0.00	49.00	24.50%
4104	Stationery, printing	0.00	700.00	354.38		244.29		0.00	598.67	85.52%
4105	Telephone & Internet	0.00	580.00	166.99	12.57	39.91	11.05	11.05	217.95	37.58%
4109	Office Move	0.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
	<b>TOTAL Parish Office</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,880.00</b>	<b>1,134.75</b>	<b>12.57</b>	<b>961.20</b>	<b>11.05</b>	<b>11.05</b>	<b>2,107.00</b>	<b>30.63%</b>

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<b>Staff Costs</b>										
4201	Terminal Gratuity	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4202	Recruitment	0.00	250.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4203	Salaries	0.00	21,100.00	5,188.29	1,744.95	5,276.85		0.00	10,465.14	49.60%
4204	Staff travel and subsistence costs	0.00	250.00	6.75		0.00		0.00	6.75	2.70%
4205	Staff Training	0.00	550.00	0.00	280.00	280.00		0.00	280.00	50.91%
	<b>TOTAL Staff Costs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,150.00</b>	<b>5,195.04</b>	<b>2,024.95</b>	<b>5,556.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,751.89</b>	<b>48.54%</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>										
4301	Audit Fees	0.00	750.00	250.00		0.00	325.00	325.00	575.00	76.67%
4303	Chairman's Honorarium	0.00	200.00	0.00		200.00		0.00	200.00	100.00%
4304	Councillors' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		35.98		0.00	35.98	**
4305	Councillors' Training	0.00	250.00	0.00		150.00		0.00	150.00	60.00%
4307	Insurance	0.00	990.00	986.35		53.00		0.00	1,039.35	104.98%
4308	Statutory Fees	0.00	40.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4309	Subscriptions	0.00	520.00	0.00	65.00	65.00		0.00	65.00	12.50%
4310	Venue Hire	0.00	450.00	60.00	20.00	60.00		0.00	120.00	26.67%
4311	Wayleaves	0.00	75.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4312	Quantock Cluster expenditure	0.00	390.00	90.67	27.39	84.51		0.00	175.18	44.92%
4313	Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	801.00		0.00		0.00	801.00	**
	<b>TOTAL Administration &amp; Finance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,665.00</b>	<b>2,188.02</b>	<b>112.39</b>	<b>648.49</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>3,161.51</b>	
<b>Cemetery</b>										
4401	Cemetery Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4402	Cemetery Rates	0.00	145.00	133.98		0.00		0.00	133.98	92.40%
4403	Maintenance	0.00	2,500.00	513.00	130.50	1,000.50		0.00	1,513.50	60.54%
4404	Pest Control	0.00	50.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
	<b>TOTAL Cemetery</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,695.00</b>	<b>646.98</b>	<b>130.50</b>	<b>1,000.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,647.48</b>	

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<b>Community Services</b>										
4501	Active Living	0.00	100.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4503	CANS	0.00	0.00	16.00		0.00		0.00	16.00	**
4504	Christmas Tree & Lights	0.00	65.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4505	May Fair 2014 expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4513	May Fair 2013 expenditure	0.00	0.00	725.66		0.00		0.00	725.66	**
4510	Nether Stowey Village Trail Booklet	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00	32.00		0.00	32.00	**
4511	War Memorial Project expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00		429.70		0.00	429.70	**
	<b>TOTAL Community Services</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>165.00</b>	<b>741.66</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>461.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,203.36</b>	
<b>Village Maintenance</b>										
4601	A39 Verge	0.00	220.00	29.00	14.50	87.00		0.00	116.00	52.73%
4602	CCTV	0.00	110.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4603	Clock Tower Maintenance/Electricity	0.00	450.00	71.14	9.00	73.05		0.00	144.19	32.04%
4604	General Maintenance	0.00	500.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4606	Palmers Path	0.00	320.00	85.00	14.50	87.00		0.00	172.00	53.75%
4607	Public Seating	0.00	200.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4608	South Lane Footpath	0.00	120.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4609	Dog Bins	0.00	580.00	209.04	209.04	209.04		0.00	418.08	72.08%
4612	Plot 173	0.00	1,000.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4613	Mill Lane/Lime Street safety	0.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
	<b>TOTAL Village Maintenance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>394.18</b>	<b>247.04</b>	<b>456.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>850.27</b>	
<b>Castle Street Toilets</b>										
4701	Castle Street Toilets Cleaning	0.00	2,300.00	375.00	185.00	740.00		0.00	1,115.00	48.48%
4702	Castle Street Toilets Power	0.00	600.00	140.25		172.75		0.00	313.00	52.17%
4703	Castle Street Toilets Rates	0.00	950.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4704	Castle Street Toilets Repairs & Mtce	0.00	450.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4705	Castle Street Toilets Water/ Sewerage	0.00	640.00	322.94		0.00		0.00	322.94	50.46%
4706	Castle Street Car Park	0.00	750.00	0.00	43.50	43.50		0.00	43.50	5.80%
	<b>TOTAL Castle Street Toilets</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,690.00</b>	<b>838.19</b>	<b>228.50</b>	<b>956.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,794.44</b>	



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<b>Grants</b>										
4801	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	500.00	160.00		0.00		0.00	160.00	32.00%
4803	Playing Field	0.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4804	Transport	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	**
4805	Village Hall Maint Grant	0.00	900.00	0.00	900.00	900.00		0.00	900.00	100.00%
<b>TOTAL Grants</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,060.00</b>	
<b>Transfers to Reserves</b>										
4851	Service Devolution Reserve	0.00	2,500.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00%
4852	General Reserve**	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	**
<b>VAT Account</b>										
515	VAT Paid	0.00	0.00	323.30	644.32	820.98	67.21	67.21	1,211.49	
<b>Total Expenditure A/cs For Year</b>		<b>52,645.00</b>	<b>52,645.00</b>	<b>11,622.12</b>	<b>4,332.27</b>	<b>11,762.06</b>	<b>403.26</b>	<b>403.26</b>	<b>23,787.44</b>	
<b>Income</b>		<b>52,645.00</b>	<b>27,355.98</b>	<b>27,355.98</b>	<b>24,953.53</b>	<b>26,181.26</b>	<b>186.14</b>	<b>186.14</b>	<b>53,723.38</b>	
<b>Balance expenditure-income</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>-15,733.86</b>	<b>-20,621.26</b>	<b>-14,419.20</b>	<b>217.12</b>	<b>217.12</b>	<b>-29,935.94</b>	

**Nether Stowey Parish Council  
Road Safety Working Group:  
Proposal for Lime Street/Mill Lane  
October 2013**

### **Proposal**

The Working Party recommends that the Parish Council adopts the Lime Street-Palmers Path walkway option for an application for funding under the Highways Small Improvement Scheme.

### **Background**

The Lime Street/Mill Lane junction road safety issues have been discussed by NSPC for some time and they have brought these to the attention of Somerset County Council and the Highways department; a number of new walkway solutions were examined together with possible new road signage.

More recently NSPC was advised that central funding for small improvements to roads would be made available and applications invited during Q4/2013. With this in mind NSPC set up a Working Party to examine the issues in detail.

The Working Party met on 3 July and proposed a number of signage improvements which are being pursued through normal PC/Highways channels. For the walkways the options were narrowed down to two: (a) Lime St and up Mill Lane which would require embankment widening, and (b) Lime St and straight across to Palmers Path to the rear of the school. Further site visits were made and discussions held with the school's headteacher and our SCC and SDC councillors, the Mill Lane 'embankment changes' were ruled out due to ownership issues and expected costs involved which left the Lime St-Palmers Path solution as the only viable option. This was reported to the September NSPC meeting.

An important survey of parents that walk to school via this junction was carried out by Sarah Caddick, a parent member of the Working Party, and confirmed that the overwhelming majority would use the Palmers Path safety route if it was implemented (> 95%). Currently around 70 parent/children journeys take place daily, this will increase once the new Stogursey Lane housing is occupied.

### **Next Step**

If the Palmers Path proposal is adopted by NSPC then a formal application for funds must be made through SCC councillor John Edney.

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