

STOKE ST. GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th August 2018 in the Meeting Room, Williams Hall

Present Nick Sloan (Chairman), Graham Glead (Vice Chairman), David House, Peter House, John Hembrow, Ann Finn, Heather Venn, David Fothergill (County Councillor)

In Attendance – Tony McKenzie and 10 members of the public.

Public Question Time - Members of the public were present for Planning Application 36/18/0015.

1 member of the public asked about the relationship between the PC and the Heart of the Village Group.

1 member of the village gave an update on work he had done on the drain at Huntham and was thanked by the Chairman

Apologies for absence – Sara Sollis, Glyn Banks and Phil Stone (District Councillor)

66. Declarations of Interest and dispensations – AF declared a personal interest in planning application 36/18/0015 and JH declared a personal interest in the item on Proliferation of mobile homes

67. Minutes of previous meeting - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th July were agreed by all to be accurate, and were signed by the Chairman

68. Planning

36/18/0019 Huntham Farm – Erection of a steel framed agricultural building (Phase 2) for the housing of livestock – TDBC Conditional. Approval.

36/18/0020 Riverside Cottage, Curload – Erection of replacement garage/store and barbecue cabin – TDBC advise Removal of barbecue cabin from application

36/18/0015 The Malt Barn, Meare Green Farm - Change of use of barn to licensed wedding ceremony venue

Before members of the public spoke NS advised them that the word “licensed” referred only to the venue as a place to be married in and had nothing to do with the sale of alcohol. Members of the public then advised of their concerns re invasion of privacy of neighbours, noise, use of fireworks, inadequate parking and access from the main road.

After discussion the PC agreed to the following response. We oppose the application because we believe that it has the potential to have a serious negative impact on the surrounding residential area, in terms of noise, traffic volume and public safety.

8 members of the public left the meeting

36/18/0024 Dark Lane Farm, Dark Lane – Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage

After discussion the PC agreed to the following response. We support this application since it will have no visual or other impact outside the property, and the applicants have demonstrated a sensitivity to the care of the buildings.

Proliferation of mobile homes – Following discussion on the reply received from TDBC Enforcement it was agreed by all that no further action was required

69. Data protection: Privacy Notices and Policy – Following discussion NS confirmed that the notices and policy had been displayed on the PC section of the village website.

70. Farming practices – Discussion took place on the proposals previously circulated. As PS was not present at the meeting Councillors were requested to further review the amendments and reply to the Chairman as soon as possible so that replies could be summarised and discussed at the next meeting.

Agenda item for next meeting

71. Monthly PC reports – It was agreed by all that the reports currently published in the Church Magazine should in future be published also as a news item on the village website.

72. Forward Strategy Group – Discussion took place on future plans of the group and GG advised that Business Buyers surveys would be done on the Royal Oak and possibly the Village Shop and that they would be applying for grants to undertake the process.

73. Footpaths

Footpath strimming – It was reported that the strimmer had been out of action for some month and was awaiting repair by SCC. DF agreed to follow this up.

74. Highways

Replacement finger posts - NS advised that all but 1 had now been done and that this would be done as soon as possible.

Potholes – HV advised that potholes that had been marked out for filling in had not yet been done. DF advised that they should be done within 28 days of markings

75. Allotments - GG advised that there had been break ins recently in all sheds. Equipment had been scattered about and some expensive items had been stolen. He also confirmed that the matter had been reported to the police.

76. Playing Field – Nothing to report

77. Village website — Nothing to report

78. Broadband – Nothing to report

79. Flood - – Nothing to report

80. Consultations and surveys

Local gov. boundary commission – the PC had no comments to make

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan - the PC had no comments to make

Wemdon Neighbourhood Plan - the PC had no comments to make

By – Laws on Sites of Special Interest- the PC had no comments to make but it was agreed that Councillors could give comments as individuals

Call for evidence – Rural Economy -the PC had no comments to make

81. Police issues – None.

DF left the meeting

82. Financial Matters

Authorisation of cheques

1009 G Wagen James – Mow/Strim burial ground (June 2018)	£33.00
1010 R Goodchild – Reimbursement of postage stamps 9 (12 x 2 nd class)	£6.96
1011 G Wagen James – Mow/Strim burial ground (July 2018)	£33.00
1012 Keal's Fencing – Restoration of first three fingerposts	£1380.00

1013 Tony McKenzie – Clerking Fee	£25.00
1014 Williams Hall – Hire charges	£72.00
Standing order	
1-08-2018 R. Goodchild – Clerk's salary for August 2018	£317.63

It was agreed that the cheque numbers 1009 to 1012 be signed and payments be made.

Cheque numbers 1013 and 1014 were deferred to the next meeting

Received - None

Other financial items:

Bank reconciliation to end of June 2018 - Checked by JH.

Online banking – Following discussion TM agreed to do a presentation at the next meeting

83. Pending / Feedback from meetings:

Planning training - DH attended

New Defibrillator electrodes – It was agreed to purchase these

84. Other items for discussion – A potential request from a local resident to place a bench in the burial ground was agreed by all.

NS advised of a NALC training course on 3rd October and agreed to ask Becky Goodchild if she wished to attend

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

The next meeting will be held on September 10th at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Williams Hall. Please email any items for the agenda to the clerk and the Chairman by 30th August if possible.