STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL

51 Polkes Field, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton, Somerset. TA3 6EX.

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 in The meeting room. Williams Hall, Dark lane, Stoke St Gregory at 7.30pm

***Present*: John Hardy (Chair), Jessie Cartwright (Vice Chair), Heather Venn, Lawrence Bostock, John Hembrow, Peter House, Ann Finn, Janice Pearce, Sally Taylor (Clerk), David Fothergill and 3 members of the public.**

Apologies for absence: **None**

72. Approve and sign minutes of the July meeting: **The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.**

73. Declarations of interests and dispensations: **None**

74. Questions and comments from the public **(limited to 15 minutes in total)**

SE reported that the new County Footpath Officer, Daniel Gordon, has visited the Parish. Looking at stiles being replaced by gates. Does have a number of gates and a contractor who can install. SE will show him existing stiles and prioritise. Some also need steps. Has written to landowners but two of these spoken to have not received as yet.

S H reports that the waste bin by shop is not being emptied properly. Has spoken to waste management but can't supply bags that fit. Have got old bin and no liner and not emptied properly therefore debris is collecting in the bottom. SH has been emptying putting in her recycling. Needs to be addressed. Andrew Sollis may be able to obtain an old bin but need to ensure it is appropriate. Paved around the existing bin so may need more work if the replacement bin is a different size/shape.

DF reports same in SSM took away and brought new bin (2nd hand) Council provided many years ago. Feel they should be responsible - PC to apply pressure.

Dog bin at Playing Fields was broken and was mended. But now rusty and dangerous. This one that just appeared and this was many years ago. Not supplied by the PC.

PC to write to council re both. Now a H and S issue.

CS- Parish Footpath liaison officer. Sent e mail to new County Footpath Officer but has not received any reply. She suggests the role is redundant. The voluntary group is far more effective and doing a really good job. They can also make contact with landowners, which CS cannot. CS notified the PC of her intention to resign as she feels the post has no function. CS was appointed by the County.

ST to check with County about the need to fill the post when CS resigns.

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75. Planning

36/24/0008 Pincombe House

The new application was reviewed by those members who had attended the previous site visit. All agreed the new plans were acceptable and saw no reason to oppose the application.

ST had asked for an extension to the consultation period due to timing of PC meeting, but Planning responded to say they were seeking a decision by 5 September.

36/24/0006 (Non Material Amendment) Lovells House

Two Patio Doors. Conditional Approval

36/24/0007 Car Port Lovells House

Retention of existing works - Decision..Approval

36/24/0010 (Non Material Amendment) Dark Lane Farm

Single storey rear pitched roof changed to flat roof with Terrace.

This application has since been withdrawn and a new application for a 2 story extension with terrace has been submitted.

ST to ask Planning for an extension to the consultation period, and book a site visit for Saturday 12th October

76. Co-option of Councillor

Application from Julie Monro – Julie presented her application.

All voted in Favour to co-opt Julie Monro as a Councillor. JM signed the declaration of office and was asked to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

77. Stoke St Gregory 2023 Community Plan

ST has updated the website. Has e mailed DJ re organisations updating the action tracker, no response to date.

78. CIL Grants - Progress Report from SEG sent via e mail 30-8-24

The PC is in a difficult position as most of the money has not been used for what was applied for in the original application. Also, the revised report of expenditure includes some items which do not comply with CIL spending rules.
The PC could be negligent as know spent on non-compliant items.
JHA to write to SEG
ST to contact SALC for advice and to consider again at next meeting.

79. Somerset Councillor Report

Report linked here.

80. Annual Governance and Accountability return (AGAR)

ST reported that the initial information request as part of the review has been sent, but additional information regarding the asset register has now been requested. This is a result of the PC having reviewed the register and making some amendments – detail required.

81. PCC Meeting 3-9-24

JHa and JC attended.

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Questions were raised about whether the PC help in some way financially with some aspects of the church/car park maintenance. This will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting.
A CIL application had been made in the past but as it was understood the PC could not give money to the Anglican Church – It has now been clarified that can as so long as it's not for the fabric of church, but can for footpaths and car parks etc.
All agreed could look at using CIL money for this. In principle will be supportive as and when the Church processes.

82 Pavilion Ownership - E mail from GG

GG has got hold of Charity Commission document. Bought for purposes - owned by PC. Maintenance by the PFMC – discussed whether there should there be a legal document to pass responsibility to MC. Unsure if Developers have handed over pavilion, land registry are said to be very behind. Not an asset we can sell. May look at official document for VH and replicate for the pavilion.
May be worth getting advice from SALC on this as well. Then advise GG to ask Andy Lehner.
JC said we do need documents for this. The PC own the land it is sitting on therefore own building.
May need to be written into constitution of PFMC.

83. PC Support for Enviroment

It was agreed that the role of the PC is to facilitate and support SEG and for them to come to PC for assistance. Totally in agreement with what they are achieving and there a commitment to support where we can.

84. Telephone Box at Playing Field

Question of should relocate defib to telephone box.
Take forward to next agenda

85. Review of Burial/Memorial Fees

Members reviewed the table of existing and proposed fees which are in line with those operated by the PCC.
All agreed the increase of fees as tabled with immediate effect.

86. Printer for PC

ST reported that the PC does not own a printer. Has used own to date, but has stopped working after all the printing required for the AGAR. Has purchased a new inkjet printer which should have 3 years of ink included and therefore would almost pay for itself over that period.
All agreed to reimburse ST £234.99. ST to add to PC asset register.

87. Emergency and Incident Response Plan - Formal Adoption

Plan formally adopted and to be reviewed annually.

88. Broomfield Park

Nothing to report

89. Highways

A lot of hedges are encroaching, particularly top of Curload. Growth has completely enclosed the piece of land was bought by Council. The PC can not take action, can only report. Email has been received regarding hedges encroaching onto highways, no locations specified.

ST to Report to Council as a safety/ visibility issue. Could put on the facebook page and

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highlight in the next newsletter. Parishioners with issues encouraged to report to County.

E mail received from resident of Curload regarding reducing speed limit from 30 – 20. All agreed Speedwatch might be a better solution. Advise to establish what speeds are.

Radar strips will establish speed.

ST to advise

AF to review progress regarding SID's for Meare Green.

90. Footpaths

Already covered under public questions/comments.

91. Flooding

AF to keep reporting drains along Meare Green.

92. Playing Field

Project Play has had success in a funding application, but match funding is needed. Go fund me to be established.

Stoke Stampede looking for help as number of volunteers has decreased. GG to be contacted initially.

93. Heart of the Village

Has had annual meeting and has several new MC members.

Projects progressing well.

94. Councillor Training

ST to e mail members with latest dates for training - please respond back to ST to book

95. Financial matters

Payments to be authorised

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
9-8-24	INV-795	NICK SLOAN	WEBSITE MTCE JULY ANNUAL SUB PDF EMBEDDER	£135.78
7-1-24	INV-781		WEBSITE MTCE DEC 23	£120.00
4-7-24	INV-22	JOSH WILLIAMS	GRASS CUTTING JUNE AND JULY	£105.00
9-8-24	INV-56			£105.00
7-7-24	INV-490	WILLIAMS HALL	PC MEETINGS 04-06 2024	£45.00
7-8-24	INV-1068	SALC	SALC AFFILIATION FEES	£297.38
8-7-24	CK INSURANCE	SSG ALLOTMENT ASSOC	ALLOTMENT INSURANCE	£211.85
8-8-24	IV001398	HYAMS &	INSTALL DEFIBRILLATORS	£446.86

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		PARTRIDGE	MEARE GREEN/CURLOAD	
6-7-24	SSG FETE	KINGSBURY EPISCOPI BAND	PAYMENT FOR BAND AT VILLAGE FETE	£150.00
29-7-24	INV-3475	G WAGEN JAMES	MOWING JUNE	£101.64
1-7-24	FOOTPATH MTCE	SARAH EVANS	WARNING TRIANGLES	£15.00
1-9-24	SALARY AUG	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY	£391.50
14-7-24	PRINTER	SALLY TAYLOR	PRINTER FOR PC	£234.99

Agreed HV proposed JHa seconded

96. Other items for discussion

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

The next meeting date will be as follows Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.30pm at The Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory.

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