

STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 in The meeting room. Williams Hall, Dark lane, Stoke St Gregory at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence: John Hardy (Chair), Heather Venn

Members voted unanimously to accept apologies.

97. Approve and sign minutes of the September meeting: The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.

98. Declarations of interests and dispensations: None

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

DS - Reporting on behalf of the Footpath Group. Reported that County Highways have experienced a reduction in resources, so are unlikely to be able to help with clearance/enforcement - may be looking for support from the PC. Has met with Footpaths Officer does have a budget to be used, and due to impact the SSG Group make he has advised he will put large part back for SSG: Kissing gates/pedestrian gates. Accessibility issues and some dangerous so work will be put out to contractors.

PH asked which are to be replaced - not known as yet and need to be run past landowners, no cost to landowners. Some are currently dangerous it was debated would land owner be responsible if anything happened?

DS to advise which landowners have been contacted so far.

AF advised Phil Stone had a supply of gates. DS advised Daniel has plenty.

Talked about PPLO role - proactive role taken by Sarah - suggested she would be the right person to take on the role, DS to discuss with her, although it may restrict her current activities and might find this restrictive.

ST to send Terms of reference to DS.

SH asked about the donation from the PC to the RBL for poppy appeal - last year was only £50 but had previously been £100. Questioned whether it was in relation to 2 wreaths at Chapel? Nobody knows. Wreath will be delivered to Janice and John Hardy will lay it on the day.

ST to review previous donations made and advise, amount to be voted on at next

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meeting.

SH advised that road signs have become very tatty - need repainting as very tired. Difficult to get off and on again. ST reported she had seen grants being made by CPRE to refurbish street furniture. SH would be willing to carry out repainting.

ST to contact CPRE for grant for refurbishment.

Next month's Saturday morning planning slot to be used for Councillors to have a look at them all

100. Planning

36/24/0008 Pincombe House

Conditional Approval was reported

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

Single storey rear pitched roof changed to flat roof with Terrace. Withdrawn, and replaced with 36/24/0012

36/24/0012 Dark Lane Farm

Two storey extension with terrace

LB JC and JHa attended.

Neighbours objected to changed plan for a terrace.

Planning said applicants were extending length of building but it's technically not.

Different alternative has been drawn up - new drawing not yet on portal and therefore cannot comment at this stage.

ST to write to planning to tell them deferred for this reason and will discuss at next meeting.

36/24/0013 Lane End House, Curload

Two storey side extension.

Same cllrs as above visited.

No problems, Architect has done a good job.

All Voted to support application.

101. Stoke St Gregory 2023 Community Plan

Health and Wellbeing Action Tracker

Opportunities for grant funding to achieve actions.

Areas discussed:

Stiles to gates would make more accessible and show action

A need for groups for carers - growing need and Isolation

Village agent has started up a group. Making people aware

Ideas for next meeting.

Paul Kenefick - taxi service.

Seed Grants - 1500 up to to 2500

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Transport is an issue for many. = voluntary taxi service?

Defibrillators

All to have thoughts about potential projects for grant applications to bring back to next meeting.

102 CIL Grants -

Update re SEG CIL grant. SALC advice and JH/IA e mails. Little can be done after the event, however there is a need to closely monitor that grants are being spent on what was approved. Any deviations from original applications to come back to the PC for approval. future.

Project Play - PF meeting 28th October. Will report back next time.

103 Somerset Councillor report

Is attached.

104 PCC Meeting 3-9-24

Nothing has happened since meeting, PC have already agreed to support the paths project when it progresses.

105 Pavilion Ownership

Follow up after next PFMC meeting.

106 Telephone Box at Playing Field

Defib relocation discussed

Can refurbish the box to make it obvious.

Following discussion agreed that prefer to keep where it is as people know where it is. Defer to health and wellbeing, as potentially need 2 more for better coverage around the Village

The box needs a function whether defib or not - to be discussed further with ideas in future.

107 Somerset Prepared Event - attendance

PH agreed to attend. ST to register him.

108 Broomfield Park

Nothing to report

109 Highways

Post for SID - AF sent email, site visit not attended yet and house which owns verge now on market.

AF to follow up.

Council chipping not adequately swept up - vehicle sent but now needs doing again.

ST to check with Highways - skid risk.

Ongoing issue with drains - AF suggested triangular signs to put out to warn of flooding.

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110 Footpaths

Covered in Public Questions.

111 Flooding

Nothing new to report

112 Playing Field

Nothing new to report

113 Heart of the Village

Tubs of flowers are blocking access

Disabled space not in place as yet. Highways own land - health and wellbeing subject.

114 Councillor Training

ST asked for Councillors to let her know dates available for Code of Conduct training.

115 Financial matters

Payments to be authorised

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
18-9-24	INV-4	JOSH WILLIAMS	GRASS and HEDGE CUTTING AUG	£180.00
30-9-24	INV-513	WILLIAMS HALL	PC MEETINGS 07- 09 2024	£30.00
7-10-24	INV-1194	SALC	CLERK TRAINING VAT	£30.00
8-7-24	DF INSURANCE	PLAYING FIELDS MC	PLAYING FIELDS INSURANCE	£672.78
29-9-24	INV-3523/3524	G WAGEN JAMES	MOWING JULY AND AUG	£152.46
1-7-24	FOOTPATH MTCE	DAVID SMITH	WARNING TRIANGLES	£15.00
1-10-24	SALARY AUG	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY SEPT	£391.50
8-10-24	INV-44423	ANN FINN	DEFIB BATTERY RO	£330.00

Payment approval proposed by LB, seconded JH

18 Other items for discussion

LB website - bus timetable incorrect.ST to e mail Nick Sloan website link to Bus website for up to date information.

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Noticeboard - should be up by end of week

Meeting closed at 8.56pm

***The next meeting date will be as follows Monday 11th November
2024 at 7.30pm at The Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory.***

Signed:

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