

## STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL

51 Polkes Field, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton, Somerset. TA3 6EX. Tuesday 3rd December 2024.



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

Present: John Hardy (Chair), Jessie Cartwright, Julie Monro, Lawrence Bostock, Sally Taylor (Clerk) David Fothergill.

Apologies for Absence: Peter House, Janice Pearce, John Hembrow, Ann Finn, Heather Venn

**Members voted unanimously to accept apologies.**

134. Approve and sign minutes of the November meeting:

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.

**ST reported that County had accepted her request for a replacement bin at the Shop/Pub.**

135. Declarations of interests and dispensations: None

136. Questions and comments from the public (limited to 15 minutes in total) none

137. Planning

36/24/0016 and 36/24/0017 Bailey Farm, Huntham Lane

Lawful Development Certificates for existing use of buildings as independent residential dwellings.

**For information only, no action for PC to take.**

36/24/0015 Stoke St Gregory Parish Church

Resurfacing of pedestrian paths

This will be ongoing as there are debates about the fabric and the conservation issues. LB advised that this is a symbolic area to retain due to famous painting at Rural Life Museum. This was featured in an Everyman documentary many years ago.

36/24/0012 Dark Lane Farm

Two storey extension with terrace

Conditional approval has been granted but PC were unable to make comment as revised plan never uploaded to Planning portal. Those Councillors who attended site visit did not note any issues from a PC point of view.

138. **Stoke St Gregory 2023 Community Plan  
Health and Wellbeing Action Plan - Defer to January meeting due to more guidance currently being issued around applying for grants.**

139. **Parking on Willey Road (E mails from Alex Wyatt 30/11/24)**

ST had e mailed County Highways to seek advice regarding the suggestions around double yellow lines and the School Keep Clear (SKC) markings. This is the guidance received:

***We try and limit the SKC markings to directly outside the school, otherwise they could just go on and on pushing people further and further away to park and walk children to school along the road causing further issues which may be more dangerous. I would imagine that this issue is only for a short time at the beginning and end of the school day?***

***I have added the existing SKC onto our next amendment order as previously requested, which will make it enforceable.***

***We wouldn't consider installing double yellow lines along, we only install them where there is a safety or congestion issue, also its very unlikely that the parking enforcement contractor could be there every morning and afternoon to enforce them.***

***If someone is genuinely blocking the whole drive at the same time as the resident wants to get off their drive then this would be classed as an obstruction and as such the police have powers to deal.***

There was some discussion around other possible solutions, but there is not a PC responsibility for enforcement.

**All agreed that the advice from County (as above) is adopted as the PC response to this issue.**

**ST to write to School to ask them to address the issue by advising parents and maybe consider a staff presence at the School entrance at drop off and pick up times. Also to encourage parking at the playing field, Church car park or pub.**

**ST to write to Mr Wyatt.**

140. **Somerset Councillor report  
Briefing paper attached**

141. **Storm Damage/Flooding/Emergency Plan**

The signed off Emergency Plan needs to be displayed on the website.

JC to send the document in PDF format to ST as the previous version couldn't be opened.

Bus shelter, Woodhill. Previous damage from hedge cutting/tree damage has worsened following recent storms. Side panel also needs replacing.

**ST to look at insurance cover, if not insurance to obtain quotes for repair and renovation of shelter.**

**Everyone needs to be reporting all blocked drains to Highways**

**SRA Action Fund - bidding is now open. SSG to support Creech joint funding bid as agreed at November meeting.**

#### 142. Broomfield Park

JHa will attend Mgt Co January meeting - to find out about covenants and transfer of land.

No 8 Willey Road building project was mentioned - was there a restriction for buildings on land transferred? From planning point of view it is thought they may need planning permission. - building positioned more forward than the house.

**JHa will visit residents to check if this has been considered.**

#### 143. Highways

Covered above under 141.

#### 144. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

#### 145. Flooding

Covered above under 141.

#### 146 Playing Field

County have responded to our request for a new dog waste bin to say they are no longer replacing bins at parks.

**All agreed for PC to purchase a new dog waste bin for the Playing Field.**

LB advised PFMC meeting on 16th December. Nothing to report since last meeting.

Project Play Crowdfunding page has gone live.

#### 147. Heart of the Village

Fire safety compliance is a big issue at present.

It has been suggested that a warm hub currently at Baptist Church could move to the pub - Health and Wellbeing Grant may be considered for any set up costs.

#### 148. Councillor Training

Julie - Code of Conduct Training - was informative, but felt pushing same message over 1.5 hours.

**149. Financial matters**  
**Payments to be authorised**

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
29/09/24	SO08106	PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP	EXTERNAL AUDIT FEE 2023-24	£252.00
20/11/24	INV-3562	G WAGEN & JAMES	MOWING SEPT AND NOV	£101.64
1-12-24	INV-800-801	NICK SLOAN	WEBSITE OCT & NOV	£240.00
1-11-24	SALARY NOV	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY NOV (Including arrears from 1-4- 24 Pay Award)	£537.66 (£313.10 paid 1.12.24 by Standing order. Balance £117.14 to pay BACS)
14-11-24	INV-24386	MARK CURTIS COMPUTER SERVICES	PC repairs	£112.48

**150 Other items for discussion**

**None**

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

*The next meeting date will be as follows **Monday 13th January  
2024 at 7.30pm at The Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory.***