

## **STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL**

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



**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 in The meeting room. Williams Hall, Dark Lane, Stoke St Gregory at 7.30pm**

**Present: John Hardy (Chair), Julie Monro, Lawrence Bostock, Janice Pearce, John Hembrow, Heather Venn, Peter House, Ann Finn, Sally Taylor (Clerk) and one member of the public.**

**Apologies for Absence:** Jessie Cartwright, David Fothergill, Norman Cavill

**Members voted unanimously to accept apologies.**

**183. Approve and sign minutes of the February meeting:**

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

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

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

SE on behalf of Footpath Group reported an issue around the footpath from the community orchard to the allotments. It is walkable and they are able to get more woodchips, but the hedge is encroaching into the path. Some branches are too thick to use secateurs. It's a narrow gap to get machinery through. Simon Holley has small piece of machinery may be no more than 2 metres wide. Questioned whether should be cutting as out of February but as potentially dangerous could be done.

**All Agreed for HV to ask Simon if he would carry out this work.**

**186. Planning**

**36/25/0002**

**Replacement of conservatory with the erection of a single storey extension to the side at Cedron, Stanmoor Me**

HV and JHa attended the site visit. No issues with extension, no overlooking from the property. Fits in well with current building. Replacing a glass extension and is an improvement.

**All agreed to support this application.**

**187 Health and Wellbeing Projects/Grants**

JP reported that after enquiring with North Curry Health Centre they are able to carry out a defibrillator demonstration/training session in the Williams Hall. Currently awaiting confirmation of dates which should be in April and May. A Collection for the Air Ambulance will take place.

Meeting with Liz Hembrow re old peoples lunches found that issues are with personnel and where to prepare it. Only 2 from SSG attended, most came from elsewhere.

When JC has completed questionnaire we can establish need and whether there is justification to take this further.

188 Levels and Moors LCN Meeting 31-3-25 7pm

**AF will attend**

189 Somerset Councillor report

Both DF and NC had sent apologies, but a briefing paper will be distributed.

190 Broomfield Park

JHa reported that the Management meeting had taken place.

Some subsidence in allotment parking area also some driveways.

Regarding the land between CC and BFP there doesn't appear to be any restrictions. Large shed was 2.4 m or less and would be agreed - but JHa is questioning why the Management Co are giving that permission as it should require planning permission.

Due to sewage main going through there are concerns about structures if the mains needed to be accessed.

JHa said that Andy Lehman had reported that all land registry has been completed.

ST asked about the status of the large mobile home/lodge which has been sited along Curload. There hasn't been a planning application and may need planning permission.

**ST to mention to planning office that it has been observed and to ask if they have had a request to site a mobile home. A 'do I need a planning application'. ? change of use of the land also?**

Observation that Lovells House open car port is no longer open it has doors.

**ST to add to observation to Planning.**

191 Highways

Dark Lane potholes and erosion partly addressed.

192 Footpaths

Re SE e mail 40-50 stiles are to be replaced.

193 Flooding

It was suggested that the PC pay for a camera to look down drains to obtain evidence of damage and or blockages.

**To be discussed at next meeting.**

194 Playing Field

PFMC Meeting had reported that Project Play has achieved match funding

Questions over whether PP will take up too much space and limit football.

Fete - unlikely to be a window between cricket matches. PP not interested in running it. Could have at the Village Hall if someone was willing to organise it.

**JHa to ask SH if she might coordinate.**

**195 Heart of the Village**

Deadline for ballot 10-3-25. Wednesday night counting votes. New Committee will known then. Notification to members and new Committee to meet on Thursday night.

CCTV installed in shop and pub.

Fire safety issues being addressed.

Phil and Jenna resigned. Separate team led by Simon Dauncey to keep wet sales going until new personnel appointed.

Ad in The Caterer tomorrow for a couple to run.

JM asked if the CIL funds unspent to date could be diverted to purchase fire doors. The PC were generally supportive of this but the change of expenditure must be formally requested and voted on.

**JM to ask for a communication to make the case to divert money.**

**196 Councillor Training**

Nothing to report

**197 Financial matters**

**Payments to be authorised**

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1-3-24	SALARY Feb	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY Feb 25	£327.77

**JHa to be added to the banking approvals - to send information.**

**ST to find out the process for adding others who do not bank with LLoyds.**

**198 Other items for discussion.**

VE Day. SH had asked JHa to attend but is on holiday. Would like a PC representation.

8th May, Thursday.

**JP agreed to represent the PC**

**199 Confidential item for discussion.**

*The next meeting date will be as follows* **Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.30pm at The Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory.**