

STOWEY SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at
7.30pm on Wednesday 5th February 2020, in The Link, Bishop Sutton BS39 5UU
www.stoweysuttonpc.org

Present: Councillors K Betton (Chairman), H Clewett (Vice Chair), E Daly,
J Knibbs, M Arnold, And L Kingston
Clerk: J Bryant

2020/02

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from District Councillor Warrington and Councillor Balmforth.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd January 2020 were approved.

3. Public Participation

Members of the public and press are entitled to attend the meeting unless the Parish Council by resolution enters confidential session, in accordance with the Parish Council Standing Orders. Within this session, members of the public can address the Chairman with questions or observations, within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. *As issues raised may not relate to items on the agenda no resolution for action can be taken.*

10 members of the public in attendance.

4. Declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

5. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- Public Health England advice shared for Coronavirus and will be placed in public places.
- Recreation Ground - minor repairs undertaken on fencing around play area, wooden post reinstatement quote received at £495 (further investigation required), feasibility assessment required for lighting repair in rear car park behind village hall.
- Play equipment inspection now due. HAGS maintenance and inspection plan was not implemented. Quotations provided from alternative sources.
- Advance notice of public consultations to be considered next month:
West of England Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan & West of England Bus Strategy
Consultations open 3rd February 2020, Close 15th March 2020

RESOLVED that Clerk to conduct further research before wooden posts can be reinstated.

RESOLVED that Clerk to arrange lighting repair feasibility study.

RESOLVED that Clerk to appoint GB Sport & Leisure to conduct immediate play inspection at £280.00 + vat.

6. Planning

i. The following planning applications were considered:

- a) 19/05434/OUT - Parcel 3200, The Street, Stowey, Outline application for the erection of an agriculturally tied dwelling.

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council support planning application 219/05434/OUT subject to conditions:

- Given the site locations proximity to AONB and Green Belt, mitigation measures should be added to include limited low level & low luminance external lighting fittings, with a limited operating time, together with a requirement for night-time blinds on any rooflights.
- More mature trees/hedges to be planted, to improve screening from the road, and to be put in place prior to occupation of the new dwelling.

b) 20/00257/FUL - Land Between Three Gables And Paysons Croft Church Lane Bishop Sutton, Erection of dwelling.

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council do not support planning application 20/00257/FUL.

Full copies of the parish council response to these applications can be located on the B&NES Planning Portal, through the Parish Council website, or requesting a copy from the Parish Clerk.

ii. The following planning decisions were received:

- a) 19/04923/LBA - The Lodge, Sutton Court, Stowey, External works for the erection of a 2.5m high 50m long wooden fence at one section of the garden boundary – **WITHDRAWN**
- b) 19/05243/FUL - The Lodge, Sutton Court, Stowey, Erection of a 2.5m high 50m long wooden fence at one section of the garden boundary – **WITHDRAWN**
- c) 19/04452/FUL- Poole Farm, Sunnymead Lane, Bishop Sutton, Erection of Triple Garage for Domestic Use – For information only, **REFERRED TO FULL B&NES PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR DECISION 12th FEBRUARY 2020**

Agenda Item 12 discussed next due to time constraints.

7. Community Library

Very active start to the year. Library was visited by Pre-school who will be doing this regularly from now on. Harry Potter Theme night taking place next week. Opening hours are being increased to include a quiet Friday afternoon session. Chew Valley Gadget Busters are moving to Bishop Sutton Library from 1st March. Signposting to services for vulnerable individuals is now taking place providing a true community hub service for the parish.

Mobile library bus will no longer be visiting Bishop Sutton. Volunteers are offering to assist people who cannot get to the library. Home library service has also been offered to those who cannot leave their homes.

Given the activity levels and new services being delivered consideration is being given to changing the name to encompass the valley and encourage visitors from across the whole Chew Valley as there is a misconception that we are for Bishop Sutton residents only which is not the case.

8. District Councillors Report

Report received from District Councillor Pritchard. B&NES budgetary process well under way with services being healthily debated. B&NES have withdrawn from the Joint Spatial Plan and are currently considering the next steps.

9. PCAA

A report was received following a meeting held 23rd January 2020. Parishioner Robin Harris attending on behalf of Stowey Sutton Parish Council. In summary, much of the meeting was focused on the current Bristol Airport planning application which has attracted much attention. There are over 5000 objections on the applications, with just over 2000 in support. Junction 21 parking proposal has been withdrawn.

West of England Joint Spatial Plan has seen North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and B&NES Councils withdraw, leaving Bristol City Council as the only member. It is not clear what will happen next. Joint Local

Transport Plan assumes the airport will increase passenger throughput to 20mppa or more however this also which is incompatible with the Climate Emergency declared by North Somerset Council. Also, the Environmental Impact Assessment report produced by Atkins demonstrates any significant upgrading of the A38 would harm the Mendip AONB.

North Somerset Council Planning Meeting to decide on Bristol Airport Planning application 18/P/5118/OUT schedule to take place 10th February 2020 at Weston-Super-Mare Town Hall and is also being streamed live via YouTube and the Council's own website. Public encouraged to attend or view.

10. Meetings and Training

Clerk recently attended the first B&NES ALCA Clerk's Networking Event. This is a new forum created to encourage networking, collaboration, day to day peer support, best practice sharing and introductions to B&NES departments, specialists, and changes. Clerk reported this meeting proved very informative and promises good things for the future.

Schedule for other future Community meetings:

- Chew Valley Forum – 24th February 2020 – open meeting, agenda local response to climate and nature emergency with some good speakers attending.
- Parish Liaison – 31st March 2020
- B&NES ALCA – 11th June 2020

11. Policies and Procedures

The following new policies were received:

- i. Grants Policy
- ii. Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council adopt these new policies.

Moved to Agenda item 13. Agenda item 12 discussed earlier.

12. Youth Provision

A report was received from Shea Stew and colleague from Young Bristol. Youth service has been delivered in Bishop Sutton since November 2019 via a new mobile youth bus for a period of assessment, funded by St Johns Foundation. Transition from previous service provider appears to have gone smoothly with strong feedback being received from the service users. Bishop Sutton has provided the greatest demand from such a small community Young Bristol have ever seen.

41 young people on the books, phenomenal for an area of this size. 177 attendees during the period. Consistent flow of 18-20 people each week, predominantly 12-17 years of age. Very active and engaged cohort who demonstrate promise and potential. Facilities on recreation ground being used extremely effectively and are a fantastic resource.

A proposition to continue delivery was provided for the next 6 months together with suggestions for improvement to ensure continued viability and fundraising opportunities.

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council empower Clerk to engage with Young Bristol to prepare a contract for 25 session delivery (6 months) to bring to March PCM for signature and funding approval.

Returned to Agenda item 07.

13. Hedgerows, roads, pavements, ditches, and drains

Reports received.

RESOLVED that, Clerk to report to the appropriate authorities as required.

14. Footpaths

Reports received. Footpath and stile on Stitchingshords Lane causes concern. PROW team will review.

15. Finger Posts

RESOLVED that, Clerk to contact Chew Magna regarding finger post at Hollowbrook to discuss working together to repair this one and explore district councillors funding options.

16. Valley Fest 2020

To confirm the event this year starts on 31st July 2020 and concludes 2nd August 2020. B&NES to provide an update on performance against conditions in the rolling license.

17. Correspondence

Correspondence was received.

- Multiple incidents of Anti-social behaviour have been reported and police engaged
- Feedback of poor current 672 bus service provided
- Unaccompanied dog roaming daily and reported to Dog Warden and police
- Surgery bus article to be entered into Chew Valley Gazette with Stanton Drew PC
- Chelwood Rotary "It's a Knockout Event" entries open, event Sat 20th June 2020

18. Finances

- i. Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Report 2018/19 submitted
- ii. The monthly Financial Statement and payments for authorisation

February PCM		£
Staffing costs	Wages, Tax & NI	£ 1,054.85
Clerk	Petty Cash reimbursement	£ 1.97
Clerk	Mileage reimbursement for CiLCA training	£ 27.00
SLCC	CiLCA extension	£ 50.00
SLCC	CiLCA Course	£ 408.00
Filers Coaches	Surgery coach	£ 150.00
Branched Out Tree Services Ltd	Tree maintenance at Bishop Sutton Recreation Ground	£ 420.00
Stowey House	Domestos Blue 5L	£ 18.00
Unity Trust Bank	Charges	£ 4.80
Grand total		£2,134.62

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council accept the financial statement and payments to be made.

19. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 4th March 2020.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RECOMMENDED: That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted : To consider HR matters.

20. HR Matters

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council support the Clerks CiLCA Learning Agreement and empower the Chairman to sign on the council's behalf.

RESOLVED that, Stowey Sutton Parish Council agree for accountants to establish a Staff Pension Scheme with The Peoples Pension should it become necessary within the next 12 months.