

STOWEY SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Present: Councillors K Betton (Chairman), H Clewett, E Daly, L Kingston, L Balmforth, J Knibbs,
R Parker, T White, I Dagger and M Arnold
Clerk: J Bryant

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held at
7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

MINUTE: 2021/02

1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest

None

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th January 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Public Participation

6 members of the public attended this month's meeting. No points were raised.

4. Planning

a) New Applications considered:

- i. 21/00134/FUL: Old School House, The Street, Stowey, BS39 5TH - Proposed oak framed standalone household storage facility (Resubmission)
RESOLVED that, the application is compliant with the aims of SSHP02 & SSHP03, although it does not meet the aims of SSHP06 of the Stowey Sutton Neighbourhood Plan, therefore subject to a clause controlling the effect of artificial lighting Stowey Sutton Parish Council do not object to this application.
- ii. 21/00229/FUL: Hill View House, Stowey Road, Stowey, BS39 5UJ - Change of use of agricultural land to mixed agricultural and equine land along with the erection of a mixed agricultural and equine building with associated works.
RESOLVED that, subject to a condition requiring planning approval of any future internal or external lighting proposals, Stowey Sutton Parish Council do not object to this application.
- iii. 20/04332/FUL: 3 Hillside Gardens, Bishop Sutton, BS39 5XG - Erection of a single storey rear extension and side extension including replacement garage following demolition of existing garage. Attic conversion with dormer bedrooms to front and rear & internal alterations plus associated landscaping. (revised plans)
RESOLVED that, acknowledging the efforts to resolve previous concerns, on balance, and subject to a clause controlling the effect of artificial lighting, Stowey Sutton Parish Council do not object to this application.

iv. No further planning consultations received since publication of the agenda.

b) Decisions notified:

- i. 20/04225/FUL: Camelot, Sutton Hill Road, Bishop Sutton – Erection of two storey front extension to replace existing garage outbuilding - **PERMITTED**.

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- ii. 20/04601/FUL: Stowey House Farm, The Street, Stowey, BS39 5TQ – Extension to grain store - **PERMITTED.**
- iii. 20/01265/ADCOU: The Nursery Folly Lane Stowey Bristol - Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to 1 no. Dwelling (C3) and for associated operational development. – **Appeal** submitted to Planning Inspectorate ref 3264085.

5. Public Engagement Working Party

- a) Bishop Sutton Community Run Library – another month with no income as takeaway remains closed due to little interest and to keep volunteers safe. Footfall for the library increased towards the end of month at approximately half pre-covid transaction levels. Ours is one of only 5 community libraries open during lockdown. Looking at creating a new website for the library and improving social media output. Sub-committee to take this forward.
- b) Recreation ground report:
 - i. Annual Play Equipment inspection complete. No failures to report. Zip wire requires adjustment. **RESOLVED that** GB Sport to be awarded contract to adjust zip wire at £175+vat.
 - ii. Sightings of small animals reported in culvert on recreation ground. Investigated by pest control. Evidence indicates voles rather than rats. Continued monitoring to take place. Obstructions to be recovered from culvert this week by B&NES Watercourse Team and Cllr Parker to remove from site.
RESOLVED that clerk to arrange a small nature interpretation sign to allay fears of small animals and advertise water voles apparent here' to a budget of £50.00. Situation to be monitored as bank voles and rats are remarkably similar.

6. Training & Meeting Updates

- a) **Chew Valley Area Forum Climate & Nature Emergency Working Group 21st January 2021** – Working Group acknowledges some parish councils need support to progress using others' expertise to move this forward where size and mass makes a difference to make small changes. Topics moved into 4 sub-groups to progress: sustainable transport across the chew valley, Chew Valley renewable energy community project, Cross Valley home energy carbon reduction, Nature and habitat protection and development in the Chew Valley.
RESOLVED that, Climate & Nature Emergency to stand as an independent agenda item if anything to report.
- b) **Stowey Quarry councillor update following EA contact** – Environment Agency have confirmed that the 6-week hearing is due to start at Winchester Court at the beginning of March. Some residents have been requested to attend as witnesses as the case is a full criminal prosecution.
- c) **PCAA** – Preparation for Bristol Airport Planning Appeal where PCAA hold Rule 6 status. New location for the Public Transport Interchange is expected to be approved. At the Airport Consultative Committee, it was clear that the airport was still planning eventual expansion to 20mppa although currently no sign of the Master Plan. Airports nationwide are vigorously resisting a national petition to ban night flights as their business models for short and medium haul flights depend on being able to fly at night.

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- d) **Local Plan update to Chew Valley Parish Councils 28th January 2021** – information session delivered by B&NES officers to all parish councils within Chew Valley detailing how this update affects them and their communities. Focus on sustainability, transport, renewable energy, and the rural versus urban differences. Acknowledgement was made that Bishop Sutton has exceeded delivery of its housing targets. Redesign of Local Plan will look to create clarity around planning policy and redefine infill boundaries. A limited review will be complete by May 2022. Full Local Plan Update process begins March 2022 which is expected to be far more extensive than the current partial update.
- e) **ALCA / NALC** (various updates circulated) – 2 councillors to participate in NALC Leaders Talk: Why Representation in Local Councils Matters
- f) **Interagency Meeting 26th January 2021** – meeting report circulated. Useful information, BBC TV Licensing focusing on changes to arrangements for over 75's and combatting scammers with STOP-CHECK-ASK. Scammers try to rush you in to parting with your money before you realise their scam. TV Licensing offer simple payment plans for those finding it difficult to pay, for help call 0300 555 0300.
- g) **Bath Transport Delivery Action Plan consultation closes 1st March 2021** – virtual consultation meeting attended can be seen on B&NES YouTube site. Clerk has a soft copy of the consultation for printing if anyone is unable to access the website form.
RESOLVED that, Clerk to respond to Bath Transport Delivery Action Plan consultation on behalf of Stowey Sutton Parish Council

7. Bristol Airport Appeal – statements from parishes

RESOLVED that clerk to submit previously circulated draft of Stowey Sutton witness statement.

8. Footpaths, Hedgerows, roads, pavements, ditches, and drains

Reports received and passed to appropriate authorities. Initiatives shared:

- **'Slow ways'** is an initiative to create a network of walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages. Using existing footpaths, people will be able to use the Slow Ways routes to walk between neighbouring settlements or combine routes for long distance journeys. If you are interested in being part of a local group to help this initiative, please email clerk@stoweysuttonpc.co.org.
- **'Don't lose your way'** is a huge crowdsourcing effort supported by the Ramblers Association that sees people look at a square of the current Ordnance Survey map and compare it to two historical maps. The aim is to find rights of ways that appear on historical maps but that don't – for whatever reason – appear on the current map. Some of the old footpaths around Bishop Sutton and Stowey appear to be missing from the current map such as Sutton Court, and at the end of Stitchingshords Lane and others that may still be viable. Locals investigating these would welcome input from the community so if you have any background to these paths or know of others that are missing that may still be viable please email clerk@stoweysuttonpc.org

9. Correspondence

Received and noted:

- a) WI Easter Chick feel good Project.
- b) A&S Police scams, break in, rogue traders, scams, lockdown social activity.

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- c) Neighbourhood watch interest.
- d) B&NES 'lendology'.
- e) Parishioner concerns about air pollution in Bishop Sutton.

10. Finances

RESOLVED that,

- a) Monthly Financial Statement and reconciliation reports received:

| Bank Account | Balances (after payments) |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Unity Trust Current | £7,838.72 |
| NWB Current | £285.70 |
| NWB Reserve | £18,215.20 |
| Library Petty Cash | £6.17 |
| Clerk Petty Cash | £500.00 |
| SumUp Credit Balance | £125.53 |
| Unity Savings | £1,151.28 |
| TOTAL | £28,122.60 |

- b) BACS payments for 3rd February 2021 authorised:

| Payment Date | Payee | Description | Net £ | VAT £ | Gross £ |
|--------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 03/02/2021 | Staff | Salaries December 2020 | £ 867.67 | £ - | £ 867.67 |
| 03/02/2021 | HMRC | Tax & NI | £ 144.68 | £ - | £ 144.68 |
| 03/02/2021 | New Leaf | Village hall and millennium garden maintenance | £ 160.00 | £ - | £ 160.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | Viking Direct | Ink Cartridges for clerk | £ 50.98 | £ 10.20 | £ 61.18 |
| 03/02/2021 | Amazon | Ink Cartridges for library | £ 33.33 | £ 6.67 | £ 40.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | A Drysdale Builder | Install new rec ground bin | £ 300.00 | £ - | £ 300.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | Stowey House Farm | Domestos Blue 5L | £ 7.50 | £ 1.50 | £ 9.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | Filers Coaches | Surgery Coach December 2020 | £ 150.00 | £ - | £ 150.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | Filers Coaches | Surgery Coach January 2021 | £ 120.00 | £ - | £ 120.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | GB Sport & Leisure | Playground inspection | £ 85.00 | £ 7.00 | £ 102.00 |
| 03/02/2021 | Eventbrite | NALC Councillor Event | £ 64.88 | £ 2.98 | £ 77.86 |
| | | TOTALS | £ 1,984.04 | £ 48.35 | £ 2,032.39 |

11. Clerks/District Councillors Reports – for information

a) Clerks Report:

- i. **Richard Jones Foundation** - applications invited for grants for educational and training purposes. Application closing date 11th April 2021
- ii. **CENSUS 2021**: Information to be shared across varying media over the coming weeks including parish council website. Census day is 21 March 2021. Households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

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b) **District Councillors report:**

Nothing to report.

12. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

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 – public excluded from meeting to discuss a staffing matter.

13. HR Update

A report was received regarding the village operative.

Meeting ended at 21.31.