

**Minutes of meeting 20/8/07**

George Smith welcomed James McMillan, Community Affairs Manager for Scottish Water, who attended our meeting for a question and answer session on topics relating to Scottish Water. He stated that he is the link between the communities and Scottish Water. Questions that were raised included:

- The high ammonia levels in the River Avon.
- A possible pipe upgrade for the village.
- Can the sewer works cope with all the new building in and around the village?
- The poor state of the site at the Water Treatment works.
- Difficulty in trying to contact Scottish Water in the past.
- Was he aware of the deep hole near / next to a relief valve on the right of way next to Woodlands farm?
- Value of spend for Stonehouse and planning of work

James took note of these questions and will hopefully get back to us with some answers.

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

G. Smith, R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, M. McBain, R. Craig, B. Craw, M. Casey, Craig, W. McMurtie, PC Colin Thomson.

Cllr James Malloy, Cllr Bill Holman Cllr G Campbell and 12 members of the public.

Apologies: None

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Accepted

**3. POLICE REPORT**

- 35 crimes reported with 17 detected. The plain clothes unit has been pro-active in the village and this might help to explain the slightly high figures.
- The new Police surgery will be open in the Police office from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August from 1-3pm.
- There was a discussion about the vandalism in Camnethan St PC Thomson asked the local if they could telephone regarding these incidents so the Police can have a record and react to it.
- G. Smith spoke about the vandalism at the Congregational church and informed CT that the police who attended were less than helpful.
- CT said he will get the crime prevention group to complete a survey etc of the area.
- Vandalism of the new bus shelter the day it was erected – CT will look into this.
- There was a discussion regarding the new roundabout at The Cross, drivers don't appear to be using it properly.
  
- Speeding throughout the village was highlighted once again. Residents in the Persimmon site have tried to get 30mph signs erected but no money was available. The Education Department should have made a risk assessment regarding kids crossing the main road to go to school.
- Parking on the pavements around the village is an ongoing problem...
- CT stated that speed calming measures don't slow cars down, but do reduce accidents!

## STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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- An application has been made for fairshare money for the community police vehicle.

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- None

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

RF intimated that the full list of correspondence was attached to the agenda and proceeded to highlight the important correspondence.

- Water watch meeting. H Burns will attend on behalf of CC.
- SEPA Newsletter
- Avon Angling Cub regarding thigh ammonia levels.
- Response on speed activated signs and chicanes etc – problem has been sorted and SLC are satisfied with the chicanes as they are at present.
- RF passed round the rest of the correspondence to the floor for perusal.

#### 6. S.L.C.

##### 6.1. Roads

- The Cross is still not finished.
  - Some of the work at The Cross is not the same as the original plans, i.e. we should have had a raised mono block road at the car park area.
- No lighting for the trees at the Cross
- Cars and Lorries are parking on the new pavements AT BLACK Bull and library this could result in damaging of the new surface. W Mackie has reported this to project manager for the project.
- A pelican crossing would have better being installed instead of the ineffective Belisha beacon type.
- The community council will photograph some of the issues at the Cross and will go on a walkabout to find any problems that seem to be there.
- It was asked by the floor why no CCTV cameras will be installed to the Cross.  
**Answer** Not sufficient funding
- Strengthening will take place Cander Bridge for the next 20 weeks.

##### 6.2. Planning

- Dealt with in Correspondence.

##### 6.3. Community Hall

- We are still trying to retrieve information under FOI.

##### 6.4 Local Plan

- The council has got back to us on some of the issues we highlighted. We will stand by our previous observations.
- We had a discussion regarding concerns of the local primary schools capacities.

## **7. HEALTH MATTERS**

- We have written the local Surgery Practice Manager, who refuses to meet with the Community Council. She wants a list of questions in advance and will respond to them.

## **8. UTILITIES**

### **8.1. Water**

- Water watch meeting at Lanark. H Burns will attend

### **8.2. Gas**

None

### **8.3. Electricity**

None

## **9. TRANSPORT**

- New bus shelter has been vandalised.

## **10. REPORTS**

### **10.1. ELECTED MEMBERS**

- There is a serious problem with housing and a large number of complaints for certain areas of the village have been reported. It was also felt that homeless and social work cases were priority over for lots of items,
- The path in the park has been washed away, but it will cost too much money to renew it.
- There was a complaint regarding the price it costs to get rid of wasps nest by the council.
- Councillor Campbell reported that Park benches will not be replaced.
- It was suggested that a group of Councillors and CC members should form a group to look into problem issues regarding the village. It was agreed that CC would participate.

### **10.2. TREASURER**

- WM stated that we have received our cheque from the council for £706 and we have £1376 in the bank.

### **10.3. DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

- Geoff Few introduced himself as the new Development Trust officer based at 42 King St. He will give a full report at our next monthly meeting in September.

## **11. WAR MEMORIAL SUB COMMITTEE**

- They now have a full list of names missing from the War Memorial and will take this forward to get the stone updated.

## **12. A.O.C.B.**

- None

*Next meeting is on the 17/9/07*