

Rodney Stoke Parish Council

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING RODNEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW MEMORIAL HALL, DRAYCOTT, ON THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00P.M.

AGENDA

- 225.1 Apologies for absence
- 225.2 Declarations of Interest
- 225.3 Public Participation
- 225.4 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th November 2017
- 225.5 Matters arising from the minutes
- 225.6 Local Plan Part II Consultation
- 225.7 Roads Report
 - A371 Wells Road Meeting
- 225.8 Planning Report
- 225.9 County Council Report
- 225.10 District Council Report
- 225.11 The Rev Cobley Playing Fields Report
 - To consider Lime tree maintenance
- 225.12 New Memorial Hall Report
 - feedback on items raised at last Council Meeting
- 225.13 Burial Ground Report
 - To consider a Garden of Remembrance
 - To review fees
 - To consider Clerk training
- 225.14 Footpath Walkers Report
 - To consider installation of fingerposts
 - Fingerpost maintenance group
- 225.15 Neighbourhood Watch
- 225.16 Website
- 225.17 Environmental Issues
- 225.18 SALC
- 225.19 Emergency Planning
- 225.20 Community Matters
 - NHS Event
- 225.21 Correspondence
- 225.22 Newsletter - agree items from this meeting for next edition
- 225.23 Financial Report
 - payments schedule
 - financial statement
- 225.24 Dates of future meetings -
 - 15th March, 17th May, 19th July, 20th September, 15th November **2018**
 - 17th January, 21st March, 16th May, 18th July, 19th September, 21st November **2019**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Helen Marshall 12.1.2018

Present: Cllr Sealey (Chairman) and Cllrs Dollins, Dudden, Haskins, Hatherell Hele Kergozou, Marsh, and Ward. Also present were District Cllr Ros Wyke, County Cllr G Noel, Westbury Sub Mendip Chairman Shepherd, St Cuthbert (Out) Cllrs Ball and Henderson, and the Parish Clerk.

- 224.1 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Gladman, James and Wheal, PCSO Nicola Housley, Village Agent Jacky Smith.
- 224.2 Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Sealey and Wyke declared an interest in item 224.8.
- 224.3 Public Participation** No matters were raised.
- 224.4 Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st September 2017** The Minutes, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, proposed as a true record by Cllr Marsh and seconded by Cllr Hele Kergozou. Agreed.
- 224.5 Matters arising from the minutes:** No matters were raised.
- 224.6 Roads Report:** The roads report, having been circulated, was taken as read and additional items were discussed. Copy available in the Minute book.
- **A371 Wells Road, heavy traffic volumes and speeding:** Representatives from Westbury Sub Mendip and St Cuthbert (Out) were invited to speak. The discussion included: that a joint approach may have strength; speeding; heavy goods vehicles; weight restrictions; Community Speed Watch; Small Improvement Schemes at 'blackspots'; speeding on lengths of straight road; Speed Indicator Devices; freight routes and reassertion; designated freight route A39; B roads and salting; businesses may prefer A road designation; origination and destination surveys to determine road usage, a joint business case to request a survey; engaging with freight authorities; alternatives for cyclists and walkers; weight limits with exceptions for agricultural vehicles; discussion with Inspector Nicholson; a further meeting and the formulation of a multi Council committee to resolve speeding and HGV use of the route; Cllr Ball to let members know when training is available for Community Speed Watch; Cllr Noel to speak to Wookey Parish Council; Cllrs Hatherall and Sealey will represent Rodney Stoke Parish Council on the committee.
- Cllr Wyke left the meeting.**
- Request to create a Community Speed Watch will be progressed as part of the new Committee.
- **Repeater speed signs at sites in the villages** were not supported by Mendip County Roads and the Council cannot support the matter.
- Investigations into **parking at The Batch** were not supported by residents, so no further action will be taken at this time.
- 224.7 Planning Report:** The report was reviewed. Available in the Minute book. Development in Smiths Close has been reported for investigation. A gateway in Bay Lane was discussed as being unlikely to require planning permission. Mendip District Council is still trying to progress **enforcement** at Honeyhurst Lane. The Council is to write a further letter urging resolution of the matter. ACTION: Clerk
- Cllr Sealey left the meeting.**
- 224.8 Application amendment 2017/2014:** The application, amendment and previous response were discussed. Resolution: No further comments to add to our previous response.
- Cllr Sealey returned to the meeting.**
- 224.9 County Council Report** Cllr Noel reported that the County Plan is being updated. The budget is being developed for presentation in January. Ofsted is on site looking in to Children's Services. A problem with water on Bay Lane road was reported.
- 224.10 District Council Report:** Cllr Wyke had reported on planning matters noted in the Minutes.
- 224.11 The Rev Cobley Playing Fields Report:**
- A request has been made to change the name of the committee to the Cobley Field Committee. The Parish Council would support this but would prefer the Rev Cobley Playing Field Committee.
 - The Zip wire seat and chain have been replaced after they were recently stolen.
 - The sapling will be staked and protected to deter vandalism
 - The Container will be painted when the weather is appropriate
- 224.12 New Memorial Hall Report:**
- Vehicles being left for long periods in the car park: It is no longer possible to lock the gates at night due to access to the defibrillator. A sign stating 'No vehicles to be left in the car park overnight' is being considered.
 - The access code to the hall has been updated

- The Draft constitution is being considered for approval by the Charities Commission

224.13 Burial Ground Report

- The Glebe Field: Discussions with the Diocese are ongoing.
- It is proposed to review the situation regarding the headstones and planted plots in January.
- Training in legal compliance has been requested and dates are awaited

224.14 Footpath Walkers Report

- Replacement of Milking Lane and Pound posts are not a priority for the County footpaths officer. The Council will seek quotes and consider funding the works as a one off solution for the benefit of the community.
- Maintenance of the fingerposts in the villages is to be pursued. Cllr Gladman is looking for a group of volunteers and will organise the specialist training required.

224.15 Neighbourhood Watch:

- The Parish report from the PCSO and the beat (AE022) area report was reviewed. Copy held in the Minute book.

224.16 Website: No matters were discussed.

224.17 Environmental Issues:

- A further dog bin has been requested in the region of Scaddens Lane. Cllr Gladman reported that residents in Scaddens Lane say it is unnecessary as there is not a problem. Resolution: No further action to be taken.
- Dog fouling and dog bins at The Batch were discussed. Due to inaccessibility, no further action will be taken on this matter.
- Newsletter – due to an error a number of the articles submitted to the newsletter last month were not printed.
- Dogs worrying sheep has been reported by The Batch, an article will be submitted to the newsletter.
- Free NHS Health Check Event Thursday 14th December 2017 9.30 to 3.30 has been arranged at Draycott Memorial Hall. For eligibility and bookings go to www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk/draycott .
- For personal reasons the gentleman who delivered the Parish News in the Honeyhurst Lane locality will no longer be delivering.
- Defibrillators – The 3 Parish defibrillators are now maintained and insured under a managed solution and have been removed from the Parish Councils Insurance.
- The AONB report will be circulated to Councillors. A copy will be held in the Minute book.

224.18 SALC: There were no matters raised

224.19 Emergency Planning : The report should be completed in the spring.

224.20 Community Matters: Village Agent report is held in the Minute book. The County meeting at Shepton Mallet was reviewed, matters discussed included: Domestic rubbish collections reducing in frequency; request to fold cardboard for collections; collection of plastic food containers to be included.

224.21 Correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council. Cllr Dollins was delegated to complete the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (2018 - 2022) Consultation

224.22 Newsletter items agreed for inclusion:

- Cut back weeds at boundaries
- Volunteers required to paint signposts
- Thanks for flowers around the pump
- NHS event
- Dogs worrying sheep
- Vigilance on personal security in the festive season

224.23 Financial Report:

- The external auditor for the year 2017/18 will be PKF Littlejohn LLP
- The Draft budget was considered by the Council. Resolution: Cllr Marsh proposed that £375 be added to community improvements. The Precept for 2018/19 will be £23,937 which represents an increase of @1.95% Cllr Dollins seconded. Agreed.
- The financial statement was discussed and approved by the Council.
- Grant requests were discussed including the benefit to the community. Resolution: To award £40 to Mendip Community Transport, £40 to St Margarets Hospice, £40 to Childrens Hospice South West and £80 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Resolution: to contribute £500 to the running costs of the Playing Fields Committee.

- Resolution: The payments schedule was approved.

Payments Schedule:

Payee	Cheque No.	Service	Amount £
A Robinson	1481	newsletter printing	68.75
Probusiness	1482	quarterly payroll charges	43.50
Play & Leisure Ltd	1483	replacement zipwire seat	179.68
Somerset Assoc. of Local Councils	1484	Affiliation fees	359.32
H Marshall	1485	Salary Mileage Expenses	732.16
H Marshall	1486	Salary Mileage Expenses	695.69
Rapide System Supplies Ltd	1487	Stationery and Ink cartridges	104.25
A Chick	1488	Street Cleaning	162
GWB Services Ltd	1489	grass cutting burial ground/park	312
Adams Memorials	1490	reserve plaque E11	15

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

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