

Draft minutes of the meeting of Rodney Stoke Parish Council held in the Draycott Memorial Hall, Latches Lane, Draycott on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr Sealey (Chairman) and Cllrs Dollins, Dudden, Gladman, Haskins, James, Ward and Wheal. Also present were County Cllr G Noel, Village Agent Jacky Smith, Beat Manager Ball, PCSO Housley, 1 member of the public and the Parish Clerk.

**225.1 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Hatherell, Hele Kergozou and Marsh. District Cllr Wyke.

**225.2 Declarations of Interest: None**

**225.3 Public Participation:**

- PC Ball introduced himself and discussed Speed Indicator Devices, truck watch and community speedwatch. The Chairman invited PC Ball to attend discussions regarding the speed and volume of traffic on the A371, to be held with neighbouring Parish representatives.
- A member of the public discussed planters at his property.
- PCSO Housley reviewed local crime statistics and reported crimes in the Parish. It was also discussed that traffic collisions are no longer routinely reported to the police.
- Village agent Jacky Smith gave a report including a review of Carers Agents, provided by the Community Council for Somerset.

**225.4 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017:** The Minutes, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, proposed as a true record by Cllr Dollins and seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed.

**225.5 Matters arising from the minutes:** No matters were raised.

**225.6 Local Plan Part II Consultation:** Resolution proposed by Cllr Dollins and seconded by Cllr Ward: To delegate the Parish Council's response to the Planning Committee at a meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. **ACTION Clerk**

**225.7 Roads Report:**

- A371 Wells Road Meeting The meeting was reviewed. The need for Community Speedwatch in the villages was discussed. A371 Traffic Meeting Minutes are held in the Minute book.
- Speed signs in Rodney Stoke were discussed in response to correspondence from a resident. Resolution: Cllrs are to investigate for any further issues in Draycott and Rodney Stoke. All matters arising will be reported to Mendip Highways. **ACTION Cllrs Gladman and James.**
- Request to review the 30mph speed limit near Bucklegrove: Response still awaited.
- The stream wall in Rodney Stoke is to be repaired by Mendip Highways.
- An obstruction on Stoke Street caused by ivy has been resolved by the landowner.
- Somerset County Council are to withdraw community Speed Indicator Device services to Parish Councils. The matter will be discussed at the next A371 traffic meeting.

**225.8 Planning Report:** The report was reviewed and is available in the Minute book.

- A matter regarding a downpipe in Draycott has been resolved by the landowner.
- Training events held by Mendip District Council were discussed.
- Enforcement arrangements at Mendip District Council were reviewed.

**225.9 County Council Report:** Cllr Noel discussed the budget and answered questions. A copy of the report is held in the Minute book.

**225.10 District Council Report:** Cllr Wyke submitted a report: public consultation on the draft part 2 of the Local Plan is short and finishes on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. The part 2 covers Green Spaces, potential preferred development sites to meet the housing numbers allocated to Draycott and a new policy on affordable and self build housing outside the current development boundary; Two interim enforcement officers have been appointed to cover the vacancies; The December meeting of the Full Council approved a new borrowing limit of £100 million to support their commercial investment activity to generate income.

**225.11 The Rev Cobley Playing Fields Report**

- The young Oak tree is now planted.
- Quotations for the Lime tree maintenance were discussed. Resolution: Cllr Dudden proposed that works should include thinning the crowns and Amber Tree Services be awarded the work. Cllr Gladman seconded. **ACTION Clerk**
- Cllr James reported that glass had been removed from the field.

**225.12 New Memorial Hall Report:** A review of the meeting was given. Matters included: The new secretary; buffing the floor; a donation; the AGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**225.13 Burial Ground Report:**

- 1 burial was reported for the period to January.
- Garden of Remembrance: Quotations were discussed. Cllr Gladman proposed that a

Garden of Remembrance be installed at the Burial Ground, Draycott by Adams Memorials with the bases to be incised and sequentially numbered. Cllr Dollins seconded. Agreed. Cllr Dollins proposed that the regulations and fees should be amended accordingly and updated in line with local burial grounds. Cllr James seconded. Resolution to review the fees regularly. **ACTION Clerk**

- Clerk training in Cemetery Compliance was discussed. It was proposed that the village hall should be offered as a venue. **ACTION Clerk**

**225.14 Footpath Walkers Report**

- Quotations to install replacement wooden fingerposts, provided by Somerset County Council, at Milking Lane and at the bus stop in Rodney Stoke were discussed. Cllr Dollins proposed that the quotations be accepted. Cllr Ward seconded. **ACTION Clerk**
- Cllr Gladman is to arrange training for the fingerpost group **ACTION Cllr Gladman**

**225.15 Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Dollins gave a report: A Neighbourhood Watch Pact Meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February at Wells Town Hall; new dates for the mobile police van were noted; new Neighbourhood Watch stickers are available.

**225.16 Website:** A meeting is to be arranged soon; proposals to update the website and review the host are to be discussed. **ACTION Clerk Cllrs James and Marsh**

**225.17 Environmental Issues:** The AONB group meeting was reviewed.

**225.18 SALC:** The Clerks briefing was reviewed, including the requirement for the Parish Council to engage a Data Protection Officer, SALC is investigating options for Councils.

**225.19 Emergency Planning:** Proposals should be available for the March Parish Council Meeting.

**225.20 Community Matters:** The NHS event was reviewed; Cllr Hele Kergozou will report any matters arising at the Dementia meeting at the March Parish Council Meeting.

**225.21 Correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council.

**225.22 Newsletter items agreed for inclusion:**

- Local Plan Part 11 submission deadline
- Neighbourhood Watch Stickers available
- Lime trees to be trimmed
- Police mobile van dates
- Garden of Remembrance
- Fingerpost Maintenance Group set up – places available
- Carers agents appointed

**225.23 Financial Report**

- Cllr Dollins proposed that the payments schedule be approved Cllr Haskins seconded.

**Payments Schedule:**

Payee	Cheque No.	Service	Amount £
GH Jeff	1491	Newsletter printing	68.75
Draycott Playing Fields M'ment Cmttee	1492	Contribution to running costs	500.00
Mendip Community Transport	1493	Grant	40.00
St Margaret's Hospice	1494	Grant	40.00
Children's Hospice South West	1495	Grant	40.00
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Trust	1496	Grant	80.00
H Marshall	1497	Salary Mileage Expenses	1309.86
Draycott Memorial Hall	1498	Room Hire x 6	90.00
A Chick	1499	Street cleaning	198.00
Probusiness Ltd	1500	quarterly payroll charges	43.50

- Cllr Ward proposed that the financial statement be approved. Cllr Dollins seconded.

**225.24 Dates of future meetings -**

15<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November **2018**

17<sup>th</sup> January, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> November **2019**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018