

Draft minutes of the meeting of Rodney Stoke Parish Council held in the Draycott Memorial Hall, Latches Lane, Draycott on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr Sealey (Chairman) and Cllrs Dollins Dudden, Gladman, Hatherell, Hele Kergozou, McGovarin and Ward. Also present were District Cllr Wyke, the Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

An accident on Honeyhurst Lane delayed the commencement of the Council Meeting.

**230.1 Apologies for absence** Cllrs Haskins and James, County Cllr Noel.

Chairman Sealey reported the resignation of Cllr Marsh: It was decided that the Council will not seek to co-opt a new Councillor before the elections in May 2019; Vacancies on Committees: Cllr Ward joins the Planning Committee; Cllr Hele Kergozou joins the Memorial Hall Committee and the Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

**230.2 Declarations of Interest:** None

**230.3 Public Participation:** It was reported that ex Councillor Mr Steve Dennett's funeral was well attended. The Council was represented by Cllr Dudden and sent condolences to the family.

**230.4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, proposed as a true record by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr McGovarin. Agreed.

**230.5 Matters arising from the minutes: Bollards at the top of The Street:** Having confirmed that the bollards will be paid for, a response from County Highways is awaited. **New Road:** A request for additional signage has been submitted, a response from County Highways is awaited; Priddy Parish Council thanked the Council for informing them of the request.

**230.6 Roads Report: Community speed watch:** the representative from Rodney Stoke has resigned. The Council will review the matter in January 2019. **Police:** After a lack of response recently, we are waiting to hear from the local PCSO with regards to how best to contact them. **Verge damage Rodney Stoke:** The verges will be reinstated by the utilities involved in the road closure. Damage along Brookbank has also been reported to highways by a resident and the Parish Council. **Application for verge posts, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke:** Following a complaint to County Highways regarding stones on the verge, Highways have advised that they would likely support an application to install bollards/posts to protect the verge and damage to the brook. The Council would need to apply for a licence in the first instance. Cllr Dollins proposed that the Council request a licence for wooden posts, with the understanding that the licence fee will be waived in this instance. Cllr Ward seconded. **Road extent confirmation** Mendip District Council have requested that Royal Mail include Whitsomes Drove in the postal address for Pumphouse Farm. **Speed Indicator Devices** It was reviewed that the County Council are no longer offering a scheme but will support Councils that wish to purchase and manage their own devices. Advisory group recommendation: to purchase of two devices with a view to sharing the costs with neighbouring Parishes, subject to further investigation; renting devices was not recommended. A progress report will be made at the next meeting. Questions were asked and answered including: the reuse of existing poles; pro rata charges to Parishes; charges for new poles; adjustments for new speed limits; GDPR and exchanging and clearing data. **Latches Lane, School Lane, Short Lane and Bradley Cross Road, Draycott and Cheddar:** requests for a reduction in the speed limit have been received. The removal of Latches Lane and Short Lane from the speed reduction scheme was reviewed. The proposal for a speed reduction along Bradley Cross Road was discussed including an email of support received from Cllr Nigel Taylor. It was noted that both roads are in Cheddar Parish. The Chairman offered to speak to the Chairman of Cheddar Parish Council to consider a joint Parish request for a review. **Latches Lane temporary one-way system:** The Parish Council requested a police presence during the road works to manage the speed and traffic use. **Inconsiderate parking on Cross Farm Road, Draycott was discussed.** The Parish Council have contacted the football club again, and it was decided to write to the School requesting that parents and carers are considerate when parking and keep the time to a minimum. **A371 road closure** was discussed. It is hoped that the work will finish ahead of time. The utility companies are to reinstate the roads and verges when the works are completed. **Request for temporary speed calming measures on Millway, Rodney Stoke** It was reported that County Highways would not support a sleeping policeman. It was noted that speed bumps require street lighting. The Council have requested a police presence during the works to manage the speed of traffic. **Request for temporary one-way system on Millway, Rodney Stoke** Hooke Highways investigated the request, but no action was taken.

## **Removal of bollards and destruction of Safety Fence – Brangay Lane/Eastville Lane**

This matter was reported and investigated for reinstatement. **County wide parking review and local traffic engineering requests:** County Highways are proposing grouping all requests together to manage workloads. **Changes to the winter service 2018/19 – gritting and gritbins** It was discussed that if there is an offer of dumpy bags of grit this year the Council will accept it. Grit needs to be stored and covered. The Council is to investigate the cost of sourcing grit themselves locally. The Council decided to buy a tonne of grit and restock if necessary. **Fly tipping Draycott Moor Drove** The Council decided to add an item to the newsletter **Speed Signs in Draycott and Rodney Stoke** There is no further update from traffic engineer. **Action** Clerk and Cllr Sealey

**230.7 Planning Report:** Having been circulated the report was taken as read. A copy is held in the Minute book. A new planning application was noted, a planning committee meeting will be held in December.

**230.8 County Council Report:** The report was submitted prior to the meeting and circulated at the meeting. A copy is available in the Minute book. Matters included: Finance; the new schools programme; social care for older people; secondary schools admission deadline; Hinkley Point; proud to produce; improving health and wellbeing; flu vaccine; pot holes; the library service; fostering.

**230.9 District Council Report:** District Cllr Wyke gave a report, including the following matters: Gigaclear and Truespeed broadband provision; Cheddar Library; children's services; thanks to the Clerk for her work on the road closure over the past months; the Unitary system; enforcement; investment in commercial property to generate income. A question was asked regarding new powers to be devolved to Parish Councils. It was not confirmed whether there would be any budget to fund this.

**230.10 The Rev Cobley Playing Field Report:** The following matters were discussed: **Dog fouling** It was decided to place an item in the newsletter. **Tree Report:** The report was received and discussed. It was decided to include an item in the budget for ongoing reports and works; to consider requesting quotes for annual work at January meeting; Cllrs inspecting the field will photograph any fungi noticed on the trees. **Grant applications** are underway. It was noted that the **Field has been sprayed. The Plinth** has been built by Cllr Gladman and stone installed by Cllrs Gladman and Sealey. The **Tree Guard has been purchased** for installation around the sapling. A request for a Grant was received from the Playing Field Committee. Resolution: Cllr Dollins proposed that a grant in the amount of £500 be given to support the Committee. Cllr Dudden seconded. Agreed. **Action** Clerk, Cllrs Sealey and Gladman

**230.11 New Memorial Hall Report:** The Hall Committee Secretary gave a report including the following matters: the floors have been refinished; the management committee is being reformed.

**230.12 Burial Ground Report:** No interments have taken place in this period. **The Glebe Field** No response has been received regarding the request to extend the burial ground. **Headstones:** One matter remains outstanding, a decision was postponed to the January meeting, as contact may be made over the Christmas period **Wayleaves:** The agreements have been signed and submitted **Burial Ground Risk Assessment** the document was approved. An assessment of the condition of the hedges will be made. **Action** Clerk and Cllr Gladman

**230.13 Footpath Walkers Report.** There were no further updates regarding the Fingerpost Group.

**230.14 Neighbourhood Watch** Cllr Dollins gave a report. The following matters were discussed: rogue traders; 'Be Proud' nominations; additional costs for policing; phonecall scams.

**230.15 Website** The discussion was postponed until the January meeting.

**230.16 Somerset Association of Local Councils:** Cllr Ward gave a report on the recent Area Meeting. Matters reviewed included: The Unitary Authority; self-help; the SALC status going forward; Somerset Waste and landfill: the replacement of the fleet; collections every 3 weeks; skill shortages; diversity in Councils. Cllr Ward offered to attend Mendip area meetings.

**230.17 Environmental Issues** Cllr Dollins reported that there will be an AONB meeting next week.

**230.18 Emergency Planning** The matter is ongoing.

**230.19 Community Matters: Housing needs survey:** The district housing department is recruiting and an officer should be in place in January to assist with surveys; a template survey and requests for housing numbers will be sent to the Council for consideration. **Elections:** The timetable has been received and details will be available on the website. **Bus stop** Quotes to make repairs at the access will be considered at the next meeting. **Action** The Clerk and Cllr Sealey

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

**230.21 Newsletter items** agreed for inclusion: Be Proud awards; tree guard for millennium sapling; 2019 elections and vacancy; Rev Cobley Play Area plinth; parking at Cross Farm Road; waste collections; fixmystreet.com; no dogs on playing field.

**230.22 Finance: Statement of Accounts**, having been circulated, the November Statement was approved as a true record and signed by Cllr Hele Kergozou. **Grants:** Further information was requested regarding an application for a grant request for Musgrove Park Hospital. It was decided to postpone consideration of other grant requests until the January meeting. **Budget:** The draft budget, having been circulated prior to the meeting was discussed including additional items for inclusion. Cllr Dollins proposed increasing the amount given as grants by £100 and increasing the amount proposed for community improvements by £150. The total income required would be £24,400. The **Precept** for 2019/20 will be £24,400 which represents an increase of @1.95% Cllr Hele Kergozou seconded. One abstention. Agreed. **Payment Schedule:** Cllr Dollins proposed that the schedule be approved, Cllr Ward seconded. Agreed.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
St Leonards Church PCC	1540	Grant towards church yard upkeep	£ 500.00
A Robinson	1541	Newsletter Printing	£ 74.21
Arien Designs Ltd	1542	Signs - overflow car park	£ 108.00
GWB Services Ltd	1543	Grass cutting May to Aug	£ 569.00
H Marshall	1544	Salary Mileage Expenses Oct	£ 743.09
Probusiness Ltd	1545	Quarterly Payroll Charges	£ 43.50
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	1546	Cemetery training	£ 174.00
H Marshall	1547	Salary, Expenses November	£ 134.08
O Frost Forestry & Arboriculture Ltd	1548	Tree Inspection Report	£ 360.00
A Chick	1549	Street Cleaning	£ 264.22
West Country Groundcare	1550	Weed/spray recreation ground	£ 504.00
Draycott Playing Fields M'ment Cmttee	1551	Contribution to running costs	£ 500.00

**230.23 Dates of future meetings -**

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 10pm

Signed ..... Chairman Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019