

Draft minutes of the meeting of Rodney Stoke Parish Council held in the Draycott Memorial Hall, Latches Lane, Draycott on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr Sealey (Chairman) and Cllrs Dudden, Gladman, Haskins, Hatherall, Hele Kergozou, Marsh, McGovarin and Ward. Also present were District Cllr Wyke and the Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public.

**229.1 Apologies for absence** Cllrs Dollins and James

**229.2 Declarations of Interest:** None

**229.3 Public Participation:** Mr Andrew McGovarin gave a short presentation regarding his application for the Parish Councillor vacancy. Matters discussed included his background; his residency and his welcome to the village. A resident spoke regarding the difficulties faced by residents and disabled residents during the upcoming Wells Road closure. Matters discussed included public transport and buses; the emotional impact; HGV traffic. The resident thanked District Cllr Wyke for her work on the provision of public transport.

**229.4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, proposed as a true record by Cllr Hele Kergozou and seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed.

**229.5 Vacancy for a Councillor:** Cllr Hatherall proposed Mr McGovarin. Cllr Gladman seconded. A vote was taken. Cllr Sealey declared Cllr McGovarin to be unanimously elected. Resolution: Cllr McGovarin should sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Having received an agenda prior to the meeting, Cllr McGovarin joined the meeting.

**229.6 Matters arising from the minutes:** No matters were raised

**229.7 Roads Report: Wells Road Closure:** Chairman Sealey reviewed the meeting with the contractors and Somerset County Council including: the offer of a further meeting and the withdrawal of the offer; the official alternative route; phasing the works to open roads in Draycott; Latches Lane and access to the village; parking; information for residents; public transport; suitability of local roads for diverted traffic; use of traffic lights in Rodney Stoke; coordinating the utilities. Resolution: to open the overflow carpark at the hall for the duration of the closure. District Cllr Wyke reviewed discussions the County Council regarding First Bus and public transport and the provision of a shuttle service between Rodney Stoke and Wells and Draycott and Cheddar to be funded by the utility companies; the school transport service is out to tender; the 16+ group reliant on public transport and support by Somerset County Council. The Parish Council will update their website and notice boards as information is received. **Speed Indicator Devices:** The following matters were discussed: The number of devices; offer of a contribution from a resident; locations and poles; costs; training; collaborating with other Parishes; types; maintenance costs; leasing. Resolution: To obtain 2 devices for the Parish. An advisory group consisting of Cllrs Gladman, Hatherall and Ward with Mr D Jones will consider: devices; Councils to collaborate with; research; lease or purchase and maintenance costs to make a recommendation to the next Council meeting. The Chairman thanked the resident for his offer to contribute to the scheme. **Bradley Cross/Top Road/School Lane:** A request from a resident to reduce the speed limit on these roads was discussed including: the road improvement scheme and speed limits not supported by County Highways; that Cheddar Parish Council were unable to support the request; criteria for speed reductions; notices on private land; County Council requirement for children to cycle or walk to Cheddar schools; lack of pavements. Resolution: To write to County Cllr Noel to clarify how the road has been determined as a safe route for children; to request signage to highlight that the road narrows; to request that the 20mph limit is pursued. **New Road:** A request from a resident to address signage on the road to prevent increasing use by large vehicles was discussed. Resolution: To request appropriate signage at the Priddy end and the Draycott end on both sides of the road showing the weight limit and 'no buses'; to request gradient signs at both ends; to check if the 'shoulders' have been investigated. Copy in County Cllr Noel and Priddy PC. **The Street** County Highways support placing bollards at the top of The Street to protect the visibility splay, however they would have to be funded at @ £250 ea. A resident offered to pay for the bollards. The Chairman thanked the resident. Resolution: Request the bollards are installed. The following matters were then discussed: **The silt trap on Hill Lane** has been cleared; **The loose kerb stone and shoulders on New Road** have been reported; the request to review **speed signs in Draycott and Rodney Stoke** is now being considered by the new traffic engineer; that the **A371 traffic group** should liaise with the A 361 traffic group. A date for the next meeting is awaited; The request for bollards to be placed on the **visibility splay at the top of Stoke Street** has now been referred to the traffic engineer. **Action** Clerk

**229.8 Planning Report:** Having been circulated the report was taken as read. A copy is held in the Minute book. The **Sedgemoor District Council Local Plan** Consultation was discussed Resolution: no comments to be submitted. **Enforcement** are recruiting; matters on Honeyhurst Lane were reviewed and are progressing.

**229.9 County Council Report:** No report had been received.

**229.10 District Council Report:** District Cllr Wyke gave a report, including the following matters: Wells Road closure and the impact on local lanes, a pre-condition report was requested; large Councils and funding cuts; gritting on the A371, but not all roads; social care funding will be maintained; new licences for dog breeders and enforcement issues.

**229.11 The Rev Cobley Playing Field Report: Play Area Equipment:** The following matters were discussed: the existing swing frame cannot support a basket swing; refurbishment by volunteers; safety barriers for

swings; bonded shredded rubber flooring; the proposed layout for new equipment. Resolution: The Clerk is to pursue funding for a new basket swing, the 'witches hat', new flooring, swing barriers for the existing swings and the new basket swing in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**Plaques:** The stone has been deposited ready for the plaques to be mounted; Cllr Gladman is to build the plinth for the stone. **Sandringham sapling:** Resolution: to purchase a tree guard to a limit of £300. **Tree Report:** The Council considered the quotations received. Resolution: Cllr Marsh proposed that the report be awarded to O Frost Forestry & Arboriculture Ltd. Cllr Hatherall seconded. Agreed.

**Weed treatment** for the field was discussed. Resolution: The secretary of the Playing Field Committee is to book a weed and feed treatment. **Action** Clerk, Cllrs Sealey and Gladman

**229.12 New Memorial Hall Report:** The Secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee noted that the floors are to be refurbished and the hall will be closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October; the path to the container has been levelled and the rail on the steps has been reset. Chairman Sealey has cut the grass in the overflow car park. The carpark should be sprayed in the spring.

**229.13 Burial Ground Report:** No interments have taken place in this period. **The Glebe Field** A meeting with the Diocese was reviewed, a formal application has been made for land to extend the burial ground. The request will be considered in October. **Headstones:** Two outstanding matters have now been resolved, all outstanding matters will be pursued as far as possible, a final decision will be made in November. **Wayleaves:** A proposal was discussed regarding arrears payments and a lump sum payment or annual agreement. Resolution: Cllr Marsh proposed accepting an annual agreement. Cllr Hele Kergozou seconded. Agreed. Resolution: Cllr Dudden proposed that cemetery compliance training in Bridport at a cost of £145 be approved Cllr Ward seconded. Agreed.

**229.14 Footpath Walkers Report** Planning encroachment regarding footpath 9/19 is to be investigated by Somerset Rights of Way Officer. There were no further updates regarding the Fingerpost Group.

**229.15 Neighbourhood Watch** There was no report.

**229.16 Website** No matters were discussed.

**229.17 Environmental Issues** No matters were discussed.

**229.18 Emergency Planning** No matters were discussed.

**229.19 Community Matters: Village of the year nomination:** Preparations and the assessment were reviewed including assistance provided by the Council. The decision should be made in October; **Community Payback Scheme** was discussed. It will be considered to accelerate a local community project such as the refurbishment of the swings in the play area. **Bus stop** Following recent investigations by contractors, it was discussed that the old concrete base from the telephone box and other rubbish needs to be removed and clean stone added to improve drainage. Further quotes will be requested on this basis. **Card Memorial:** insurance cannot be obtained for the memorial alone due to restrictions on dual insuring. The Memorial will be insured under next year's renewal. The pointing was discussed. Resolution: weedkiller is to be applied to the base, the pointing will then be assessed.

**Victorian Gates** The colour of the paint was discussed. Resolution: Request quotes for black and grey and to make good and tidy the gates and post. The **grit bin** at the top of Back Lane has been replaced **The Pound Wall** has been mended. **Action** Clerk.

**229.20 Correspondence** was brought to the attention of the Council. Resolution: to approve the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC seminar (cost to be shared with another Parish).

**229.21 Newsletter items** agreed for inclusion: New Councillor; Road Closure information as available; Thanks to District Cllr Wyke regarding public transport; Thanks for help with contacts at the Burial Ground; Card Memorial letters; Support for the village of the year nomination.

**229.22 Finance: Statement of Accounts**, having been circulated, the September Statement was approved as a true record and signed by Cllr Hele Kergozou. **St Leonards Church:** The request for a donation was discussed at length. Cllr Hele Kergozou proposed that a grant be made in the budgeted amount of £500. Cllr Ward seconded. Agreed. The **Annual Return** was noted as completed with no comments.

**229.23 Payment Schedule:** Cllr Ward proposed that the schedule be approved, Cllr Marsh seconded. Agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Service	Amount
G H Jeff	1528	Newsletter printing	£ 68.75
H Marshall	1529	Gritbin, admin expenses	£ 223.46
CPRE	1530	Membership 2018 - 19	£ 36.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	1531	Annual Return yr end 31.3.18	£ 240.00
H Marshall	1532	Salary August	£ 632.70
Information Commissioners Office	DD	Data Protection Registration	£ 35.00
H Marshall	1533	Salary Expenses September	£ 787.08
H Dudden	1534	Pound & Footpath Mowing	£ 210.00
A Chick	1535	Street Cleaning	£ 180.00
Adams Memorials	1536	Card Memorial letter refurbishment	£ 327.00
A Brumfitt	1537	Maintenance of Card Memorial	£ 145.00
A Brumfitt	1538	Install/dispose of gritbin	£ 82.50
St Leonards Church PCC		Grant towards churchyard maintenance	£ 500.00

**229.24 Dates of future meetings -**

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 9.45pm

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