

Minutes of the meeting of Stawell Parish Council
Held in the village hall on Monday 7th October 2019 at 7 pm

Present: Cllrs Penny Badcock, Rod Conaway, Brian Lishman (Chairman) and Simon Thomas.

In attendance: Chris Fry (Clerk) and 4 members of the public,

1263 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Hugh Gange-Harris and Linda Osborne.

1264 Declarations of Interest: None.

1265 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September 2019 were taken as read, agreed and signed as a true record.

1266 Matters Arising: -

a. Communal car parking area in Ford Lane.

Progress following the order to clear up the mess will be considered at the next meeting.

b. "Give Way" road markings throughout Stawell and Sutton Mallet.

Cllr. Simon Thomas has provided a list of locations where the lines need renewing to the Clerk who will report to SCC highways, as well as reminding them about the "Slow" road markings on the A39 at the Ford Lane junction.

c. Raised kerb and path near the library kiosk.

The damage here had been reported to the appropriate SCC department.

1267 County/District Ciouncillors' reports..

None.

1268 Financial Matters:

Three cheques was signed as follows:

No 438 £120.00 payee CN Fry (October net salary).

No 439 £ 18.21 " " (expenses).

No 440 £240.00 " PKF Littlejohn (External audit fee).

The Clerk reported that the external audit has been completed with the necessary documentation having been advertised.

1269 Planning – No new applications.

Reference 46/18/00010 – Wood Lane Farm
Appeal due 9th October 2019.

1270 Correspondence.

a. SDC Budget Consultation.

The opinion of the public is being sought on how the council should spend its proportion of the Council Tax (9p in the £) and the consultation will close on 18th October.

Go to www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

1271 Matters for report & items for next meeting:

None.

1272 Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

Any Other Business.

The Chairman opened the meeting up for public participation at 7.10 pm.

a. Dangerous parking along Stawell Road.

The problem of many vehicles being parked in hazardous positions in Stawell Road, particularly in the Ford Lane junction area near the Church was brought up by a concerned parishioner. A discussion took place and it was generally agreed that more considerate parking would ease the congestion and lessen the potential danger of road accidents occurring. Visibility for vehicles emerging from Ford Lane is zero. Traffic passing along Stawell Road are having to negotiate many miscellaneous parked vehicles, a situation which makes the problem “an accident waiting to happen”.

It was agreed that Cllr Simon Thomas should raise the matter to PCSO Lora Bray at the November Hub Café. It is felt the problem can only be resolved by enlightening parishioners to the danger.

The Parish Council would like to include the following notice in the minutes of the meeting, which will be published on the village web site.

“The Parish Council is extremely concerned about the poor standard of car parking throughout Stawell Road, particularly near the Ford Lane junction area near the Church. Vehicles emerging from Ford Lane have zero visibility and those passing along Stawell Road have a similar problem.

Emergency vehicles would be severely impeded, as well as horse boxes, oil delivery lorries, agricultural vehicles and all local traffic, which have all encountered difficulties. As it stands the present situation represents “an accident waiting to happen”.

The Parish Council is sure we are all keen to minimise road dangers and it urges parishioners to be more considerate when parking their vehicles in the Stawell Road area”.

b. Planning matters.

A parishioner asked if any representation was planned at the forthcoming planning committee meeting when the Flichtetts Farm application is under consideration.

c. State of the highway outside the “derelict” house in Stawell Road.

Following the recent heavy rainfall partial localised flooding of the road has taken place. It is felt that drainage could be improved here. The Chairman, Brian Lishman said he would make appropriate enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting, Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.00pm in Stawell Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.