

**Minutes of the meeting of Stawell Parish Council
Held in the village hall on Monday 23d March 2020 at 7 pm.**

Present: Cllrs Simon Thomas (vice-Chairman), Penny Badcock and Linda Osborn.

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

1313 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Rod Conaway, Brian Lishman and Hugh Gange-Harris.

1314 Declarations of Interest: None.

1315 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2020 were taken as read, agreed and signed as a true record.

1316 Matters Arising: -

a. Parish of Stawell Heritage Society. – grant request.

A request has been received to help cover the cost of setting up the newly formed Heritage Society. The Vice-Chairman, Simon Thomas, said he felt the parish council should support this worthy cause. Bearing in mind the problems of Corona Virus inhibiting the raising of funds from alternative sources, Simon proposed a grant of £150 be made. This was seconded by Penny Badcock and unanimously agreed by all present.

b. Defibrillator insurance.

The Clerk reported the defibrillator is not covered by the parish council insurance. Simon Thomas (also the Chairman of the village hall), said he would endeavour to establish cover under the hall insurance.

(See County Councillors report for “Road safety issues throughout Stawell).

1317 County/District Councillor’s’ reports – None.

1318 Financial Matters:

Five cheques was signed as follows:

No 451	£ 180.00	payee HMRC	(paye Jul/Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec 2019).
No 452	£ 90.00	“ “	(paye Jan/Feb/Mar 2020).
No 453	£ 50.00	“ POSHS	(part grant aid).
No 454	£ 120.00	“ CN Fry	(Apr net salary).
No 455	£ 100.00	“ POSHS	(part grant aid).

Stawell Parish Council Business Continuity Motion to Council.

The Clerk explained that formal meetings and all other gatherings of the Stawell Parish Council were to be cancelled until further notice, because of the Corona Virus. In view of this the following motion needs to be considered by the Parish Council:-

“The Parish Council of Stawell resolve to delegate responsibility for the day to day activities of the Council (especially payments – including those exceptionally caused by the Corona Virus), to the Clerk and/or the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman, to continue during the time that formal meetings are cancelled because of the Corona Virus”.

Following a discussion this motion was proposed by Penny Badcock, seconded by Linda Osborn and unanimously supported by all present.

1319 Planning – One (new) applications:-

Reference: 46/20/00002/CM.

Applicant: Mrs Fitzgerald Wilson.

Location: Little Hollow, Church Road, Sutton Mallet Bridgwater TA7 9AT.

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling with a detached garage.

(Comments already submitted).

Because the application (originally lodged in February and supported by the Parish Council), has been significantly amended, there was an opportunity to comment further – by 17th March.

The matter was referred to the Chairman who considered that the comments already submitted remained appropriate and therefore he framed the following additional text:-

“The Parish Council of Stawell wish its comments already submitted to remain the same, as it considers the amended drawings provide better clarification for the Planning Officer’s deliberations”.

These comments have already been submitted.

1320 Correspondence.

a. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine.

The latest copy has been received.

1321 Matters for report & items for next meeting – None.

1322 Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

a. Corona Virus Self Help Group.

A discussion took place about the local voluntary scheme that is being set up in the village to provide help and care to parishioners in need during the period of self-isolation during the Corona Virus Pandemic.

For more information go to the village web site.

Date of next meeting (to be arranged).

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.