

Minutes of the meeting of Stawell Parish Council held on Monday 7th June 2021 in the village hall at 7.00 pm.

Present: - Cllrs. Penny Badcock, Hugh Gange-Harris, Brian Lishman (Chairman) and Linda Osborne.

Also present: - Cllr. David Huxtable (SCC).

In attendance: - The Clerk (Chris Fry) and two members of the public.

1445 Apologies: - Cllrs. Rod Conaway, and Simon Thomas.

1446 Declarations of Interest: - None.

1447 Minutes of the previous meeting of 19th May 2021 were taken as read, agreed and signed.

1448 Matters arising from the minutes: - None.

1449 County/District Councillors' reports.

County: - David Huxtable reported as follows: -

a. A39 resurfacing work.

David said this would be completed by September 2021.

b. SCC Traffic App.

SCC are launching a traffic app to enable members of the public to report Highway hazards such as potholes. Photographs can be uploaded and a response giving a repair date will be triggered. Details to follow.

c. Support for village halls following Lock-down.

SCC are setting aside £500,000 to provide support for village halls who will be facing additional costs following Covid-19 Lock-down. Details to follow.

District: - None.

At 7.12 pm the Chairman closed proceedings and opened the meeting to the public.

a. Parish of Stawell History Society.

A member of the public confirmed that the outstanding cheque to POSHS would be presented as soon as it was possible to open a new charity account.

The meeting was re-opened at 7.14 pm.

1450 Financial matters.

a. One cheque to issue:

No 491 £173.27 payee CN Fry (June net salary).

The internal audit is currently taking place. The public right of scrutiny will then be advertised,

followed by the external audit.

1451 Planning: - Application number: - 46/21/00005.

Applicant: - Mr P Moate.

Location: - Ballwood View Farm, Moor Road, Sutton Mallet Bridgwater TA7

Proposal: - Application to determine if prior planning approval is required for a proposed erection of an agricultural building.

SDC Planning department has issued a ruling stating that a formal submission with full details is required. The applicant does not own the land, but holds grass keep rights. The Chairman said the position here is somewhat complex. The residence is subject to an agricultural tie. Two previous planning applications have resulted in this small farm (31 acres only) already being a busy site. The present scheme is for an event venue and provision of horse keep. Concern has been voiced by two neighbouring landowners. No comments are called for at present.

1452 Correspondence. None

1453 Matters of report and items for next meeting – None.

1454 Any other business and date of next meeting.

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a. Local consultation on future local government arrangements in Somerset.

The result of the recent consultation was announced at 3.30pm this afternoon: -

A total of 111,000 people responded throughout Somerset and the aggregated result was as follows: -

Supporting “Stronger Somerset” – 66% (The District Councils’ proposal)

“One Somerset” – 34% (The County Council’s proposal).

This result will be conveyed to the Secretary of State (Robert Generick), who is expected to reach a decision before the Parliamentary Summer recess.

b. SCC Launch of Vaccination Buddy programme.

SCC’s Public Health has recently launched a Vaccine Buddy Programme with Spark Somerset, where a team of volunteer Vaccination Buddies has been trained. 1-2-1 telephone support will be available to people who are worried or unsure about having the vaccine.

For more details go to: -

<https://www.sparksomerset.org.uk/projects/vaccination-buddies>

Date of next meeting – Monday 5th July 2021 in the village hall.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.21 pm

