

**Stawell minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Monday 9th May 2022 following the Annual Meeting.**

Present: - Cllrs. Hugh Gange-Harris, Ian Graham, Phillip Jay and Brian Lishman (Chairman).

Also present: - Cllr Stuart Kingham (SDC).

In attendance: Chris Fry (Clerk) and 8 members of the public,

1541 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Simon Thomas and Linda Osborne. Cllr David Huxtable (SCC).

1542 Declarations of Interest: - none.

1543 Chairman's report.

The last year has been less traumatic than the previous year because we have been able to meet in person rather than via telephone conference call, as in most of the previous year.

I would like to start my report by thanking all the councillors and the Clerk for all their endeavours during the last year on my behalf and also for the whole parish. Special mention must be made of all the past endeavours made by past councillor Rod Conaway, who had to resign because of ill health and who has very recently died, and to pass our condolences on to his wife Louise and to all his family.

The past year has been notable by the fact that we have ended the year with a full compliment of seven councillors. This is a first in all my years on the council, and perhaps for years before that, and we welcome our new councillors.

Otherwise it has been a fairly straight forward year with fewer than normal planning applications. Some disruption was had, particularly in Sutton Mallet, because of fibre phone lines being installed by Open Reach and the filming work being carried out by a private company on a film to be released on Netflix, I gather in the USA.

This is the last occasion on which we will have our last County councillor David Huxtable to report to us on County Council matters. He has represented us in this area for a huge number of years, and worked for us in numerous ways, particularly highways matters, but was not successful in being elected in the most recent election last week.

1544 Minutes of the last meeting of 4th April 2022 - These were taken as read, agreed and signed.

1545 Matters Arising from the minutes –

a. Defibrillator battery.

Simon Thomas has advised the Clerk that the village hall committee is agreeable to covering 50% of the cost of a new battery (estimated total cost about £300), provided the Parish Council finds the other 50%. This has already been agreed.

Simon also advises that Terry Mattews is arranging a course of training sessions in defibrillator usage and other first aid, at no cost to the Parish Council.

1546 County/District Reports: -

a. County - none.

David's usual monthly report is available on line.

b. District: -

Stuart reported low levels of activity at Sedgemoor ahead of preparations for the new Unitary Authority.

1547 Financial Matters:

There are three cheques to issue: -

No 517 £150.00 payee Stawell Church (annual grant).
No 518 £100.00 " Sutton Mallet Church (annual grant aid).
No 519 £173.27 " CN Fry (May net salary)..

1548 Planning: -

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

Application no.: - 46/22/00002.

Application Type: - Prior approval agricultural to dwelling.

Applicant: - Mr S Osborne.

Location: - Barn to the east of Stawell Road Stawell Bridgwater Somerset TA7.

Coordinates: - E:336065.11 N: 138122.90.

Proposal: - Application for the prior approval of the proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no dwelling and associated operational development.

(The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow public participation at 7.32 pm.)

Several parishioners voiced their objections to the proposal. It was said that at best the barn is a pole barn with wooden stanchions. The application form itself appears to be blank and it contains no description of any proposed works, impacts or risk.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the comments to be sent to SDC planners should be as follows: -

"The Parish Council of Stawell wishes to register observations and comments to the planning officer on the application for the prior approval of an agricultural building to a dwelling reference 46/22/00002. The barn in question is completely unsuitable for conversion to a dwelling. At best it is a pole barn with wooden stanchions. The application form appears to be blank with no description given (under section 7) for any proposed works, impacts or risk. We understand that a site visit will take place as a matter of course, and we would like any comments submitted from members of the public to be considered by the planning officer in making her decision."

(The Chairman re-convened the meeting at 7.52pm).

1549 Correspondence:

a. HM Queens Platinum Jubilee beacon and wildlife concerns.

An email received from Simon Thomas confirms that matters are in hand to ensure wildlife safety surrounding the lighting of the Jubilee beacon on 2nd June 2022.

b. Nails on the Highway.

A parishioner has reported finding three sets of nails (used in nail guns), wedged in the damaged tarmac on the road at the bottom of the Stawell hill leading to the moors.

The Clerk reported SCC Streetwise has confirmed the resurfacing in that area is scheduled to take place this financial year.

1550 Matters of report and items for next meeting: - None.

1551 Any other business and Date of next meeting:

a. Recent scam.

The Chairman reported on a recent email scam which was sent to some Parish Councillors, requesting them to purchase Amazon vouchers, for reimbursement by the Chairman later the same day.

b. Somerset Waste Partnership - May briefing.

This has been received and includes details of a new "Fixy" van which will be touring the county promoting the repair and re use of electrical equipment.

c. Platimun Jubilee celebrations - 2nd - 5th June 2022.

The Chairman outlined the programme of planned events: -

Thursday 2nd June: -

Bar open for drinks at 7pm.
Choir to sing "A life lived with grace" at 9.15pm.
"Majesty" instrumental to be played 9.40pm.
Lighting of the Beacon at 9.45 pm.
Back to the hall to raise a glass to HM at 10pm.
Snacks will be available.
Glastonbury Woodfire Pizza 4 - 9pm.

Saturday 4th June: -

Door opens 7.30pm.
Hog Roast.
Bar open for drinks.
Platinum Party at the Palace streaming live from 8pm on the big screen.

Sunday 5th June 3pm - 8pm.

Afternoon tea party.
Bouncy castle.
Skittle Alley.
Ice creams.
Bar open.

Date of next meeting Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm

