

**Minutes of the meeting of Stawell Parish Council
Held in the village hall on Monday 5th November 2018 at 7 pm**

Present: Cllrs. Rod Conaway, Hugh Gange-Harris, Brian Lishman (Chairman) and Simon Thomas (Vice-Chairman).

In attendance: Chris Fry (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1173 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Penny Badcock and Linda Osborne, also Stuart Kingham (SDC).

1174 Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Hugh Gange-Harris and Simon Thomas in respect of item 1178 - £60 donation for Beacon insurance.

1175 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1st October 2018 were taken as read, agreed and signed as a true record.

1176 Matters arising. None.

1177 County/District Councillors' Councillors' Reports: - None.

The Chairman opened the meeting up to the public at 7.05 pm

The matter of unacceptable behaviour in the lay-by to the east of Stawell concerning the Avalon coach driver was discussed.

1178 Financial Matters:-

3 cheques was signed as follows:

No 377 payee CN Fry £ 120.00 (November net salary).

No 378 payee CN Fry £ 87.87 (expenses).

No 379 payee HMRC £180.00 (paye Apr to Sept – 6 months)

1179. Planning

The only application was received too late for inclusion in tonight's discussions and will now be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. The planning officer has confirmed to the Chairman that comments may be submitted immediately following that meeting.

- a. **Reference 46/18/00009/CAN.
Land to the south of Goose Green Farm Sutton Mallet.
Refused Permission – Delegated.**
- b. **Reference 46/18/00011/LR.
Wood Lane Farm (House), Stawell.
Certificate of Lawfulness.
Granted Permission – Delegated.**

Commented [CF1]:

1180. Correspondence.

a. **Changes to Highway Winter Service for 2018/2019.**

The Clerk read an email from SCC confirming that, to save costs, they will be gritting 720 miles (1,159 Km) or around 17% of the total road network of 4,164 miles (6,702Kms) during this winter, compared to 900 miles or 21% of the network last year.

b. **Authorisation of a gate on public footpath BW 31/1.**

The Clerk read an email from SCC confirming an application for the authorisation of one pedestrian gate on the above stated Public Right Of Way has been lodged, the gate is required for stock control purposes.

c. **Spring Flowering Bulbs.**

The Clerk said these had been received and were in the process of being distributed.

d. Recommendation for Libraries Service Redesign.

These recommendations were published on 16th October and they show 19 existing library buildings are recommended to be retained by SCC.

For the remaining 15 library buildings, SCC would seek to develop "Community Library Partnerships"(CLPs) where communities would support library buildings in partnership with the County Council.

e. Bower Ponds Park Improvements.

SDC has announced the refurbishment works costing around £70,000 at Bower Ponds Park were due to commence on 23^d October. This project has been jointly funded by SDC< LiveWest and Bridgwater Town Council.

f. Tell us your views on Health and Care.

A number of county-wide events are taking place to hear local people's views on health and care in Somerset, and how it could change in future.

The most convenient event for Stawell residents is at **Glastonbury Town Hall on Wednesday 21st November from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Information can be reviewed at <https://www.fitformyfuture.org.uk/>

g. "Be the difference between Homelessness and a Brighter Future" – Stepping Stones Foster Care.

Appropriate people are being encouraged to apply to become Stepping Stones Providers and offer a room to young people who are coming to the end of their time in care.

Find out more about this rewarding activity at <https://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk/events> .

h. Annual Town/Parish Council Training Seminars.

This year's annual training on a range of planning matters is being held at The Sedgemoor Room in King Square on Tuesday 27th November from 5.45 pm to 9 pm, and is open to all Clerks and Councillors. Hugh Gange-Harris expressed an interest on going with the Clerk and possibly Brian Lishman.

i. Parking at the Church and Overgrown hedges around the village of Stawell.

The problem of parked cars causing a potentially dangerous obstruction to passing vehicles was brought up. After a discussion the Clerk was asked to report it to the CPSO and ask the village voluntary webmaster to be kind enough to report it on the website. The Chairman said he would look into the matter of overgrown hedges.

j. SALC AGM at the Edgar Hall Somerton on 18th December 2018 at 6 pm.

An invitation and agenda will be sent around two weeks before the event.

k. Parish Council "Surgery" at the Hub Café.

This idea was brought up by the Vice Chairman, Simon Thomas and following a discussion it was decided to hold a trial . The Clerk was asked to contact the local CPSO and see when she could attend, and at least one member of the Parish Council would be available to receive any feedback from the public on any matters of concern to them.

The webmaster again to be asked to kindly consider mentioning this on the website.

1181 Matters for Report and Items for next Meeting.

- a. Planning Application reference 46/18/00012/CAN
Type: Full Planning Permission.**

Location: The Old Linhay Stawell Road Stawell Bridgwater TA& 9AE
Proposal: Alterations and erection of a single storey extension to north elevation of annexe.
Applicants: Mr and Mrs Griffin.

- b. The donation of £60 to cover the insurance side of the WW1 commemorative beacon.**
This could not be considered at tonight's meeting because there was not a quorum when allowing for the 2 Councillors declaring an interest as members of the Village Hall Committee.

1182 Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting.

Any Other Business - None

Date of next meeting: - Monday 3d December 2018 in the Village Hall at 7 pm.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.