

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council held on line at 7:30 pm on the 11th
August 2020**

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)
Pat Sweet (PS)
Matt Vellacott (MV)
Clive Wall (CW)

Others present:- Dave Mansell (District Councillor)
2 members of the Parish

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence Simon Buttars (SB)</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Last meeting These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere The application for planning permission to build a house at Appley Croft Farm has raised some issues. The Parish Council raised doubts as to the validity of the application however the Planning Officer did not challenge the applicant's agent's statements. Although several people made comments to the Parish Council, none were made to the Planning Officer. This meant that the decision could be made by the Planning Officer with no further investigation or questioning and not the Planning Committee. No further action can be taken in this case however the Clerk will write a piece about commenting on planning applications for the Parish News..</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>5. Police Report Nothing to report. This will not be a standing item in the future.</p>	
<p>6. Finance Audit The Council had published the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and had no comments or questions. Bills have been paid as agreed at last meeting: SWT for election expenses - £100 Microsoft Invoice - £54.72 BHIB Insurance (3rd year of 3 year contract) - £168.78 A bill has been paid as agreed by email since the last meeting:</p>	

<p>SALC affiliation fee - £79.64</p> <p>VAT has been reclaimed for the 2019-20 financial year - £151.49</p> <p>The current bank balance is £11,555.44</p> <p>It was agreed that the bank balance should be maintained as a reserve.</p>	
<p>7. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35/20/0006 – Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Use Class C3) at Tremlett Farm to 5 residential units <p>The Parish Council noted that conversion of a barn to 5 residential units is allowable within the guidelines set by Class Q. This barn is approximately 900sq metres so may be over size for conversion. There is an issue with the access despite the views of Highways. The Parish Council will make comments on these two factors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35/20/0001 – Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Use Class C3) at the Packing Shed, (barn opposite Tracebridge Quarry) <p>The Council could not be sure that the building was in agricultural use as defined in Class Q. There was also concern about the access on to the busy lane. The Parish Council will make comments on these two factors.</p>	
<p>8. Reports from Members</p> <p>Roads – SB is making a return to Highways to ensure they know the locations of our salt bins. PS made a suggestion that in future years we would have the areas around the salt bins strimmed and cleared before the hedges are cut back to reduce the damage to the bins.</p> <p>Footpaths – MV has been trying to contact the Footpaths Officer to discuss the possible re-alignment of footpaths but has not had success to date.</p> <p>Website – PS reminded the Clerk that the Minutes of meetings need to be placed on the website.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>PM</p>
<p>9. Correspondence</p> <p>Nil and as all mail is now electronic and passed on as received this will no longer be a standing item.</p>	

10. Any Other Business

- Roger Habgood introduced himself as the prospective Conservative candidate for the County elections.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Next meeting: Date to be determined