

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council held on line at 7:30 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
January 2021**

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

**Others present:-** James Hunt (JH) (County Councillor), Four  
parishioners

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> Dave Mansell (District Councillor)</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Last meeting</b> These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere</b> The District Council had replied to a request for confirmation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and this had been passed to Councillors. The Stawley Welcome Home Fete 1946 film has been copied on to a number of DVDs for Parishioners and one has been kept by the Council.</p>	
<p><b>5. Peggy Wotton</b> The Council expressed its sorrow to hear of Mrs Peggy Wotton's passing at the end of December 2020. She had been a stalwart member of the community whilst wearing many hats and in this case had served as Clerk to the Parish Council for a quarter of a century. CW floated the idea of having a permanent memorial for Peggy and her late husband Bill to remember their contribution to society. PM will assess the condition of the present seat and cherry tree by Greenham Bridge and discuss the idea with other interested parties.</p>	<b>PM</b>
<p><b>6. Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Precept for 2021/22</b></li> </ul> <p>It was agreed by the Meeting that the Precept should be maintained at a level such that the payments by households in the Parish will remain the same as in 2020/21. This will set the Precept at £2,927.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other Payments</b></li> </ul>	<b>PM</b>

<p>Payments had been made to the Pavilion for assistance in re-surfacing the car park, grants had been passed on to the churches for maintenance of the churchyards and website costs had been made. £50 had been received from Ashbrittle for a part share of the website costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Payment to keep <a href="mailto:stawleypc@yahoo.co.uk">stawleypc@yahoo.co.uk</a></b></li> </ul> <p>Yahoo has changed their Terms and Conditions and now charge to have e-mails forwarded to another address. The Meeting agreed that the parish would pay to continue to have the service.</p> <p>The current bank balance is £10,062.10</p>	
<p><b>7. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35/20/0010 - Change of use of land to site 1 No. converted shipping container to be used as holiday let accommodation on land off Cockland Hill, Stawley</b></li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council agreed to make no comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35/20/0011 - Conversion of agricultural barn into 1 No. dwelling with erection of single storey extensions at South Barn, Elworthy Farm, Greenham, Wellington</b></li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council agreed to make no comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35/20/0013CQ - Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 2 No. dwelling houses (Class C3) and associated building operations at Wagtail Farm, Bullockfield Hill, Stawley</b></li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council had some reservations on this application. CW agreed to draft a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35/21/0001 - Erection of a free range poultry building at Appley Orchard Farm, Bishops Hill, Stawley</b></li> </ul> <p>There was considerable discussion on this application as a result of various concerns about pollution issues on the site and the impact on nearby residents. The Council agreed to object to the application. CW agreed to draft a response</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>
<p><b>8. Reports from Members</b></p> <p><b>Roads</b> –SB had contacted Somerset Highways about the damage to salt bins but there has been no resolution. It was agreed that new bins would be procured.</p>	<p>SB</p>

<p><b>Footpaths</b> – There are some stiles and gates in the Parish that need attention. PM agreed to review all the paths over the next few weeks and determine what work is needed and who is responsible for carrying it out.</p>	<p><b>PM</b></p>
<p><b>9. Any Other Business</b>          JH briefed the Meeting on the effect Covid had had on Somerset County Council and the possible move to a unitary authority within Somerset..</p>	

**Meeting closed at 9:10pm**

**Next meeting: Date to be determined**