

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at
7:30 pm on the 6th December 2022**

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

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence Dave Mansell (District Councillor) (DM)</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 Simon Buttars has resigned as a Councillor after many years of service to the local community. The Council asked the Clerk to pass on its thanks to Simon.</p> <p>An article was placed in the Parish News asking for volunteers to seek co-option on to the Council.</p>	
<p>5. Co-option of New Councillor Sarah Jones of Appley volunteered to be a Parish Councillor. She was elected on to the Council by a show of hands which showed unanimous support.</p>	
<p>6. Finance The current bank balance is £13,496.37 The Election bill has not yet been received. The Council agreed that the grants received from the District Council should be passed on to the churchyards and Appley Pavilion in the usual way. The need, or otherwise, to have a Bank Debit Card was discussed. It was agreed that payments that needed a card (debit or credit) should continue to be made by the Clerk who will be reimbursed after agreement by the Council at a meeting. Payment for the www.stash.org.uk website name for the next three years was agreed (£33.59).</p> <p>Precept for 2023/24. It was agreed that the precept for the next financial year should remain as this year even though this might result in a deficit in the year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PS</p>

<p>7. Planning</p> <p>•35/22/0012 - Change of use of agricultural land for the processing of felled timber by milling at Appley Orchard Farm, Bishops Hill, Stawley (retention of works already undertaken)</p> <p>The Council agreed to make No Objection to this application provided a condition is imposed to limit the operating hours strictly to 08:30 -17:00 Monday to Friday.</p>	
<p>8. Reports from Members</p> <p>As the new Councillor, Sarah Jones, is already the PPLO (Parish paths liaison officer). This is a volunteer role with Somerset council. The role is to help support the parish in maintaining and promoting Public rights of way. It was agreed that she should also become the Councillor with a special interest in footpaths. MV will assume responsibility for the roads.</p> <p>Roads – The large pothole by the Pavilion has been reported a number of times [now filled in].</p> <p>Footpaths – SJ informed the meeting about the Ramblers association project Don't lose your way. This has uncovered a number of Public Rights of Way which haven't been legally recorded on the Definitive map. The Ramblers project will help parishes reclassify any currently 'lost' paths as legal rights of way. It was agreed that her investigations should continue but any move to register a new right of way should only be taken after agreement with the Council at a public meeting.</p> <p>The link to Don't lose your way is ;</p> <p>https://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk/</p> <p>It was suggested by CW that footpaths could be a discussion point at the next Annual Meeting of the Parish. It was agreed that this was an admirable idea.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SJ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PM</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p>	
<p>10. Date of Next Meeting TBC</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:16 pm