

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at
7:30 pm on the 14th March 2023**

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

Others present:- Dave Mansell (District Councillor) (DM)

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence Matt Vellacott (MV)</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 - None</p>	
<p>5. Canal Boards - Grand Western Canal Heritage & Wildlife Corridor Bruce Payne from the Great Western Friends was welcomed and spoke about the aims of the organisation and what it would mean for the Parish. The Council agreed that it should become a Corporate Member of the Friends (Corporate Membership is currently £25 per annum) and would welcome a proposal for an information board to be situated where the canal crosses the road in Greenham with a view to publicising the work of the Friends within the Parish and possibly helping with the funding.</p>	PS
<p>6. Somerset Statement of Community Involvement Consultation The Council noted that there was no mention in the Statement of notification of planning being sent to Parish Councils. The Clerk will make a request for these notifications to be made.</p>	PM
<p>7. Broadband DM gave his view of how the roll-out of broadband in the area was progressing. CW is fearful of the Parish being left out of the contract let to Airband as it terminates at the end of 2024 and is proceeding more slowly than expected. The Clerk is to get a meeting with Airband for the local community so that we can find out the plans and express our frustration. In addition Openreach will be approached again to determine whether we can make use of known fibre routes through the Parish.</p>	PM

<p>8. Aggregate Lorry movements</p> <p>Regular movements of lorries to and from Greentop Farm have been reported. It is not known what they contain or what is happening in the area of Greentop. The Clerk is to investigate further and report a possible infringement of extraction regulation to Somerset County Council.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>9. Finance</p> <p>The current bank balance is £12,451.37 .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The following invoices are to be paid: SALC for 2 courses £25 and £15, Greenham Fingerpost £2200 Reimbursement to Clerk for website name cost £33.59 Reimbursement to Clerk for Yahoo email costs £30.12 •A donation to Wivey Cares was discussed. It was proposed by SJ, seconded by CW and agreed unanimously that the Council will donate £100 to this charity. 	<p>PS</p>
<p>10. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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>This application has been approved with the proviso that no works may commence before 8:00am and must be complete by 5:00pm on weekdays only.</p>	
<p>11. Reports from Members</p> <p>Roads – The fingerpost at Greenham has been completed. The grit bin on the hill between Appley and Kittisford requires attention as the lid no longer fits.</p> <p>Footpaths – SJ briefed the meeting on the number of footpaths that could be reinstated. She will come back to the Council in due course after further research.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <p>The Brendon Orchards Cooperative have asked for a letter of support to accompany a grant application for funds to acquire the freehold of their premises. It was agreed that a letter will be sent. DM briefed the meeting on the steps being taken to establish the new Somerset Council.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:47 pm