

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at
7:30 pm on the 3rd October 2023**

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

Others present:- Dave Mansell (Somerset Councillor)
One parishioner

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence Sarah Jones (SJ); Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor)</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 a. Aggregate Lorry Movements. These have stopped so no further action is required.</p>	
<p>5. Folding up the Rural Community Initiative – A recent article in the Parish News gave a breakdown of how the RCI would be closed. No correspondence has been received from the RCI, PM will contact the RCI to get the details of the footpath pamphlets and Welcome Packs for future use by the Parish Council. Management of the VETS scheme is not clear. PM will contact the RCI to determine how this is being handled.</p>	PM
<p>6. Finance The current bank balance is £13,051.44 . •Invoices The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. £83.17 for SALC ii. £336.58 for three years of website hosting iii. £28.73 for leaving gift for PC Louise Fyne 	
<p>7. Planning •35/23/0006 Demolition of stable block and erection of garage/storage building at Meadow View, Greenham Quarry Road, Wellington</p> <p>A draft comment was tabled by CW and, following discussion, it was decided that the Council should object to the proposal.</p>	PM

<p>8. Reports from Members</p> <p>Roads – An email had been received from Somerset Highways stating that the salt bins would be filled by the end of September. Nothing seems to have happened. DM will follow up on behalf of all Parish Councils.</p> <p>A fingerpost needs to be selected for refurbishment this year. The one by Court Place Farm was suggested.</p> <p>Footpaths – The new owner of the property at Springdale, Kittisford, had allegedly expressed a wish to close the footpath behind the property. SJ has contacted Somerset Council on the matter. The council is unaware of an application to close the path. Recent felling had caused a temporary but unauthorised closure.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The litter bin by The Shop is often overflowing and is often emptied by the Shop manager. There are other bins in the area that do not seem to be used. It was provisionally accepted by the Council that it should review this situation with a possibility that it would take over the responsibility for have recycling bins installed and getting the bins emptied. • The hedge that was illegally removed in a field on the Appley/ Kittisford road is subject to a replacement notice from Somerset Council. The Arboriculture Officer will be contacted to ensure that the replacement is the full length of the original hedge and of the same type. • The e-mail address for the Council is still stawleypc@yahoo.co.uk. A way of sending from this address through Outlook should be found or, if this is not possible, the address should be changed to one that can be used through Outlook. 	<p>PM</p> <p>PM</p> <p>PM</p>
<p>10. Date of Next Meeting TBC when required.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:37pm