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

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)

Sarah Jones (SJ) Pat Sweet (PS) Matt Vellacott (MV)

Others present:- Dave Mansell (Somerset Councillor)

One parishioner

Item	Action
 Apologies for Absence Clive Wall, Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor) 	
2. Declarations of Interest - None	
 Minutes of Last meeting These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. 	
 4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere a. VETs Scheme. The VETs scheme will be run by the individuals who previously tested the system every now and again. PS agreed to write a small piece for the Parish News (PN) to remind parishioners that the scheme exists. b. There is no room at the Shop for any further litter bin for recycling. The rubbish put into the present bin is sorted and recycled by Wasteology. c. Somerset Council have issued an order to replace the Kittisford hedge but the owner is planning to appeal the order. It was agreed that a further email will be sent to Mr Galley to inform him of the presence of a Devon bank in the continuation of the hedge and to ask to be informed should an appeal to the enforcement be made. 	PS
5. Clerk's e-mail address – The present official e-mail address (stawleypc@yahoo.co.uk) costs £30 per year. Our website host allows us to use 5 e-mail addresses for free. One called clerk@stash.org.uk has been opened and works well. Anyone can view and send e-mails from a browser if you have the e-mail address and the password. As important is the fact that this address can be added to Outlook and enable the Clerk to send e-mails from this address without going into a browser. It is proposed is that we close down the stawleypc@yahoo.co.uk mailbox over the next year and move to stawleypc@stash.org.uk.	РМ

6. Parish WhatsApp group – It was decided that a WhatsApp group should be set up to link Parish Councillors. The aim is for this to be used for messages that need to be sent by a secure means or are urgent. An agenda item will be added to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of a Parish WhatsApp group for use in an emergency.	РМ
 7. Finance The current bank balance is £13,947.96. The grant for Churchyards, the recreation field at Appley Pavilion and footpaths of £1,345 has been received from Somerset Council. It has not been possible to determine how this sum has been reached. It has not increased for at least 4 years. It was agreed that the allocation should be increased by 10%: Stawley - £220.50 Kittisford - £196.00 Greenham - £73.50 Recreation Ground - £660 	-
8. Planning •35/23/0007 - Change of use of land from agricultural to holiday let/glamping, erection of shower and toilet block facility, change of use of cabin with garden area from potting shed to holiday let and change of use and conversion of barn into holiday let, apple pressing facility, workshop and storage at Wagtail Farm, Bullockfield Hill, Stawley (resubmission of 35/23/0002)	
This resubmission was considered and it was agreed that no comments should be made.	РМ
9. Reports from Members	
Roads – It was agreed that the fingerpost outside Court PlaceFarm needs to be refurbished.	РМ
Footpaths – The new Footpaths Officer at Somerset Council, John Melrose, is very active and is reviewing the situation at Springdale. A suggestion that a bench could be placed on the path between Greenham and Cothay was warmly accepted and will be priced. There will be an agenda item at the next meeting for lost footpaths.	SJ
10. Any Other BusinessNone	
11. Date of Next Meeting TBC when required.	

Meeting closed at 8:49pm