

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at  
7:30 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Parish Councillors present:** Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)  
Sarah Jones (SJ);  
Matt Vellacott (MV);  
Olga Dawer (OD) from Minute 6

**Others present:-** None

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Pat Sweet (PS), Dave Mansell (DM) (Somerset Councillor), Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor)</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b> – None</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Last meeting</b></p> <p>These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Co-option of new Councillor</b> – Olga Dawer was co-opted as a Councillor, signed the declaration of duties and interests and took part in the following parts of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6. Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current bank balance is £13,611.63.</li> <li>• <b>Savings.</b> As part of the application to the Unity Bank a “business plan” has to be provided. A draft of this is being prepared and will be discussed and possibly approved at the next Council Meeting.</li> </ul>	PM
<p><b>7. Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35/24/0005 - Demolition of part of school buildings with erection of a single storey 2 No. classroom primary school with relocation of canopy structure and associated external works at Stawley Primary School, Stawley. It was agreed that this application should be supported but a comment should be added highlighting the problems of traffic flow and requesting a sustainable transport report to encourage parents to make alternative arrangements to parking outside the gate of the school.</li> <li>• 35/24/0006 - Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations at Stawley Wood Farm, Stawley Wood, Stawley, Wellington. No comment.</li> <li>• 43/24/0065 - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage at Woodpeckers, Ham Hill, Stawley, Wellington. No comment.</li> </ul>	

**8. Reports from Members**

**Roads** – It was suggested that the turning to Cothay outside Greenham Barton was very dangerous because of a lack of a sight line towards Greenham bridge. This could be improved by the provision of a mirror on the wall of Greenham Barton. The owners of the house will be approached to determine whether they would agree to this.

**Footpaths** – Mr Melrose, who has been an excellent Footpath Warden in our area, may be redeployed. This may mean more self-help in the Parish for footpath maintenance.

**9. Any Other Business – None**

**10. Date of Next Meeting – not known**

**Meeting closed at 8:14pm**