

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at  
7:30 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Parish Councillors present:** Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)  
Olga Dawer (OD)  
Sarah Jones (SJ);  
Pat Sweet (PS)

**Others present:-** One parishioner

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Matt Vellacott (MV); 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>The minutes have been published on the Stash website after acceptance as a true record by those present at the last meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Business Plan has been published. .</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current bank balance is £3,526.51</li> <li>• Savings. The Unity Trust Bank balance is £10,015.07</li> <li>• The precept application for 2025/26 has to be sent to Somerset Council before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. After discussion, and bearing in mind the need to keep a healthy balance in Parish accounts for unforeseeable emergencies, it was agreed that it should be kept at the same level for each property as this year. This would require a precept of £3,332.92 which is £20.90 for Band D properties.</li> </ul>	PS
<p><b>6. Supporting the Shop</b></p> <p>The Business Plan for the Shop had been provided by the Chair of the Stawley Community Association and read by the Councillors. The Chair had confirmed that the requested funds from the Parish Councils of Ashbrittle and Stawley was for working capital to allow the Shop to continue trading. It was noted that individual contributions had reached £6,750.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council could and should contribute £1,600 to the Working Capital required by the Shop.</p>	

## 7. Planning

- 35/24/0009 Demolition of stable block and erection of garage/storage building at Meadow View, Greenham Quarry Road. This is a second application for a building to store vehicles. The previous application in October 2023 had been refused due to the size of building in that instance. This application is for a slightly smaller building together with a landscaping plan to shield the view from across the valley. The Council agreed that this application should be supported with the proviso that the landscaping plan should be adopted as a condition of the granting of permission.

## 8. Reports from Members

**Roads** – OD made the observation that although we had some potholes in Somerset they were not as bad as over the border in Devon for which we should be grateful. One problem that we have in the Parish is the state of the road gullies. The jetting of them in 2025 may be a task which the Parish will have to take up.

**Footpaths** – SJ gave an update on the Somerset footpath wardens; three out of the seven employed are to be made redundant. She told the meeting of the success in getting new signage in place at both ends of the footpath between Appley and Kittisford (WG11/16) and the southern end of the path leading north from the entrance to Great Brimley (WG11/17)

## 9. Any Other Business –

**Broadband** – An email had been received from Councillor Dave Mansell with regard to the failure of Airband and the potential for the Gigabit Voucher Scheme to provide fibre broadband access. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Ashbrittle and Bathealton to arrange a meeting with Technological as soon as is possible.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting – not known

**Meeting closed at 8:14pm**