Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at 7:30 pm on the 14th January 2025

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)

Olga Dawer (OD) Sarah Jones (SJ); Pat Sweet (PS)

Others present:- None

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence	
	Matt Vellacott (MV); Dave Mansell (DM) (Somerset Councillor), Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor)	
2.	Declarations of Interest – None	
3.	Minutes of Last meeting	
	The minutes have been published on the Stash website after acceptance as a true record by those present at the last meeting.	
4.	Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere	
	 The payment of £1,600 has been made to The Shop. Technological have been approached by the Chairman and it would appear that they are intending to expand their network south from Waterrow along the line of 	
	the River Tone. Some properties in the Kittisford area have been "leafletted" suggesting that they should register an interest in a fibre connection, should they wish. We are still waiting for confirmation that the voucher scheme is operational.	
	Some properties in Tracebridge have been told by their supplier that they may be able to apply for a fibre connection. The broadband situation is fluid at present so the Council will wait for further concrete news before any action.	
5.	Defibrillator Maintenance	
	Ashbrittle Parish Council have spoken to Community Heartbeat and determined that we owe them for the VETS telephone (£100) and the defibrillator (£126) including VAT. An invoice for the total of £226 should be coming our way. It was agreed that the RFO should pay the invoice should it arrive.	PS
	There was concern that there was no defibrillator in the area of Stawley and the use of the VETS scheme had effectively been superceded by local WhatsApp and other informal groups. The Chairman will investigate the possibility of gaining a further defibrillator and leaving VETS.	PM
6.	Finance • The current bank balance is £1,976.51	
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	The precept application for 2025/26 has been sent to Somerset Council.	

7. Planning

35/24/0010 Variation of Condition No. 07 (restriction on maximum length of stay) and removal of Condition No. 08 (restriction on permitted season of operation) at Gamlins Farm Caravan Site, Greenham Quarry Road, Greenham, Wellington

The Chairman had visited the site and briefed the Council on his findings. The site has had some improvement works carried out and consists of 25 spaces. The new owners have some experience of running sites and believe that they can only make the site profitable if is open for 12 months of the year. The Council does not believe that this would be detrimental to the Parish and therefore supports this part of the application.

The second part of the application is to replace the condition requiring the site to be occupied by each caravan for 14 days or less with one with no time restriction. The Council's view is that a time restriction should remain but be for 28 days. Hence the new condition should be exactly the same as that already in place with 14 days being replaced with 28 days. The Council supports this application with this change to the wording of the condition.

8. Reports from Members

Roads – There has been accident on the bends by Gamlin Quarry which suggests that there is a need for a salt bin there. The salt is of no use if there is no way of getting it on to the road. It was suggested that used supplementary feed buckets could be used. A request for them will be placed in the Parish News.

Footpaths – The 1955 definitive map has been delivered to Somerset Archives. The receipt will be placed in the online folders as this is a loan to the Archives.

- 9. **Any Other Business** There is concern that the build on Rose Cottage, Tracebridge does not conform to the planning consent. This will be investigated.
- 10. **Date of Next Meeting –** not known

Meeting closed at 8:05 pm