

MINUTES OF STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JULY
2010 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM IN STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH HALL

PRESENT: P Barriball (Chairman), D Parsons (Vice Chairman), M Cox, S Cazaly, C Davey,
S Tudor, J Wilmut, C Vulliamy

IN ATTENDANCE: L Power – Clerk to the Council
2 members of public
Neil Burden

SC 10/07/1 Apologies: M Joll

SC 10/07/2 Declaration of Interest: D Parsons and C Vulliamy in 7/5 (e),
C Vulliamy in 7/5 (d), C Davey in 7/9 (e)

SC 10/07/3 Public Session

Nothing to discuss

SC10/07/4 Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st June 2010; were subject to changes.

SC 10/07/5 Matters Arising

a) Change of date for visit of Cornwall Wildlife Trust: The speaker for the CWT is on maternity leave but C Vulliamy agreed to follow this up and arrange an alternative date.

b) New tenancy agreement to be drawn up with Mr Wadland for part field consisting of 1 1/3 acres: this was signed by the chairman and the clerk is to send it to Wadland Brothers for signature.

d) Rent for Lockett allotments: At present the rent for the allotments covers the rental from Wadland Brothers. The clerk is to confirm this at the next meeting.

e) Query about the state of the Old Mining Cottage: There has been no reply to the letter sent, however, C Vulliamy stated that work on the Cottage is taking place over the summer and that the Lockett Village Association has been informed. The Clerk is to write to the Lockett Village Association to advise them we have been informed that work is being undertaken. It is not a concern of the Parish Council and further enquiries should be address to the owners.

f) Annual Accounts for 2009/2010: The accounts were accepted and signed by the Chairman and the parish clerk.

g) The Japanese Knotweed at Rowden Field has not been treated. There was a discussion about how this should be treated. The options available were to employ an outside contractor or to deal with it ourselves, as long as the person who dealt with it held a certificate to do the work. M Cox stated he had a certificate, as has P Barriball. Using an outside contractor would increase the cost. J Wilmut proposed and C Vulliamy seconded that the treatment should go ahead. M Cox agreed to treat the Knotweed as long as his costs are covered. He will treat it with Roundup. As there is a tenant using the field the clerk is to

write to let her know that this will go ahead so she can move the horses. M Cox has agreed to contact the owner of the neighbouring field.

h) M Cox has replaced the shackles on the swing with those sent by Wicksteed. He stated that the pins were present in all the shackles.

SC 10/07/6 Planning

Cornwall Council list of Applications

PA10/03791 Brierfels, Downgate, Callington. Application for prior notification for the construction of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery, hay, straw store and workshop: There was a discussion of the building use as if it was classed as agricultural then it should not come before the Parish Council. The proposed building appears to be for timber work. C Davey proposed and M Cox seconded the proposal that as it is a local enterprise we should approve the planning. C Vulliamy proposed as amendment that we should request the building be further back from the road. This was not seconded. The original proposal was agreed by C Davey, S Tudor, D Parsons, S Cazley and M Cox.

Refusals, Approvals and Appeals

2010/00611 Greystones, Kyle Cober Parc. First floor extension to side of dwelling to provide new bedroom and shower room with associated works. accepted

2010/00719 Toll Cottage, Bealsmill. Two storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling. Pending further information

SC 10/07/7 Items for Report and Discussion

a) Discussion of affordable homes scheme: One of the 6 parishioners who was on the list for affordable housing has now withdrawn from the list after discussion with Mr Lunn. He spoke to P Barriball and was advised to put his name on the social housing list for a house in Lockett. Several members of the parish have spoken to M Cox and he advised them to look at housing in the local area as there was a percentage that was affordable housing. It was proposed by J Wilmot and seconded by D Parsons that the council holds a separate meeting to discuss how to proceed and develop a strategy on how to proceed. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to arrange a meeting after checking availability of the parish hall and possible dates with the council. The clerk was also asked to confirm with Mr Lunn that the record in the minutes was a correct representation of the situation.

b) Appointment of new councillor: There have been no applications for the vacant post.

SC 10/07/8 Highways and Maintenance

a) Reply from Oliver Jones re state of the roads: Mr Jones has confirmed that the council is proceeding with the adoption of Kyl Cober Parc but that there are

some works to be completed. He advised that he is unable to confirm when this will happen. Mr Jones has passed on information about the poor state of the road from Norden Farm to Beals Mill and this is being investigated. They will also investigate the granite post at Goosewell crossroad.

b) Road closures: Notices of road closures at Lidwell and in the Lockett area have been posted on the notice boards.

c) It has come to the council's attention that someone has been painting the milestones with white Dulux paint. Concern was expressed that this is damaging the lichens growing on the milestones and that the paint may lead to damage to the milestones. It appears that this is being done by a private individual, or individuals, but with the permission of the highways authorities. A number of milestones have been painted. The clerk was asked to contact the highways office to complain about this and ask for it to be reversed. It has been pointed out that although painted milestones are common in East Cornwall there is no tradition for this in West Cornwall.

Neil Burden was asked to speak. He offered to bring the problems of the milestones to the attention of the officers involved. He stated that there are large cuts in the current budget and that this is bound to affect front line services. It is a very difficult period and staff are unsettled by the problems of balancing the budget. The county is trying to raise money by selling property but this is difficult in the current climate. Mr Burden said that the budget had been brought forward with the intention of bringing forward income to finance the county and that borrowing had been reduced. Mr Burden was thanked for his input and he left the meeting.

SC 10/07/9 Correspondence

a) BTCV information: this is a Practical conservation Charity which can provide services to manage footpaths and any other open spaces.

b) Kit Hill terms of reference: A new advisory group has been set up to manage the Country Park. The Parish Council must send one person to the meeting but all of the representatives may attend.

c) Lockett Village Association: the letter from LVA was discussed in 7/5 (e).

d) Electoral Office re Polling Booth at Downhouse: Mr Waxman has advised that he is aware of the problems with the polling booth. He states that in the past a temporary modular building had been used but this has proved unsatisfactory. He has asked the presiding officer to use screens to ensure privacy. The council was concerned that the caravan was too small for this and discussed various methods of overcoming this including a larger caravan or awnings. It may be possible to rent a garage or other private building for the purpose of polling. Depending on the number of people who vote it may be possible to provide

transport to Stoke Climsland Village. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Waxman with these suggestions.

e) Proposed development at Duchy Farm: The College has offered two dates, 26th July or 28th July, for an open meeting at the college. It was agreed to confirm the meeting on the 28th July. The clerk will post notices on the Notice board for this. The meeting will be held at the Seale Hayne Lecture Theatre in the Agri-Food Building at 6.30pm. It was pointed out that this is a big development although it will be hidden by the topography of the area. Lots of top soil and rubble will need to be removed. A large area will be covered in concrete and roofing which will increase the run off causing possible problems. In addition a new road entrance will need to be cut to allow access to the main road. This may cause traffic problems. Concern was expressed that the smell from the anaerobic digester may be worse than that from slurry. The plans already received will be passed round prior to the meeting.

f) Letter from Church Fete committee thanking Parish Council for the use of the Village Green.

g) Request from K Coombe for donation to support Downhouse Churchyard: It was decided that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

h) The Flower Show is to be held on the Village Green on 7th August. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Crabb to request the grass to be cut prior to this.

g) We have had more information about the current rules on Dog Control Orders. Notices have to be put up in the parish about the fine. The fine can be imposed based on the evidence of a third party. The clerk will put up notices around the parish and circulate a copy of the orders.

h) There are still problems with Merefield road. The clerk was asked to report it again as this is the main road from Higherland to the Village. The Whiteford road and the Pempwell crossroad are also in a poor state. It appears that although contractors do repairs they are badly done and the problem returns within a few months. They do not seem to have enough material to make adequate repairs. The clerk is to contact the County Council about this.

SC 10/07/10 Finance

Payments: Rent invoice from Wadland Bros £393.00 Clerk wages £ 584.99, Clerk training £250.00, Purchase of lap top £ 459.97 **Receipts:** nil

SC 10/07/11 Items for Agenda

- a) Request from Ducklings to rent their allotment at Venterdon so that they can deny entry by the public. This is because of damage to equipment kept on the site.
- b) Increase in the number of salt bins in the village.
- c) Safety notice for playground equipment
- d) Fencing around the play area.

SC 10/07/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 16th August at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 10.05pm.

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