Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council held at Appley Pavilion on Tuesday 13th August 2019

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)

Simon Buttars (SB) Pat Sweet (PS) Matt Vellacott (MV) Clive Wall (CW)

Others present:- District Councillor Dave Mansell (DM)

District Councillor Mark Blaker (MB)

One member of the Parish

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence None	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Minutes of Last meeting These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
4.	Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere The new noticeboard has attracted non-Council advertisements. It was agreed that these would be left in place unless there was a need to remove them to make use of the space for Parish Notices.	PM
5.	Police Report Nothing of note	
6.	Appley Cross Land CW stated the view of the Somerset West and Taunton Council on the possible uses that the field could be put to outside agriculture. These were based on community use such as a community orchard or allotments. After discussion on these and other uses such as car parking and provision of a footpath between the School and Pavilion is was agreed that the Council should approach the agent for the sale to determine the true position on the sale price of the land. The School would also be approached to determine if they would care to assist in purchasing the land in order to ease the car parking problems.	РМ
7.	Finance Payment has been made to: • the Shop for refreshments at the Annual Meeting.	
	The balance in the bank account is £8,585	

8.	Planning The applications for buildings at Wagtail Farm and the conversion of the barn as Greentop Shed, Kittisford were considered; it was decided to make No Comment to the planning authority.	РМ
9.	Reports from Members Roads – the crushed Salt Bin on the road between Appley and Kittisford has been reported to Highways with a view to it being replaced by them. The road outside the entrance to Appley Orchard Farm will be improved as soon as funds become available (probably in the next Financial Year) so that the puddles are removed. Footpaths –the blocking of footpaths due to the presence of maize was discussed as there are at least three in the Parish which cannot be used at the moment. Advice will be sort from the Footpaths Officer at Somerset County Council. Stiles need to be replaced or repaired on the footpath between Tracebridge and Appley.	MV
10	Nil	
11	Any Other Business Quarry lorries being driven off the A38 and past the Greenham Industrial Estate are of concern to many parishioners who use this road. It was decided to ask the PCSO to assist by providing advice on what could be done to reduce this hazard. The Council passed a vote of thanks to those, such as Mike Parkinson, who have taken the time and trouble to paint local fingerposts and would encourage others to take up their paint brushes. The District Councillors were thanked for their assistance in providing valuable information to the Council.	cw

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm