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Brief notes from the parish council October 18th 2018

Planning: Two applications were considered at the meeting. The conversion of a derelict barn into a dwelling house at Tanyard Farm was supported. The retrospective planning application for further temporary caravans for accommodation and office space at Barn Farm, Tadhil were not supported.

The County and District Councillor reported that legislation has improved regulations on animal breeding centres where more than one thousand animals each year are born. A license will be required from now on, renewable every three years.

There is an application for an ornamental brew tank to be placed on a building in Shepton Mallet.

The subject of abandoned vehicles in the village was raised and will be considered in detail at a future date.

Community playing field: the PC as custodian trustee of the field noted the recent advice it had received. This advice centred on the registration with the Charity Commission and the roles and responsibilities which arise from that registration. It was agreed that a management committee, to manage the playing fields on a permanent basis needs to be formed. The first AGM, to which all members of the public are invited to attend, will be held on 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. The governing document of the community playing field charity states that 9 members of the public together with 2 members from each of the Parish Council, Primary School, Football Club and Parochial Church Council will form the committee and these will be formally considered at the meeting. Once the management committee is in place the Parish Council will

relinquish the day-to-day management role. Matters to then be discussed by the management committee will be public liability insurance, field assets, grant support and the appointment of officers. It was noted that Coleford Parish Council has made successful grant applications in the past and could be of assistance to this village's application.

Memorial Hall: grants need to be considered for this, and which of the groups using the hall should pay fees.

Bus shelter: invoices must be in the correct PC name in order for VAT relief to be applied.

Millennium Garden Bench: further quotes are being sought for a solid foundation for the bench and repair work to the wooden bridge.

Next PC meeting will be November 29th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Village allotments: for the new season there will be a spare allotment. Cost £1 per week. Help with initial digging if required. Secure shed and communal tools available, water on site, poly tunnel, BBQ, covered seating on the patio and children's play area. Enquiries to John Johnston after 5th November please. 01749 840888 or johnjohnston46@googlemail.com

Armistice Day Centenary Commemoration Weekend: on Saturday 10th November the Memorial Hall will be the venue for the village to remember one hundred years since the Great War. There will be displays of memorabilia with live music, workbooks available for children and a poppy making workshop from 12 until 5pm.

In the evening from 7.30 to 11pm there will be live music with Alexandra's Washboard Jazz. Bring a plate of food to share. Bar open and free admission to all.

Sunday 11th November at 9.45am there will be a **Service of Remembrance** at St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

10.50 Laying of the wreath at the Memorial Hall, followed by tea and coffee. All welcome.

Stoke St. Michael lost 17 men during the Great War, and it will be a important moment to remember their sacrifice.