

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting
held on 30th September 2019 at 7.00pm at Stoke Gabriel Village Hall

Present; Cllrs Hunt (Chairman) , Blood , Bridge , Bullock, Collings, King , Stobbart , Tully
and Williams 13 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert
Tom Morris, Stoke Gabriel CLT

19/09/01 Apologies - Dist/County Cllr Hawkins and Dist Cllrs Rowe and Bastone

19/09/02 - Declaration of Interests

Cllr Hunt - Pecuniary in 2691/19/FUL planning - Business

Cllrs Hunt and Tully - Both Pecuniary in 2683/19/FUL - Business

NOTE - Both left the room during debate

19/09/03 - Dispensations - None

Standing orders were suspended

19/07/04 Public participation

A Parishioner thanked the Council and Phil Bolt for the work on the Draft Hoyle Copse Management plan but pointed out that the Public consultation required further publicity (other than appearing on the website) to attract comment

It was **AGREED** to extend the deadline for comment to 15/11/19 and publicise further through the Parish Magazine . Phil Bolt also agreed to promote by placing posters at strategic places

Another Parishioner commented on the muddy / dirty state of the roads outside both the Cavanna and Gabriel Court developments

ACTION ; CLERK TO REPORT TO DEVELOPERS

The sad and sudden death of David Watts was brought to the meeting's attention . David had been the Chairman of the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan where he had carried out outstanding works and had also been a great participant and advisor in the Stoke Gabriel NP .

A Parishioner thanked the Council for cancelling the weed spraying programme for 2019 . She advised that preparations were underway to form a group of volunteers to work on an alternative plan for 2020 . It was **AGREED** that Cllr Tully would join this group as a Parish Council representative.

Also in this matter , thanks were sent to Michelle King and Mandy Collings (and partners) along with a named Parishioner for the weed clearance before the Carnival

A member of the WI queried the apparent disappearance of bulbs in one of the flowerbeds where summer planting had been undertaken by a third party

19/07/05 - Councillor reports - brief reports were previously circulated

Standing orders were re-instated

19/09/06 - Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2019 and the EGM dated 12th August 2019 were agreed by the Council & duly signed by the Chairman - all in agreement

19/09/07 - Clerk's report

Tom Morris gave the following report

Parish Council Update of Progress by Stoke Gabriel Community Land Trust, Sept 2019

Following our presentation to the Parish Council about our proposed affordable housing scheme for local people, we have submitted a pre-planning application to South Hams District Council.

The Parish Council's unanimous vote of 'support in principal' at this meeting, for which we are very grateful, meant that after 2 years of hard work we could move this community Project another significant step forward.

The result of this application is due in late October, so we'll keep the Parish Council informed and updated about this as soon as we have further news.

We have submitted an application for a grant to 'Homes England' – of approximately £150,000. This will be used for the cost of getting the scheme to planning.

If successful at pre-planning, this 'Homes England' grant will finance the use of professional consultants to develop our scheme of 12 homes. They will be employed to design good homes sensitive to the local environment, which are also efficient to run. Site surveys will be undertaken and financial modelling used, to keep the homes affordable to build.

As we have explained, we will plan another Open Day – probably in the New Year - where we can share these plans and invite feedback and input from our local community.

Following on from the Parish Council's request, our Chair; Tom Morris, attended September's Neighbourhood Plan group meeting, where he presented the same presentation given to the PC and parish members. Tom has been updating the group with our work on affordable housing in the village for the last 2 years and they have been aware of our search for a suitable site over that time.

At this meeting, it was agreed that the piece of land off Duncannon Lane, offered by Mike Pearce would be included in the Neighbourhood Plan document as a potentially suitable site for affordable housing.

We continue to receive new enquiries from local people living in the village who are struggling without affordable housing and are urgently in need of an affordable home. This increases the body of evidence we have of strong local housing need.

We will keep the Parish Council up to date and involved in this project as we progress and are available for further conversations and discussion in the meantime.

The Clerk advised that

- Information on the timing of cutting of roadside hedges had been obtained from Highways and circulated to all Councillors
- she continued to liaise with Totnes TC with regard to possibly making use of their lengths man for works in Stoke Gabriel
- Arrangements were being made with regard to the servicing of the CCTV
- She had advised SHDC of the desire to adopt the BT kiosk at Barn Park if the telephone equipment is removed
- The Neighbourhood Plan was in need of a PC member - It was **AGREED** that Cllr Blood would join the Group
- if agreed , she would apply to the District and County Councillor Locality Fund for monies toward Hoyle Copse piggery renovation and also the new website - **AGREED**

The Clerk also advised the Council that the External Auditors , Litteljohn , had advised that they had been unable to complete the Audit by 30th September deadline due to the need for further consideration of correspondence received

The Clerk read out the Auditor's statement in full

19/09/08 To receive a report on the land purchased for burial and a report on a meeting with PCC - and decide way forward (Cllr Stobbart)

Cllr Stobbart advised the meeting that following ground condition tests and the digging of trial graves , it had become evident that the land in question was not suitable for use as a Burial ground The PCC had been suitably advised . This was **NOTED** by the Council

It was **AGREED** that a working party be formed to consider the future potential use of the land and also the option to sell the land on

The Chairman thanked Cllr Stobbart for his work to date

19/09/09 To receive a report on the Toilets and to approve any expenditure required

Cllr Bridge advised that the new arrangements for cleaning were going well - but that the facility continued to be left in an untidy state - seemingly by Builders from developments

She thanked Cllr Bullock for his work in clearing the Drains

It was **NOTED** that the large roll holders had been broken and toilet rolls taken away

The Clerk confirmed that further Toilet roll holders together with two sanitary bins had been purchased and was delegated authority to make any purchases for the Toilets - under £100

It was **AGREED** that a collapsible bollard might be placed to discourage unauthorised parking and the blocking of access to the Ladies

ACTION ; CLERK TO COST BOLLARDS AND OBTAIN ADVICE FROM HIGHWAYS

It was **NOTED** that a donation of £100 had been received from Mr Toon in recognition of the use of the toilet facilities during recent building works - for which the Chairman thanked him

19/09/10 - To receive a report on the Playground and orchard (Cllr King)

a) Cllr King thanked two Parishioners for their assistance in making some repairs . It was **NOTED** that the stepping stones would remain in situ but monitored for any rot . It was also **NOTED** that the fence required some extra posts where the originals had rotted .

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Tully would add some posts to ensure stability

It was **NOTED** that the apples were impeding the mowing (apples available for anyone to use) and that an excellent job had been made of the new path

ACTIONS ; CLLR TULLY TO STRENGTHEN FENCE

ACTION ; CLLR HUNT TO ARRANGE FOR REMOVAL OF APPLES

b) To discuss the repair of Wall along Church Walk and associated responsibility

It was **NOTED** that the saved stones were being removed by third parties and that children/parents continue to climb on/over the wall

ACTION ; CLERK / CLLR COLLINGS TO PREPARE SUITABLE SIGN FOR WALL

ACTION ; CLERK TO ASK PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD TO MENTION THIS DAMAGE IN ANY NEWSLETTER SENT OUT

In view of some findings it was **AGREED** that a further letter be sent to the PCC regarding the ownership of this wall

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONSULT PCC FURTHER REGARDING REPAIRS REQUIRED

19/09/11 - HOYLE COPSE / ORCHARD

To receive a report on the Copse and orchard trees and an update on proposals regarding the renovation of the Piggery

Phil Bolt explained the Piggery renovation project for the benefit on new Councillors

He thanked the Council for applying for grants totalling £1000 toward this project which - along with a grant for Devon Wildlife Trust would enable him to proceed with the first stage of the works

It was **RESOLVED** that following receipt of these grants , these works could now go ahead

Phil Bolt confirmed that he had secured training which he would fund regarding Chainsaw qualification and confirmed that he had a full set of protective clothing

The Council **AGREED** that the training and use of protective clothing satisfied its requirements and so the requirements of the Insurers

ORCHARD

It was **NOTED** that replacement apples trees would be required later in the season

19/09/12 Financial matters

The following cheques were presented for payment (Gross Figures)

Karen Gilbert	Expenses / fuel / admin	56.16
J Crisp - plant hire	Digger - Burial site tests	120.00
Hawthorns Accounting	Payroll 6 months	57.00
Stoke Gabriel Village Hall	rental to 09/19 incl	80.00
P V Collings	Pathway Orchard (Legacy)	1800.00
D E Wedderburn	Cleaningto 09/19 - (Toilets)	400.00
K Gilbert (amazon)	Roll holders / bins - (Toilets)	114.76

Marians Maples Vicarage Close Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6QT - **NO OBJECTION (TREE WARDEN)**

19/09/15 . Parish matters arising in previous month

Flower bed adoption scheme - Ongoing Cllr King will liaise with Cllr Stobbart

Campervan parking - Parking in lay-bys during Summer - No action can be taken

CCTV -Awaiting service

19/09/16. Parish Council admin

a) To receive an update re New website

Package AGREED - NETWISE at £699

ACTION CLLR COLLINGS / CLERK TO PROGRESS

b) to consider and agree the introduction of a PC run Facebook page and admin

AGREED - admin Cllr Collings and Clerk

c) To note Code of Conduct event - SHDC 3/10/19

Cllrs Tully , Hunt and King & Clerk to attend

d) To note Highways event - NOTED - NO attendees

e) to consider a regular PC article in Parish magazine

AGREED - Clerk to forward monthly articles

19/09/17. Night time Air Ambulance site

a) To note initial contact regarding Night time Air ambulance landing site - NOTED

b) To discuss and agree on any investigations regarding a potential site

Cllr Stobbart advised that he had been in communication with Devon Air Ambulance regarding several sites within the Parish . It was confirmed that Toby Russell (DAAT) was currently making suitable enquiries with landowners on the most favourable sites

19/09/18- CORRES - all previously circulated

19/09/19- Date of next meeting 28th October 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business , the meeting closed at 9.45pm