

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes from the Parish Council meeting
held on 25th November 2019 at 7.00pm at Stoke Gabriel Village Hall
Present; Cllrs Blood , Bridge , Collings, King , Tully (Chair) and Williams
Dist Cllrs Rowe and Bastone and County/ Dist Cllr Hawkins
12 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

19/11/01 Apologies - Cllrs Bullock , Hunt and Stobbart

19/11/02 - Declaration of Interests

Cllr Tully in Planning Land To The South Of White Rock, Adjacent To Brixham Road, Aka Inglewood, Paignton - Business interest (Cllr Tully left the room during discussion)

Cllr Bridge in 3593/19/HHO Mr M Oldridge Personal

19/11/03 - No dispensation requests

Standing orders were suspended

19/11/04 Public participation

A Parishioner commented on the damage done during the construction works at the Millpool . The Clerk thanked her for supplying the photographic evidence and advised that those images together with relevant emails had been sent to the Director of Blue Cedar homes and that she was awaiting comment

19/11/05 - District Cllr Rowe

We have held three meetings of particular importance this month.

Starting with the Budget Workshop, sadly only about half the members attended for what are very important discussions for the next financial year 2020/2021. We went through the various options which are available to us and how we want to spend money and delete some spending to balance the books

With consideration on the limit to the amount we can increase Council Tax. Councils have by law to present a balanced budget to the electorate. We will be doing further work within our committees and the outcomes will be presented to The Executive before being presented to The Full Council for approval in February 2020.

Web casting. We have been doing some work on this for some time and starting on the 1st December all committee meetings will be going live

Over View and Scrutiny Committee. Discussions took place on subjects including Community Safety, Safe Guarding, and Electric car parking points.

Climate change .We have a working group working on this and they will be presenting a Draft Plan to Full Council meeting on the 19th December 2019.

We have a Special Council meeting on Thursday afternoon when the main item on the Agenda is Polling Stations which has come at a very good time. There has been a review of Polling Stations to make sure that every area is adequately covered. However about 30% of the electorate now have postal votes.

Reminder that there is a Town & Parish Cllrs. Meeting taking place at Follaton House on Wed.4th December at 6.30 p.m. when District and County representatives will be present to talk about budgetary requirements for the ensuing year among other matters.

Cllr Hawkins

Cllr Hawkins commented on a proposal to construct a cycle path from Stoke Gabriel to Totnes - adding that as the cost was thought to be approx £200,000 , Devon Highways was not in a position to assist financially . However , it was thought that there may be some monies available through 106 agreements held by Totnes . He stressed that he was in full support of this project

He also commented on the many 20mph requests from various Parishes ,. Whilst Highways were not in a position to progress this , he agreed to attend the Parish with a Highways Officer to review the signage of the existing 20mph zones

Cllr Bastone

Cllr Bastone provided a written report on his activities at South Hams DC
He also advised that a review of Parking permits and parking charges at South Hams owned car parks is underway
Standing orders were re-instated

19/11/06- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 28th October 2019 and the EGM held on 4/11/19 were agreed by the Council & duly signed by the Chairman - all in agreement

19/11/07 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she presented photo evidence to the site manager regarding the muddy road outside Cavanna . It was reported that a sweeper had been commissioned to clean the road but that it operated outside the agreed hours causing nuisance and noise to residents

ACTION ; CLERK TO REPORT TO SOUTH HAMS ENFORCEMENT

She confirmed that she had also spoken to the Developers at Gabriel Court regarding the mud on the road

It was also **NOTED** that the top bricks on the school wall had become dislodged

ACTION ; CLERK TO WRITE TO SCHOOL RE REPAIR OF WALL

It was also **NOTED** that the front wall of a property in Paignton Road appeared to be leaning out towards the Highway

ACTION ; CLERK TO WRITE TO PROPERTY OWNER

19/11/08 - To consider Recycling facilities within the Parish (Cllr King)

Cllr King advised that she had received a request for a bottle bank in the Church House Car Park . The Clerk had contacted South Hams to be advised that such facilities were no longer being supplied but that a kerbside glass collection was to be provided in Autumn 2020

19/11/09 - Report on the Toilets

Cllr Bridge confirmed that the toilets were in a good condition and cleaned well despite the appalling state in which the cleaner found them

It was also **NOTED** that a vast amount of silt had washed into the building in heavy rain - originating from the Gabriel Court site - which had required additional cleaning . It was also **NOTED** that the tap had been left running (metered supply) .

ACTION ; CLERK TO SEND REQUEST TO DEVELOPER FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS EXTRA COSTS DURING BUILD

19/11/10 - Playground and orchard

Cllr King advised that a sign had been placed on the wall along Church Walk to discourage children from climbing over and also that the bin had been mended.

She advised that she had contacted the play equipment provider re the grass growing on the safety surface and was advised to use weedkiller , It was **AGREED** that the grass appeared to be growing through the surface - this was contra to the assurances given when originally supplied

ACTION ; CLLR KING TO CONTACT SUPPLIER AGAIN

The Clerk confirmed she had received a response from the PCC that the wall might be considered a party wall as no definite ownership could be proven

ACTION ; CLERK TO WRITE AGAIN TO PCC REGARDING THE COST OF THE WALL REPAIR

19/11/11 - Hoyle Copse/ Orchard trees

Phil Bolt gave a brief report on the work carried out at Hoyle Copse - fallen trees and the glades cleared and the Meadow cut . He advised that he had attempted to obtain extra help via the Forestry Commission for the thinning some minor trees - with no success

Hoyle Copse Management Plan

Cllr Williams updated the Council on the responses received and the subsequent amendments made . It was the **RESOLVED** that this plan be adopted by the Parish Council for eventual publication online

19/11/12 - Financial matters

The following cheques were presented for payment (gross figures)

Karen Gilbert	Expenses /admin/ SLCC 11/19	£125.30
RJS Systems	CCTV service	£96.00
Karen Gilbert	public interest report y/e 3/2018	£120.18
Higher Well Farm holiday park	Hoyle Copse cut	£60.00
K Gilbert	Back pay 05/19 - 11/19	£1826.86

LEGACY ACCOUNT

Kirk fencing	Orchard Path Fence	£1030.00
Beardsmore & Veasey	Electrical work - defibrillator	£204.00

TOILET ACCOUNT

D Wedderburn	Cleaning - Toilets	£320.00
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Payments approved all in agreement

b) To receive a draft Stoke Gabriel Parish Council 2020/2021 budget for comment and , if appropriate, agreement

c) To consider proposals for a level of Precept for 2020/2021

The Clerk had previously provided a budget which catered for the “day to day” monetary requirements which equalled the current precept of £25000

Cllr Williams handed out a list of Parish improvement projects which he had identified as requiring Funding from the next precept showing the amounts he considered appropriate as spend totalling £10000.00

It was **NOTED** that a rise of 10000.00 resulted in an approximate increase to a band D property of 27p per week

Councillors did not feel that they had been provided with time to consider in depth and requested the matter be sent back to the Finance Committee for clarification / further discussion

ACTION CLERK TO ARRANGE FINANCE METING FOR JANUARY 2020

19/11/13 - Scoble Legacy

Cllr King confirmed that progress had been made on the Parish Map

It was **AGREED** that a further working party be arranged to consider the next steps

19/11/14 - Planning

The Clerk advised that the number of outstanding enforcement cases had decreased and was far fewer than other Parishes

3593/19/HHO Householder application for construction of new garage

Oxland House Aish Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6PY

SUPPORTED - TO REMAIN ANCILLARY TO MAIN DWELLING

Land To The South Of White Rock, Adjacent To Brixham Road, Aka Inglewood, Paignton

Outline application for residential led development of up to 373 dwellings (C3) together with the means of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access together with the principle of a public house (A3/A4 use), primary school with nursery (D1), internal access roads and the provision of public open space (formal and informal) and strategic mitigation. The proposal includes amendments to Brixham Road, Long Road junction and Windy Corner junction. Details of access to be determined with all other matters reserved.

Please note that this is an amended description of the previously advertised 'Outline application for residential led development of up to 400 Dwellings (C3)'. No additional plans have been submitted in respect of the amended description

ACTION ; CLERK TO REINFORCE PREVIOUS RESPONSE

19/11/15

a) Flower bed adoption scheme - report on initial meeting and Parishioner report

The Clerk apologised for mixing the flower bed group with the weed control volunteers. A Volunteer from the weed control group advised the Council on the plans to form a party to hand weed the central loop in the Village. It was also mentioned that a mixture of salt and soap had proved an effective weedkiller in other Parishes. The Clerk and County Cllr Hawkins - whilst approving of the scheme - commented that it was not possible to work on the Highways without approval from Devon Highways and appropriate training.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk research training costs and requirements from Devon Highways to report back in January 2020.

ACTION ; CLERK TO RESEARCH COSTS OF TRAINING

b) To receive a report on vehicle movements on Foreshore (Cllr Williams)

Cllr Williams advised that the Commodore SGBA would make a statement shortly and attend the January 2020 meeting to explain why vehicular movements - contrary to Planning conditions - were taking place.

After lengthy discussion it was **AGREED** that Cllr Williams should have been in a position to report back to this meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED** (Cllr Williams not voting) that the matter be referred to South Hams as a potential breach of Planning permission conditions.

ACTION ; CLERK TO REPORT MATTER TO SOUTH HAMS

c) To consider location of dog bins in the Parish

The Clerk had ascertained that no additional dog bins could be added but that underused ones could be relocated. The Councillors asked for a bin location map to be able to complete the exercise.

ACTION ; CLERK TO OBTAIN DOG BIN MAP

19/11/16 Parish Council admin

a) To agree wording for Defibrillator notice for Parish News - **AGREED**

b) To consider and adopt a Disciplinary Policy - **ADOPTED**

c) To consider and adopt a Bullying and Harassment Policy - **ADOPTED**

d) To delegate authority to the Clerk in conjunction with Chair - emergency payments /actions during Christmas recess - **AGREED**

e) To agree the addition of Cllr Collings to the Finance Committee - **APPROVED**

f) To consider arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Williams suggested that the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 30th

April 2020 - **AGREED**

Cllr Williams commented on the lack of transparency on Financial Matters to the Parishioners

The Clerk reminded him that the initial delay had been caused by the problems caused by Lloyds bank in changing the postal address from the ex acting Clerk to hers . In any event , until the new website is up and running , it is difficult to publish information other than that which is required by law/audit regulations

19/11/18- CORRES - all previously circulated

The Clerk read out a letter from Totnes Caring requesting dialogue with the Parish Council with a view to joint working relationship for mutual benefit

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk write to Totnes Caring to invite them to either the February 2020 meeting or the Annual Parish meeting

. **Date/time of next meeting 27th January 2020**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9pm