

# STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting  
held on 24th February 2020 at 7.00pm at Stoke Gabriel Village Hall  
Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock, Collings, and Tully (Chair) Dist Cllr Rowe. Julie Foster -  
Totnes Caring  
20 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

The Chairman introduced Julie Foster from Totnes Caring - who gave a short presentation on the work and services carried out by the Charity - commenting that there were 37 clients in the Parish. Totnes Caring covers 13 Parishes and has a total of 180 volunteers. Her aim is to raise awareness of the organisation which covers a paid home help service, hospital transport, befriending and dementia services and to encourage more volunteers to come forward. It was agreed that the Parish could help promote Totnes Caring through the Parish news / website and Facebook.

Cllr Tully thanked Julie for attending and presented a cheque for £50 from the Chairmans allowance.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Julian Williams. He thanked Julian for the hard work he had carried out and the service he had given to the Parishioners - it was greatly appreciated by everyone.

**20/02/01 - Resignation of Julian Williams**. The Clerk explained that if the minimum of 10 electors fail to request an election by 5th March 2020, the vacancy will be filled by co-option - probably at the March 2020 meeting. A suitable notice will be posted on 6th March asking for applications.

**20/02/02 Apologies** - Cllrs Hunt, King and Stoddart & Dist Cllr Bastone and Hawkins

**20/02/03- Declaration of Interests** - None **No dispensation requests** - None

Standing orders were suspended

## **20/02/04 Public participation**

Rosemary Rowe commented on the weed killing and hedge cutting - adding that a way forward must be found. She also raised the shocking state of the roads in Aish -

### **ACTION - CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS**

A Parishioner commented on the use of the road cleansing machine by Cavanna - the timing of which exceeded the permitted working hours of the site.

### **ACTION - CLERK TO CONTACT ENFORCEMENT**

Phil Bolt mentioned the weeds and also the need for work to the path in front of the Blue Cedar development.

The previous owner of the "burial Ground" informed those present of the Covenants attaching to the land - namely that

1. He retained vehicle access from the road to my own field via the Council driveway.
2. There was no building allowed on the field except for use with the burial ground.

He stated that he had no intention of lifting either of those covenants and that should he be minded to purchase the land, he was willing to ensure continued community use.

## **20/02/05 - Councillor reports**

### **District Cllr Rowe**

We have set The C/Tax for the year ahead to the amount payable on a Band D property will be £1,990.82p. This includes the precepts for S.H.D.C. /D.C.C. & The Fire & Police Authorities. There is also the average amount for The P.C. `s which will vary in each parish. The S.H.D.C. part for a Band D Property = £ 170.42p which is an increase of £5.00

on the year. = 10p per week. Total amount increase across the board = £ 77.78p = 4.07 % on last year.

We have had a briefing on the new recycling service which is being introduced at the end of September. There will be a team set up to take this out to our parishes. So if anyone has an event which can be used to spread The Message of the new service please let us know. This is a complete overall of the service to make use of more recyclable to get a better recycling rate. There are all the details on the council's website.

We have had a workshop to consider Gypsy & Traveller sites. We do not have an official site in The South Hams to accommodate gypsies and travellers so cannot easily evict them from where they may set up home if we do not have an official site. There is a forum being held at Dartington on Thursday 27th February from 4 /6 p.m. for interested parties to attend.

Climate change & Biodiversity .The council has set aside £400,000 in the budget to facilitate an Officer to assist in taking the plan forward. This person will be visiting town & Parish councils to assist them with their Action plans .The council has set up a working group and will report back to full Council on May 21st.

### **Cllr Hawkins**

#### **Cycle way**

We have had a meeting with Hannah Clark at County Hall - Hannah is the Senior Transport planning officer responsible for Cycle ways and their development . We had Martin Oldridge representing residents from Stoke Gabriel It was a constructive meeting and all supported the idea The route is approximately 3 kilometres and to create a cycle way it cost £1 million a kilometre Improvements to the current green lane will be attempted, but Paul MC Fadden has spent over £70,000 on drainage in the past financial year- Issue is the damage done to the lane by motorbikes and 4x4 s - When finances allow work will continue to try to help We also meet Anthony Mangnall MP on this issue to get his support for the route

#### **Countywise**

Devon County approved budget last Thursday

County Council is now a £1 billion pound business

Just under 4% increase in council tax was supported

This will increase the spend of £43 million or 8.7% in service budgets

This will be an increase of

10% for Adult Care and Health

8.5% for Children's Services

5% for Highways, this will be mainly spent on surface water and drainage issues

With other Services this will put £50 million into front line services £7.5 million have been made in savings as well as £26 million extra for Capital Projects

The recent storms are likely to have cost County between £200 and £300 K

The Council also have agreed to offer Young people leaving care a council tax break between 16 and 25, this hopefully will help in a small way ,when they start to make their own way in life

### **Cllr Bastone**

Cllr Bastone provided a written report on his activities at South Hams DC - copy available from the Clerk

Standing orders were re-instated

### **20/02/06- Minutes from previous meetings**

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2020 were agreed by the Council & duly signed by the Chairman - all in agreement

**20/02/07 To decide arrangements / timings for discussion / consultation / decision regarding the Community building and the " burial site "**

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

The Clerk explained that Cllr Stobbart had produced costings - both for set up and for running costs - if the building were to be used as shared office space. This indicated that , with an optimistic 5 from 6 desks used scenario , the unit would still run at a loss of approx between £6.50 - £10 per day (using a daily income figure of £24 - £20 + VAT)  
It was **NOTED** that other uses/options need to be consider along with a public consultation process to be arranged

### **ACTION : CLLRS TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE USES / COSTS**

It was **NOTED** that South Hams are soon to be calling for applications against the 106 monies for King's Orchard

It was **RESOLVED** that there was no need to apply for allotment improvements from the 106 monies

## **BURIAL SITE**

The Clerk confirmed that the site had been valued as first stage in any process  
Various options were discussed but it was **AGREED** to defer this until 03/20 for Cllr Stobbart to lead

## **20/02/08- Clerk's report**

The Clerk advised that she had

- asked for current and future volunteers for the flowerbed maintenance
- Arranged for the dog bin to be moved from the toilets to Byter Mill Lane
- Purchased stickers for the green bins - which allow dog poo bags ( per SHDC )
- forwarded the Precept request to SHDC

The following Actions were ongoing

- The toilet locks were to be replaced the following week ( Cllr Bridge )
- Defib training - arrangements in hand ( Cllr Collings )

The following Actions had been completed

- The tree had been removed by the Narrows ( Cllr Tully )
- Requests for hedge trimming had been sent and a reminder placed on Facebook

## **20/02/09 - Annual Parish meeting - 30th April 2020**

It was **AGREED** that the speaker arranged by Julian Williams - SWW , be asked to attend  
It was **AGREED** that Cllr Collings would arrange refreshments

## **20/10/10 - Lengthsman**

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to a Lengthsman from Ashprington

### **ACTION : CLERK TO ASK IF HE COULD ATTEND 03/20 MEETING**

## **20/02/11 - Grass cutting**

It was **AGREED** that the schedule and timetable produced by Cllr Stobbart be sent to four contractors ( plus any other names supplied in the next few days )

It was hoped that a decision could be made at the 03/20 meeting

### **ACTION ; CLERK TO SEND OUT FOR QUOTES**

## **20/01/09 - Financial matters**

a) The following cheques were presented for payment ( gross figures ) - Payments approved all in agreement

Information Commissioner	ICO fee	40.00
K Gilbert	Admin / exp/ stationery / Signs	111.03
Rendells	Valuation of land	180.00
K Gilbert	Balance of salary 02/20	56.80
Totnes Caring	Donation - Totnes caring	50.00
A Hudson	Repair - Orchard Gate	28.00

## **TOILET ACCOUNT**

D Wedderburn	Cleaning 02/20	320.00
SWWater	Water / sewerage	420.34
E Bridge ( reimbursement )	Consumables	13.19

b) To note the bank balances and reconciliations - **NOTED**

## **20/02/13 Planning**

**The following recommendations were noted and Approved**

0056/20/VAR Stoke Gabriel Football Club Broadley Lane  
Application for variation of condition 5 of planning permission 52/1377/15/F

**NO OBJECTION**

0300/20/TPO - Stoke Gabriel House

T794: Lime - Removal of limb at 7m from ground on East side leaving 2m branch. Limb is rubbing and causing damage to adjacent pine tree. **NOTED**

3538/19/FUL Hayes Barton , Vicarage Road  
Demolition of garage and construction of dwelling

**NO OBJECTION - Ensure Neighbours are aware**

0217/20/FUL. Land at SX 847 584 Lembury Meadow Aish Road  
Proposed dwelling and double garage

**OBJECTION**

Outside settlement area / Not an area of residential development / in open countryside  
No architectural merit / No exceptional circumstances

0444/20/FUL Hill Park , Aish

Replacement of existing detached dwelling house

**NO OBJECTION** - Removal of Permitted dev rights

Cllr Tully commented on the recent planning meeting regarding Inglewood (also currently at Appeal stage due to delay in termination at Torbay ) . He thanked Cllr Stobbart who spoke against the development for Stoke Gabriel - and who it was hoped would represent the PC at the Appeal hearing in May 2020

## **20/02/14 To receive reports on Parish assets**

a) **Toilet** . It was **AGREED** that Jamie Bullock attend to minor repairs in consultation with the Clerk - at a minimal rate well below the average

b) **Playground** It was **NOTED** that the signs had been placed on the wall to deter climbing . Various defects remain outstanding

c) **Orchard**. It was **NOTED** that the gate had been mended and that 6 new trees had been planted - thanks to Hunts Cider

d) **Hoyle Copse** - Path maintenance has been completed. A number of combined hibernation chambers / bug hotels have been made from the fallen trees. There are several fallen or uprooted trees from the latest storm that the team will render safe in the next week. It was **NOTED** that the gang had 4 new members

## **20/02/15 - Scoble Legacy**

It was **NOTED** that the Parish map project was progressing well and that an explanatory plaque was needed in the orchard

It was **AGREED** that a further Scoble Legacy meeting needed to be arranged in the near future

**20/02/16 Parish matters arising in previous month - NONE**

**20/02/17 Neighbourhood Plan update from Peter Fenwick**

The Neighbourhood Plan web-site structure was updated last week to include a heading 'skeleton plan'. This breaks down into headers for plan content and policy content. As we write policies they are being posted onto the site as draft documents which can be reviewed and downloaded by viewers. This process is just beginning and the first documents will be posted this week. This will be the working document which will form the basis of the draft plan. We welcome comments on any aspects of these documents.

The inputs from the January open event have now been summarised and will be posted on the site. We are looking for volunteers/members to assist in finalising the 'Green Space' and 'protected views' documents. Unfortunately these documents don't write themselves so again we appeal for assistance.

It's good to see some new members of the community attending our meetings and we hope that more will follow.

**20/02/18. Parish Council admin**

The May meeting will be held on 18th May 2020

**20/02/19 - CORRES - all previously circulated**

. **Date/time of next meeting 23rd March 2020**

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at. 8.35pm**