

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the **REMOTE** Parish Council meeting
held on 27th July 2020 at 7pm via ZOOM - COMMENCED 7.10
Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock, Collings, King, Stobbart, and Tully (Chair)
Dist Cllr Rowe. Dist Cllr Bastone, County / Dist Cllr Hawkins
3 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

20/07/01V Apologies - None

20/07/02V Declaration of Interests - None dispensation requests - None

Standing orders were suspended

20/07/03V - Public participation

Phil Bolt commented on the repairs that are required to the Scout premises - windows and toilets- adding that the premises benefitted many Local community groups . The Clerk commented that she would forward to him any suitable grant opportunities

20/06/04V - Councillor reports

Cllr Rowe - SHDC

There have been many meetings held via Skype, Zoom and Team Viewer during the last few weeks and indeed since lock down started in Mid March.

At South Hams we have been having workshops sometimes two a day to consider the way forward after Lock Down .What we have been doing? & how we could have done things differently. This is all under the title of BUILD BACK BETTER. The results will be scrutinized and put together for assessment and to work on during September.

We held a Full Council meeting on Thursday 16th July when South Hams D.C. adopted The Plymouth, S.W. Devon and South Hams Council's Supplementary Planning Document (S.P.D.) This document will basically work along side of the J.L.P. and Town and Parish Neighbourhood Planning Documents when considering Planning Applications. The S.P.D. can be read online as there are 234 pages altogether!

Then we considered the Climate Change & Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The Council has appointed a Climate Change Officer to over view this work & workshops, consultations etc... Will be held during the next few weeks and months.

Here in Stoke Gabriel the Public loos are now open. There have been problems with dog Poo Bins which seems to have been improved in the last week or so. Please DO NOT drop litter by the side of an already full bin as that is classed as fly tipping! A few residents have had problems with Bin Collections as well. Overgrown trees and hedges have also been mentioned and being addressed.

Cllr Tully asked whether the cycling fraternity might be encouraged to complain about overgrown roadside hedges with a view to allowing the earlier than recommended cutting back . Cllr Rowe commented that if the hedges remain uncut , landowners would be contacted

Cllr Bastone SHDC

Cllr Bastone had sent a written report - copy available upon request . He added that he had attended a great number of meetings and is always available to answer both Councillor and Parishioner queries

Dist/County Cllr Hawkins

DCC - Cllr Hawkins mentioned that working at County was carrying on as normal - albeit with Virtual meetings . The Annual Council had taken place the previous week - having been deferred from May

He advised that he would take the proposal for a Cycle way to Totnes to Committee at County with Cllr Jacqi Hodgson - as part of a greater South Devon Cycle scheme.

Standing orders were re-instated

20/07/05V- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 29th June 2020 were agreed by the Council & would be sent to the Chairman for physical signature - all in agreement.

20/07/06V - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had -

- Written to enforcement - possible breach of planning (Community car parking spaces - Blue Cedar)

- Ordered larger Dog bin - will be delivered to Emma's - then Cllr Bullock to fit

- Produced maps / plots for lengths man

- Arranged training for Cllr Bullock - to enable him to assist Lengthsman

- Advised the Church re PC inability to provide more burial spaces

She also advised that

- Emergency plan - Cllr Rowe provided link for advice - Cllr Collings to lead

- Arboriculturalist to survey tree on Access track this week along with several of concern in Hoyle Copse

- Overgrown fig tree opposite Cavanna reported - now cut back

- Sanitiser fitted to toilets and playground

The Clerk commented that an issue raised by a Parishioner regarding the connection of 2 pavements had been referred to Highways

ACTION ; CLLR ROWE TO CHECK ON LEGALITY OF THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY CAR PARKING SPACES /PLANNING CONSENT

20/07/07V. - Additional Public participation session

It was **RESOLVED** that a session at the end of a meeting would **not** be added . It was considered that an additional session at the end of the meeting might re-open discussion on matters previously debated or decided . Should anyone wish to comment , she/he could easily email then Clerk or a Councillor

20/07/08V - To agree retrospectively composition of working party for Community Building and to agree Terms of reference

It was **RESOLVED** that the Community Building working party would comprise Cllrs Blood and Stobbart along with Dist Cllr Rowe and Peter Fenwick and Richard Harris

It was **AGREED** that the Terms of Reference be **ADOPTED** and customised to suit the Community Building working party

20/07/09V - .To receive a report from the Community Building working party and consider recommendations

It was **RESOLVED** that a maximum of £1000 be allowed to commission reports into the viability of the Community Building

It was **AGREED** that an EGM to decide the way forward be arranged for August 2020

20/07/10V - To note allocation of 106 monies from Cavanna site

South Hams advised had the following allocation of 106 monies - **NOTED**

- £30,520 to Stoke Gabriel Boating Association for improving access between the DHNA pontoon and the foreshore at Mill Point, by the construction of an all-weather, all-states-of-the-tide link

- £5,000 to DCC for improvements to Stoke Gabriel footpath 6
- £8,550 to Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club for a new roof for the community pavilion
- £11,950 to Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club for a new office and ladies changing facilities
- £2,650 to Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club for improvements to the entrance road
- £12,720 to Stoke Gabriel Football Club for purchase of grounds maintenance equipment
- £13,233.60 to Stoke Gabriel Football Club to retrospectively fund their disabled access ramp
- £2,190.04 to Stoke Gabriel Football Club for improvements to their access road and car parks"

20/07/11V - To consider and note comments from SGBA regarding proposals for works / future planning applications

Standing orders were suspended to allow Brian Deacon - Commodore SGBA to speak

Mr Deacon explained the reasoning behind an application to lift vary conditions attaching to 52/1473/15 . It was **NOTED** that the application had a few days before been validated but that there was insufficient notice to consider at this meeting . Councillors clarified certain aspects with Mr Deacon but it was **AGREED** that any further debate should take place when the application was being considered for response

Standing orders were re-instated

20/07/12V - To agree and sign contract for Lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward the contract to the Lengthsman for signature

20/07/13V - Website

Cllr King advised that the new website was now up and running and that she had asked that any interested party contact her to publish any additional information. The Council thanked both Cllr Collings and Cllr King for their part in this project

20/06/14V - Financial matters

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

Karen Gilbert - admin / expenses July 2020	54.00
A Collings Re-imburse Laminating pouches	9.95
A Collings Monthly Zoom charge	14.39
P Bolt Materials - Hoyle Copse and Mill Poll path	64.38
Roadware Ltd New large Dog waste bin	178.74
TOILET ACCOUNT	
E Bridge Sanitiser / dispensers (inc 1 for play area)	109.28
D Wedderburn Toilet cleaning 4/7 - 10/7 + padlock (17.27)	217.27
D Wedderburn Toilet cleaning 11/7 - 23/7	342.00

The Clerk, as responsible Financial Officer , reminded the Council of the need to protect the Precept provided from Public money - as a quote previously received from FCC came in at £4376.00 pa (£10.26 per day) - considerable less than currently paid

A Councillor asked whether the Toilet Cleaner can be paid on a fortnightly basis . The Clerk/RFO advised that in accordance with Standing orders , Financial regulations , internal controls and the contract signed by the Contractor, all payments must be made at a Full Council meeting against an itemised schedule and accompanying Invoice . These documents prevented payments being made on any other than a monthly basis.

However the Council **RESOLVED** to disregard the Clerk's advice/ regulatory documents and voted to pay on fortnightly basis. Four for /three against - It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk pay invoices between monthly meetings without Full Council authorisation/approval

The Council thanked Cllr Rowe for the grant which facilitated the purchase of the Large Dog bin

20/07/15V Planning

The following applications were considered

2096/20/TPO Mr C Brewster. **NOTED**

T793: Beech - Crown reduction by 3m on all sides to reduce risk of failure.

Stoke Gabriel House Duncannon Lane Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6QY

1508/20/HHO Mr J Peacock Moorhaven Developments

Householder application for part demolition of rear extension, demolition of side conservatory extension and front bay windows, alterations to existing dwelling including new stone/timber cladding, new windows, doors and associated landscaping

Marians Maples Vicarage Close Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6QT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to SHDC planners -
Condition that the flat roof must not be used as a sitting out area and that no balustrade / glass screens be placed on the flat roof

20/06716V To receive reports on Parish assets

a) Toilets - - Already discussed

b) Playground -

Cllr King confirmed that the playground was re-opened on 4th July 2020

The pre-school had agreed to restrict use to the mornings only

Cllr Collings confirmed that the ivy had been removed from the wall (cost £200) to enable accurate quotes to be obtained

Thanks were given to Cllr Bullock for the construction of a box to house the sanitiser

c) Orchard - -Phil Bolt reported that the Apple buds have been removed from the trees planted earlier this year to help promote tree growth.

Cllr King advised there had been a request to make a compost bin/pile in the Orchard

ACTION ; CLERK TO AGENDA 09/20

d) Hoyle Copse A report had been previously emailed .

i) Prep work for the new Wildlife Haven is now complete. Structural timber sizes have been agreed and will be ordered shortly. Awaiting quotes for treating existing timbers.

The tree guards that were removed from trees have now been put back in place.

ii) **To consider corres from Parishioners / response from Tree warden regarding the works carried out in Hoyle Copse**

Letters of complaint from 2 Parishioners , over the works being carried out by the Hoyle Copse gang had previously been emailed to all Councillors - along with responses from Phil Bolt. After lengthy discussion , it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond that

- the Parish Council totally supports the work carried out by the Hoyle Copse gang
- the work is in accordance with the Management Plan
- the work of the Hoyle Copse Gang has the backing of the Woodland Trust
- a desire has been voiced that both parties work together for a common goal

ACTION ; CLERK TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINANTS

e) Footpaths - No report

A Parishioner who had missed the first section wished to raise the following

1. Works to a field entrance in Lembury Lane appeared to be causing a problem to the Highway
 2. Parking on Double yellow lines at Longcombe was causing a danger to road users and also traffic problems
 3. A remnants of a burnt out car on the Waddeton to Galmpton Road required removal
- Cllr Hawkins agreed to follow up these issues

Date/time of next meeting TBC - via ZOOM

There being no further business the meeting was closed at. 9.35pm