

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes from the **REMOTE** Parish Council EGM
held on 28th September 2020 at 7pm via ZOOM
Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock , King , and Tully (Chair)
Dist Cllrs Rowe and Bastone. County / Dist Cllr Hawkins
7 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

A short presentation was made by the owner and agent regarding the proposed works to South Downs Wood followed by a Q & A session
The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting

The Chairman confirmed the resignation of Roger Stobbart and publicly thanked him for the work carried out for the Parish and the Council

20/09/01V Apologies - Cllr Collings

20/09/02V Declaration of Interests - None **Dispensation requests** - None

20/09/03V - Public participation -

A Parishioner reminded the Council of the issue at Lembury where posts and brick thresholds had been placed very near the Highway

The Lengthsman , Mike Pearey gave a report on areas where he had alleviated flooding by clearing buddle holes and drains/ditches . He added that it was important that the farming community ensure that the highway water run off channels are restored in the fields - asking the Council to contact the Farmers involved

He also mentioned that much of the matter cleared away consisted of roadway gravel and asked that Highways remove the residue after road works

He thanked Cllr Bullock for his assistance

ACTION ; CLLR HAWKINS TO REPORT TO DCC

The Chairman brought forward item 13

20/09/13V - Highways

a) to receive a report on the work of the Lengthsman - see above

b) To receive an update on the Double yellow lines near the Village Stores

County Cllr Hawkins asked the Parish Council to decide where the removal of Yellow lines in the vicinity of the Village Stores might take place - for maximum impact

ACTION ; COUNCILLORS TO PROPOSE ALTERATIONS TO YELLOW LINES

c) to discuss the weeds around the Parish and decide a way forward - Cllr King

It was unanimously decided that since the agreement to stop using weedkiller in the Parish , the Village was looking scruffy

It was **RESOLVED** that a vinegar/salt combination should be tried in the first instance

Reports from Cllr s Rowe , Bastone and Hawkins(copies available from the Clerk)

Cllr Rowe / Bastone

We have been working on an amended Budget to see the Council through until the end of this financial year to the 1st April 2021 there is at present a shortfall of £1,313,000 .We have been through all the possibilities to produce an amended revenue Budget for the rest of this Financial Year. This was on the agenda for the Full Council Meeting which was held on Thursday 24th September 2020 with recommendations to Council from The Executive. The joint meeting of the Over view and Scrutiny Panel and The D.M.Committee had met previously to consider the best options to proceed. The main debate was wether to take monies from unearmarked reserves which currently stand at £ 1.9 million. It was at that meeting decided not to use all the monies from

un earmarked reserves to prop up the shortfall. We may need to take up £200,000 from this reserve Pot will not do so unless absolutely necessary.

There are Changes coming from the 5th October for refuse collection Days. Every household has been sent a letter telling them when their new collection day will be...The next recycling collection day here in Stoke Gabriel will be week beginning 5th October. Some households will be on Mondays and others on Tuesdays as opposed to Thursdays previously in the village. The New recycling system to be known as The Super Recycler Service which will allow for much more kerbside recycling will commence in early spring of next year

Cllr Hawkins -Devon County

Team Devon - County is working very closely with all 8 Districts on a Economic Recovery plan for Devon . A report will come to Oct Cabinet with a spend of £6 million

Extra funds are hoped from Central Government

Domiciliary Care. This is still a challenge but all packages are being achieved Staffing is the main issue and an outside Contractor is being used to fill any gaps

Care Homes There is a slow increase in infections Plans are in place, but there are concerns that families visiting maybe limited or stopped in future if required

Adult Social CareThe winter care package was published last week, this is Underpinned by a £9 million grant from Central Government . All care workers and providers can access free PPE

20/09/05V- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 24th August 2020 were agreed by the Council & would be sent to the Chairman for physical signature - all in agreement.

The Clerk reminded the Chairman that a fresh signed copy of the June minutes to replace the signed copy erroneously altered by the Chair , was still required for the Parish Council records - as were the signed July 2020 Minutes .

NOTE The Local Government Act 1972 sch 12, 41 and 44 says that formally approved minutes of any minute must be kept in a minute book by the Clerk

20/09/06V - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that

- the larger dog bin at Hoyle Copse appears to be fit for purpose
- she had asked various homeowners to cut back vegetation - done
- she was chasing the 106 monies attaching to Gabriel Court

20/09/07V. - To consider the removal of outdated award signs in the Village

It was **AGREED** that the various historical award plaques should be moved to the Village Hall - permission having been obtained from the property owners

ACTION ; CLLRS COLLINGS AND KING TO PROGRESS

20/09/08V Scoble legacy

a) **to receive updates on projects in hand**

It was **NOTED** that the 5 plaques had been placed at the appropriate locations and that the Village Map project was in hand

b) **to note the purchase of plaques - NOTED**

c) **to receive suggestions / agree future projects**

Cllr King mentioned several projects which she wished to progress . It was **AGREED** that the working party should obtain / provide details and costings for approval by the Full Council for all projects

ACTION ; AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROVAL 10/20

20/09/09V - To receive a report & update - Community Building working party

It was **NOTED** that the Public consultation period was to end on 30th September 2020 and that to date 53 responses had been submitted

Standing orders were suspended

A Parishioner confirmed his offer to assist when / if required and suggested that his idea for a call for expression of interest might be followed up to gauge the level of potential demand

Whilst agreeing that this has some merit , another Parishioner commented that , until it is finished , it would be difficult for those people to assess the property

The Chairman thanked both for their input and advised that the working party would look into these matters

Standing orders were re-instated

It was **AGREED** that

1. The Clerk request an updated completion date from Cavanna
2. The working party consider the responses to the Public consideration and the idea of a call for expressions of interest
3. The Clerk obtains quotes / estimates for work required - in readiness
 - a) Solicitors
 - b) Surveyor - snagging
 - c) Marketing

ACTION ; WORKING PARTY TO MEET TO ASSES RESPONSE AND WAY FORWARD ACTION ; CLERK TO OBTAIN QUOTES AND ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE

20/09/10V - To consider any response to the Management Plan for South Downs

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write in approval of the Management Plan for South Downs wood

20/09/11V - To consider inviting SHDC Officer to meeting to advise on new waste collection arrangements

It was **RESOLVED** that the offer should not be taken up

20/09/12V - To consider the membership of the Finance Committee

It was **NOTED** that , following the resignation of Roger Stobbart , a vacancy had arisen on the Finance Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that no further member would join the Committee - against the Terms of Reference

20/09/13V - Highways - see above

20/09/14V - Finance

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for obtaining the grant of £10,000 through Covid SHDC small business rate relief & also the refund of £718.42 - small business rate relief

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

Karen Gilbert		100.64	Admin / expenses / map
A Collings		14.39	Zoom meeting
A Hudson		43.00	Playground repairs

M King		466.32	Plaques - LEGACY
P Collings		200.00	Removal ivy Church Walk
SHDC		252.00	Playground inspections
Bay Tree Servs		200.00	Emergency tree works
Hawthorns accounting		60.00	P/roll
Greenfield Designs		62.00	Website / domain - NP
Viking		94.30	Stationery / stamps
P Bolt		162.97	strimmer service
Netwise		400.00	Domain / maint - PC site
TOILET ACCOUNT			
D Wedderburn.		394.00	Cleaning to 22/9

20/09/08V - Planning

2746/20/CLP Mr P Frymann

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed UPVC conservatory to rear

3 Andrews Park Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6FF. **NOTED**

16. To receive brief reports on Parish assets

a) Toilets - broken seat **NOTED** - to be replaced when Toilets fully open

b) Playground inc repair of Church Walk Wall

It was **NOTED** that the PCC had agreed to contribute towards the repair of the Wall for which the Chairman thanked them

The ivy had been removed in August 2020 - revealing the extent of repair

The spec for repair had been previously been agreed by the Parish Council and also by SHDC Conservation officer

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk send out for quotes using the approved spec

ACTION ; CLERK TO OBTAIN QUOTES

c) Orchard The Chairman agreed to contact the Hunts to see if they required the orchard apples this year - failing that , it was **AGREED** that the Parishioners should be able to take them

d) Hoyle Copse -

i)To note the ownership / maintenance of hedges - Hoyle Copse / Meadow **NOTED**

ii) To agree ownership of Ash tree on bank near Cator

It was **AGREED** that the tree be “adopted” by the Parish Council and be included in future Tree inspections

Date and time of next meeting TO BE CONFIRMED

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.00pm