

# STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT** Minutes from the **REMOTE** Parish Council meeting  
held on 26th January 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM

Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock , Collings, King , and Tully (Chair)

Dist Cllrs Rowe and Bastone County / Dist Cllr Hawkins

4 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

**21/01/01V Apologies - None**

**21/01/02V Declaration of Interests** - Cllr Collings - pecuniary in 21/01/08

**Dispensation requests** - None

## **Standing orders were suspended**

### **21/01/03V - Public participation**

Peter Fenwick confirmed that all the footpaths had been walked and surveyed and were in good condition . One damaged stone stile has been reported to Devon County

The Chairman thanked him for carrying out this work

### **21/01/04V - Councillor reports**

#### **Cllr Rowe - SHDC**

*We are supporting our staff during these latest lock down restrictions and school closures as many of our team have to balance work and child care.*

*Vaccine Roll out is taking place and more centres nearer Home are coming on stream .different Drs.Practices are running at different speeds.*

*Business grant Updates. A further round of support has been announced and our staff will be dealing with this apart from their usual day to day work. We have 3 Covid Compliance Officers who are working with The Environmental Health team to ensure that shops etc. Have the correct measures in place if they are in the essential bracket to be open. Checking on Holiday/2nd homes etc.*

*Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. These are people who have been shielding possible since March. To assist them so that they are able to access help to receive priority food delivery slots and get their medication as necessary.*

*Hardship funding. If anyone is enduring hardship, the council is able to help with Rent, Council Tax and prevent homelessness. There is help for internet access and tablets for Home Schooling .This is accessible via the school and not the Council .The Citizens Advice can assist with energy costs.*

*There is more information of all these items and much more available on The South Hams Council Website.*

*We have been having meetings to debate The Setting of The South Hams portion of The Council Tax and it is likely that their portion of the C.T. will increase by £5.00 for a Band D property which will equate to £175.42 for the District Council's Portion of the Council Tax. This will be recommended by The Council Executive at Their Meeting on 28TH January and then go to Full Council on the 11th February when all the details of the Council's Budget for 2021/2022 will be debated and fixed for the year starting on the 1st April 2021.*

#### **Cllr Bastone SHDC**

Cllr Bastone had sent a written report - copy available upon request .

#### **Dist/County Cllr Hawkins**

A reminder that there are Grants to assist with new Central Heating and insulation both for Ground Heat pumps and new Gas Central Heating.

Disabled Facilities Grants are also still available during the current restrictions and residents should still apply  
Both these are available via South Hams District Council and can be for rental as well as private homes  
Devon Counties recycling centres remain open  
Devon County is in the early stage of the budget process and Meetings are taking place with priorities for the coming year

Adult and social care a possible increase of 8.3% Children's Services 7.8%  
Highways at present only .5%. - I have lobbied for a larger increase in the latter, and hopefully by budget setting will be increased further

### **Standing orders were re-instated**

#### **21/01/05V- Minutes from previous meetings**

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 23rd November 2020 and the Finance meeting held on 12th January 2021 were agreed by the Council & would be signed by the Chairman- all in agreement.

#### **21/01/06V - Clerk's report**

The Clerk advised that South Hams were continuing to make arrangements for the Elections on 6th May 2021 despite the current lockdown . A by-election is due to take place on 6/5/21 to fill the 3 existing Vacancies on Stoke Gabriel Parish Council

It was confirmed that a new supply of salt/grit had been delivered but that as the spreader/route used a quite a few bags , The Clerk was asked to request 1 more pallet of 40 bags

**ACTION ; CLERK TO ORDER MORE SALT/GRIT**

#### **21/01/07V Scoble legacy**

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

Cllr King advised that the map of the Parish was in hand and that the Sculpture project had been put on hold during lockdown

##### **b) to receive suggestions /costings for potential projects and decide if to progress**

### **Standing orders were suspended**

A Parishioner suggested that a series of notices detailing footpath routes / areas of interest might be placed on signposts to help walkers enjoy the Parish . It was further suggested that this could incorporate a nature trail

### **Standing orders were re-instated**

**ACTION : CLLR KING TO PROGRESS**

**Cllr Collings was placed in the ' Waiting Room '**

#### **21/01/08V Repair of Church Walk Wall**

The Clerk advised that she had sent out for quotes from 3 contractors against a tender document with a deadline of 20th January . She confirm that she had received one quote - from Peter Collings ( copy previously circulated to all )

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £2000 00

It was **NOTED** that the PCC had offered the sum of £1000.00 towards this work

**ACTION : CLERK TO ACCEPT QUOTE**

**Cllr Collings re-joined the meeting**

#### **21/01/09V - To receive a report & update - Community Building**

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should again write to Cavanna to ask that she be advised when the building and surrounding land / car parking had been completed .It would then be possible to check that the development complied with the approved permission after which , lockdown permitting , the Council could attend site to inspect the property .

**21/01/10V 10. To discuss the pathway at Cavanna and decide on any action required**

It was **NOTED** that completion of the path was a condition of permission once all properties had been sold . It was thought that there was at least one yet to be sold on the site  
Councillors commented that the existing wooden stile was dangerous and that the area should be made safe as soon as possible . Cllr Hawkins **AGREED** to contact the ROW Officer

**21/01/11V - To note receipt of SHDC grant for War Memorial area and to agree works**

The Clerk advised that the sum of £500 had been received from Cllr Hawkins' Locality Fund for which the Council thanked him . In addition , an email had been received indicating that Grants were available towards maintenance of War Memorials

**ACTION ; CLERK TO LOOK AT CRITERIA FOR GRANT FUNDING**

It was suggested that the area could benefit from the addition of planters and also having the hedge trimmed back . There was also a requirement for some levelling works and when lockdown is lifted , some works to ensure the area is not affected by silt washing down the Hill  
In the first instance the Clerk was asked to contact the Parishioner who looks after this area for his opinion

**21/01/12V - To consider Grass cutting arrangements for 2021**

It was **AGREED** that during Lockdown , it would not be acceptable to meet with would-be contractors in the tender process

It was **AGREED** that the existing Contractor had done a good job during 2020 despite the late start on SHDC advice not to cut grass during the 1st lockdown

The Clerk confirmed that the contractor had agreed to maintain 2020 prices

It was **RESOLVED** that Birbeck Landscapes continue to cut the grass / hedging in the Parish

**21/01/13V - . Parish Benches**

**a) to authorise removal and replacement of bench in Orchard ( nr Combe Shute )**

It was **AGREED** that the damaged / rotten bench in the Orchard be removed and a replacement up to the value of £500.00 be purchased

**b) to note , with thanks, the renovation of a Parish bench by Roger Stobbart**

The Council thanked Roger for the renovation and grateful accepted his kind offer to select another for such attention

**c) to note others where repair / renovation / replacement is desirable**

It was **NOTED** that most of the benches in the Orchard could do with attention along with one on the Paighton Road near Rydon Acres

**21/01/14V Highways**

It was reported that the SWW leak and associated pothole outside the Village Stores had been fixed. Cllr Bullock and Mike Pearey had continued to work on the drainage issues around the Parish - with the problem in Lembury due for repair by Devon Highways in the new financial year

**21/01/15V - Finance**

**a) To approve cheques for payment**

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

**b) To consider the Budget 21/22 and if appropriate agree budget**

Cllr King recommended that the Budget presented to the Finance Committee be approved . A copy had been circulated to all and published online

All in agreement - by show of hands - The Budget was **ADOPTED**

**c) To approve the Precept request for 2020/2021**

The Finance Committee had agreed that no increase should be requested - being mindful of the variety of Financial constraints which Covid had presented to Parishioners

It was **AGREED** by all - through show of hands - that the Precept should remain unchanged at £35000

It was **RESOLVED** that a precept request for £35000 be sent to South Hams District Council - All in agreement

Dist Cllr Rowe congratulated the Council in its decision not to increase the PC Precept

## 21/01/16V - Planning

<u>4280/20/LBC Mittler</u>
Listed Building Consent for replacement kitchen/ dining extension and additional refurbishment works
Yarde Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SJ. <b>SUPPORT</b>
<u>4279/20/HHO Mittler</u>
Householder application for replacement kitchen/ dining extension and additional refurbishment works
Yarde Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SJ. <b>SUPPORT</b>
<u>4122/20/FUL Mr R Collings</u>
Retrospective application for the retention of yard area for boat/caravan storage
Land At Sx 852 582 Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RR. <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>2891/20/FUL - DEFERRED TO 02/21 MEETING - EXTENSION REQUESTED</b>
READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Provision of new dwelling with new vehicular access
Land adjacent to Dart View Cattery
Vicarage Road

The Chairman updated the Council on the progress of the Inglewood hearing and thanked our MP, Anthony Mangnall and Brian Payne for the hard work in presenting reports against this development

### 21/01/17V. To receive brief reports on Parish assets

a) **Toilets** -It was **AGREED** that costs should be sought with regard to the introduction of Flood barriers on the doors on the Public Toilets

#### **ACTION ; CLLRS BULLOCK AND KING TO SEEK COSTS**

b) **Playground** Cllr King advised on the new signs and also some of the repairs recently carried out , A quote was presented to add a path where a muddy patch had appeared . It was **AGREED** to place the quote on file for now

It was also **NOTED** that the Playground was extremely busy - possibly due to the Covid lockdown It was hoped that Parishioners would take appropriate care in accordance with the Covid signage

c) **Orchard** It was **NOTED** that the recent cut to the orchard had left long grass around the trees . The Clerk explained that this was to protect the crocuses recently planted there

d) **Hoyle Copse** - Cllr Bullock updated the Council on the works to Hoyle Copse . It was **NOTED** that this amenity was being heavily used - perhaps another sign of the Covid lockdown The Chairman thanked Phil Bolt and the team of Volunteers and offered the support of the Parish Council

A request for funds was **APPROVED** - £840 towards tree works and £100 towards work to the Roof of the Wildlife Building

A brief discussion took place on the Community space ( aka the burial ground ) and possible uses

#### **ACTION - CLERK TO LOOK INTO COVENANTS / RESTRICTIONS**

**Next Full Council meeting Monday 22nd February at 7pm via Zoom**

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.45pm