

# STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT** Minutes from the **REMOTE** Parish Council meeting  
held on 22nd March 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM

Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock, Collings ( Chair ) and King ,  
Dist Cllrs Rowe County / Dist Cllr Hawkins  
9 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

The Chairman welcomed Toby Russell from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust who was attending this Parish Council meeting to talk about setting up a community landing site for the air ambulance. Toby explained that, following much research, a site had been identified at the Football club - where sufficient level ground was available and where the existing floodlights could be used. It was **NOTED** that DAAT was liaising with South Hams Planners to ensure that the use of the floodlights when required did not breach the conditions of the FC's planning permission. Toby advised that funding of such a facility is Community led - but that DAAT were able to contribute the sum of £909.30 - leaving an amount of £1195.00 required towards the balance of the invoice for electrical works.

Jamie Bullock commented that he may have some funds available towards this sum - following a sporting event he arranges in the Summer. The Scoble Legacy was also suggested.

It was **AGREED** that further discussion take place under agenda item 6.

It was **AGREED** to accept Cllr Tully's offer to lead on this project.

The Chairman thanked Toby Russell for attending and updating the Parish Council.

**21/03/01V Apologies** - Cllr Tully and Dist Cllr Bastone

**21/03/02V Declaration of Interests** - None

**Dispensation requests** - None

## **Standing orders were suspended**

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

A Parishioner commented that the Noticeboard was missing from the War Memorial area.

- Cllr Bullock advised that he was currently rebuilding the board as it was in a bad state of repair.

A resident of Mill Hill commented on the desperate need for a dog waste bin on Mill Hill and also that she was interested to hear what measures might be possible to control visitors / vehicles in that area during the Spring / Summer months.

- It was **NOTED** that the resident and owner of the Quay were willing to purchase a bin.

- It was **AGREED** that D Cllr Rowe and the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements.

The Chairman agreed to suspend the Standing orders at the appropriate time to allow other Members of the Public to comment on Planning applications.

### **21/03/04V - Councillor reports**

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

You will have received your Council Tax bills by now and please take a note of the various amounts payable to each authority. Anyone who struggles to pay their Council Tax may be able to get assistance from the Council for reduced payments i.e. if they maybe already on another benefit.

The Council is able to support businesses opening up and coming out of lockdown by removing as much bureaucracy and red tape as possible - especially with support to Alfresco Dining, Takeaways Use of Land for outside events, Markets etc. Without the need for Planning Permission. SHDC wants to give as much assistance to all those businesses and help visitors get the best experience which our beautiful area has to offer.

The New super recycling service has hit some areas of the village and will be gradually phased in over the next few weeks. When you receive your boxes etc., you can start to use them straight

away. They come with full instructions, labels etc. So should be easy to use alongside the brown and grey bins. Remember NO food waste in the Brown Bin; it will be for Garden waste only. Food waste caddies are issued with the green boxes.

9,000 households are now officially on the new service and are able to recycle more at the Kerbside including glass and plastics ( no black plastic )The new depot at Ivybridge is up and running as expected. The new vehicles are working and the first load of glass was collected from the depot last week.

The next phase of boxes etc.Deliveries start on April 5th .Each phase will be weekly after that.So those of us who have not yet received our new boxes etc. Look forward to receiving them and being able to recycle more at home. This will help to increase the Council's recycling rate.

**Cllr Bastone SHDC** - A written report is available from the Clerk

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

Both South Hams and Devon County have agreed their budgets for 2021/22.

With Central Government funding new grants are available or continuing grants for families and businesses . As we have said many times if you know of anyone who is having problems accessing them, please let us know

Free schools meals will be available for school children during the Easter holidays and I hope this will be provided for the summer holidays too

### **Broadband Waddeton**

We are - with Anthony Mangnall MP & Officers from Devon County- still working on this South Hams will have a new Officer in place soon to help with the roll out

**Recycling Centres** - opening hours are to be extended in the next few weeks

**Leisure Centres** will start to open in 12th April and it is hoped that the improvement to the Centre in Totnes will take place in the Autumn

As it looks like we are all only able to stay on holiday in Britain, the District is putting extra resources into making it safe for us during the holiday season, this includes extra emptying of bins, and providing Covid Officers and Locality Officers to assist

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

#### **21/03/05V- Minutes from previous meetings**

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 22nd February 2021 were agreed by the Council & would be signed by the Chairman - all in agreement.

#### **21/03/06V - To discuss the Air Ambulance Night Landing project and decide on lead Cllr / way forward**

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council should support and facilitate this project on behalf of the Community and that there was no point delaying for further debate - **unanimous**

It was **AGREED** that the sum of £1195.00 should be paid from Parish Council Reserves

**ACTION ; CLLR TULLT / CLERK TO LIAISE WITH DAAT**

#### **21/03/07V - Clerk's report**

The Clerk advised that

- She had written regarding the improvements to the War Memorial and awaited a reply
- Received a request for the PC to consider provision of allotment - **AGENDA 04/21**
- Ordered the repair of the CCTV
- sent details of bulk- buy benches for Cllr consideration
- Received a request for Parish Council support re SG/Totnes Cycle path - **AGENDA 04/21**
- The Church Walk Wall repair had been completed - **CLERK TO CONTACT PCC**

A) The Clerk explained that the Notice of Election would be published on 24th March 2021 - with regard to the bi-election to fill the 3 vacant seats on Stoke Gabriel Parish Council . This will run alongside the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner and also the Devon County Council elections . The Clerk confirmed that she had election nomination packs available to be emailed / posted ( also available from South Hams ) and that suitable notices had been

posted the SG PC and Stoke Gabriel Good Neighbours Facebook pages with further information off the website <https://stokegabriel.co.uk> and on the Noticeboard

- B) It was **AGREED** that the Scheme of Delegation be **ADPOTED** - to facilitate decision making if necessary - should there be a gap between the end of Zoom Meetings and commencement of physical meetings . The Clerk added that Government legislation was currently under review whereby Zoom / remote meetings might continue after 7/5/21
- C) It was **AGREED** to defer a decision re the Annual Parish Meeting until more information regarding the form of PC meetings were known

**21/03/08V Scoble legacy**

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

Cllr King advised that the second draft of the map of the Parish had been displayed 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** - It was **AGREED** that a Scoble working party needed to be arranged in the near future

**21/03/09V - To receive a report & update - Community Building**

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Cavanna regarding the Completion of the Community Building and also send a reminder as no reply had been received

It was **AGREED** that the Council monitors progress and also that the Clerk chases for a response

**21/03/10V - To discuss the potential problems with increased summer visitor numbers and form an appropriate action plan**

The availability of additional car parking space was discussed - there being 3 areas for investigation - namely the Football Club ( weekdays only ) in combination with the bus service , a potential area at the top of the Village and also an area of private unused land in the centre of the Village

**ACTION ; CLERK TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES**

After lengthy debate and comment from Cllr Rowe that this had been discussed over the past 30 years with no solution , it was **AGREED** that for the forthcoming season the emphasis should be on management rather than providing a solution

It was **AGREED** that cones ( privately funded ) should be placed on Mill Hill to deter parking on the hill along with appropriate signage on the at intervals along Mill Hill

It was **AGREED** that Councillors give the matter further thought / research and the Council receive updates at future meetings - **ONGOING AGENDA ITEM**

**21/03/11V - To consider Parishioner suggestions for possible permissive footpath and visitor attraction**

It was reported that the landowners in question were not in agreement and the matter was now closed

**21/03/12V Highways**

It was reported that the main areas of concern ( drainage and potholes ) were at Lembury and that it had been acknowledged that remedial works were to take place in the next Financial Year  
The Clerk advised that she was pushing for Chapter 8 training for Cllr Bullock

**21/03/13VV - Finance**

**a) To approve cheques for payment**

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

Karen Gilbert	1471	68.42	Expenses Clerk
Karen Gilbert	1473	204.70	Balance of 03/21 salary
Hawthorns accounting	1474	60.00	Acct servs
Mandy Collings	1475	28.78	Zoom - reimbursement
Peter Collings	1476	2000.00	Church Walk wall repair
Allan Hudson	1477	202.00	Playground repair ( emergency )
M S Pearey	1478	218.90	Lengthsman 10 x£ 20 + fuel
		2782.00	
TOILET ACCOUNT			
Debs Wedderburn	69	400.00	Cleaning 12/2/21 - 14/3

## 21/03/14V- Planning

### **0552/21/HHO Mr Matthew Goody**

Householder application for conversion of roof space and construction of dormers

Greenfield Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6QF. **NO OBJECTION**

### **0367/21/HHO Mr John Tibbetts.**

Householder application for extension and alterations and erection of replacement garage

Broadways Hillfield Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SH. **OBJECTION**

### **0346/21/FUL Mr Ben Downing**

READVERTISEMENT (Amended development description) Replacement dwelling, barn, stable and tack room

Coombe Paddock Coombe House Lane Aish Stoke Gabriel

### **LETTER TO SHDC FOR CLARIFICATION**

**SIZE OF DWELLING ALLOWED AT APPEAL 30 SQM-PROPOSED REPLACEMENT 63 SQM**

### **0449/21/ARC Mrs J Moon**

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 for planning application 2979/20/LBC

The Linhay, Sandridge Barton Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RL. **NOTED**

### **0456/21/HHO Mr and Mrs Tim Wilcox**

Householder application for replacement conservatory

San Veto Hillfield Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SH. **NO OBJECTION**

### **0540/21/HHO Mrs D Johnson**

Householder application for demolition of two rear chimney stacks and slate over as required

Orchard House Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SE. **NO OBJECTION**

### **0481/21/LBC Mr Simon Greenaway**

Listed building consent for proposed window & door repairs & replacement

Aish House Aish Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6PT. **NO OBJECTION**

## **21/03/15V To discuss the possible replacement of the Award plaques on Parishioner's wall and / or agree way forward**

It had been reported that the removal of the out of date award plaques from a Parishioner's wall had resulted in two discoloured patches becoming visible - a situation with which the Householder was unhappy.

It was **AGREED** that then Clerk approach the Parishioner to suggest that a paint be sourced which matches the current colour of the wall which could be used to blend in these patches until such time as the Parishioner redecorates the wall in question

**ACTION ; CLERK TO APPROACH PARISHIONER WITH SUGGESTION**

## **21/03/16V. To receive brief reports on Parish assets**

a) **Toilets** -It was **AGREED** that the Toilets should remain open all day / every day during the season with cleaning taking place 3 times per week

b) **Playground** Cllr King had previously circulated quotes for metal fencing . She had received 2 quotes for wooden fencing and was awaiting a third

It was **NOTED** that the wooden and the metal fences were approx the same cost **AGENDA 4/21**

It was **AGREED** that the muddy section previously identified should be replaced by rubber matting on safety grounds

**c) Orchard** - nothing to report

**d) Hoyle Copse** - Cllr Bullock updated the Council on the works to the Wildlife Haven at Hoyle Copse .

e) Flower baskets

It was **AGREED** that for various reason the irrigation system was unworkable

It was **AGREED** that the each householder / business owner be approached for assurance that each would attend to the watering of the relevant baskets

The clerk confirmed that she needed to order the baskets by 8th April 2021 - each basket costing £40 - price held from 2019

It was **NOTED** that many of the Noticeboards around the Village were in need of repair / renovation

**ACTION ; CLERK TO INVESTIGATE / CONTACT EACH ORGANISATION**

**Next Full Council meeting Monday 26th April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.40pm