

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th July 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock, Collings, Fletcher, Harris, King, Patch and Tully (Chairman) and 1 member of the public

21/07/01 Apologies – Clerk, Dist Cllr Bastone, Hawkins and Rowe

21/07/02 Declaration of Interest Cllr King- personal quote for gate, Cllr Patch- cheque payment **Dispensation Requests-** None

Standing orders were suspended.

21/07/03 – Public Participation

A Parishioner commented on a couple of events noted in the Play Park over the past couple of weeks. Adult visitors were using the large basket swing sited in the park, and the noise and their use of the play equipment disturbed those residents in Church Walk who are adjacent to the park. He asked if the signage, stating that the park is only to be used by under 14's, could be made bigger. He also stated that several teenagers had been throwing the apples around in the Orchard, and when he asked them to be aware of breaking things, they waited until he had gone into his house, then they threw apples through his front door, which landed on his stairs.

The Chairman thanked him for his comments. Cllr King will arrange larger signs. The Chairman proposed that we investigate the possibility of placing a CCTV camera to monitor the area for misuse and vandalism. Proposed: Cllr Tully Seconded: Cllr Harris All Agreed.

21/07/04 – Councillors Reports

Full Reports Available on Request

Standing orders were reinstated

21/07/05 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2021 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman. All in agreement.

21/07/06a Highways

The Chairman highlighted the influx of visitors to the Parish, and the fact that the land owners are not yet permitted to cut the hedges due to bird nesting season is causing a safety issue. The Chairman asked that the Parish Council agree to write an urgent letter to Highways, to highlight the Safety Issues caused by the overgrown hedges causing

obstruction, and requesting permission for the landowners to cut them back. Proposed by Cllr Harris, Seconded by Cllr Bridge.

The roadside Weed control proposals were circulated. 2 quotes were obtained, a third was not available as the companies had no capacity. The spec included from the Bus Stop at Rydon Cross, Stoke Road, around the main centre of the village and down Coombe Shute. The quote for AF Brown gave 3 different scenarios Spraying, (£1110 + VAT) Strimming (£1000 + VAT) and Hand weeding (£2500 + VAT). It was agreed that hand weeding would give a better and longer lasting finish. Proposer: Cllr Harris, Seconded: Cllr Bridge- All agreed. The Chairman signed the Quotation Acceptance Form.

In order to clear the War Memorial and Ex Cllr Ellis's Memorial area, a local gardener can clear these areas of weeds at a rate of £10 per hour. Once cleared, he will then maintain the area a couple of hours a fortnight, or as needed, and invoice the Council. Proposed: Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr King- All agreed.

Chapter 8 Training

Cllr Patch has investigated Private Chapter 8 Training but need at least 6 to arrange a course at a cost of £150 per person. The training companies will contact Cllr Patch if they are able to amalgamate our future Weed Control Operative when job advert is completed.

21/07/06b- Parking In Turning Bays

Cllr King explained that new residents in Byter Mill Lane have been parking their vehicles in the Turning Bay, meaning that the refuse lorry is unable to turn when collecting. It was proposed that the Clerk write to the resident, asking them to not park in the turning bay, and also to ask Highways to replace the sign that is no longer in the turning area, and to enforce the parking restrictions at Byter Mill Lane. Proposed: Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr Bullock- All agreed.

21/07/06c – EV Charging Points

Cllr Fletcher felt that the Community Building may be an ideal site to place an EV Charging Point. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Parishioner to say that we will look into the possibility of siting a charging point when we make the decision as to the Community Building.

21/07/07 – Financial Matters

21/07/07a Cheques

K Gilbert – Expenses £45.00

K Gilbert – Bal. July Salary £244.90

DALC – Training HARRIS

Stoke Gabriel Village Hall – June meetings x 2 - £32

D Wedderburn Toilet Cleaning £448.48

J Patch – Plumbing £107.50

Proposed Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr Bridge - All agreed.

Cllr Bridge commented on how good the baskets were looking, and that the nursery had done a great job. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Nursery to thank them. Cllr Harris also mentioned that it would be nice to have the baskets planted up with miniature Christmas Trees and lights, and perhaps whilst writing, we could ask the nursery if they would be able to provide these closer to the time. Proposed: Cllr Bridge, Seconded: Cllr

21/07/07b Affordable Housing Payment- NOTED

21/07/08 – Clerks Report/Admin

21/07/08a Risk Assessment for Face to Face Meetings.

Given the return of COVID cases, the previous Risk Assessment will stand to ensure due diligence.

Cllr Harris asked that we look into amending the Constitution as Teignbridge Council have, to prepare for the possibility of having to return to Online Meetings. Proposed: Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr King- All agreed.

21/07/08b – Delegation of Emergency Decisions/ Payments for August.

Proposed: Cllr Collings, Seconded Cllr Harris

Other Matters: Cllrs Harris, Fletcher and Patch to check whether they returned the Declaration of Interest.

CCTV Repair

The Clerk has put the CCTV company and the Rivershack in touch with each other and Cllr Collings will follow up with Faye and Will, and if no joy, will liaise with Mr Lugg as the property owner. Cllr Bridge asked if the CCTV could be moved if the River Shack are not cooperative.

Church Clock- Noted that the PCC have received all the donations they require, so no input needed from the PC, but they thank us for our generous offer.

Meeting with Parishioner- Awaiting Phil Bolt's return before organising.

21/07/09 – Scoble Legacy

- a. **Projects in Hand** PCC have confirmed they are happy for the enhancement to the fence between the orchard and Church Yard. Quotes for adding Palings to Fence

between Orchard and the Church Yard were circulated. These were considered, and Devon County Quote was accepted. Proposed: Cllr King, Seconded Cllr Collings

- b. A suggestion has been made that the area at Rydon Acres be turned into a Community Herb Garden/rewilding area. It was pointed out that we do not know who owns the land, so it was suggested that we get a Land Registry Search to determine the ownership. Cllr King will speak to the family about the suitability of the project.

Cllr King will speak to the family about the provision of an access ramp between the Community Field and Hoyle Copse, to allow grass cutting etc. as highlighted in the Hoyle Copse Report from Phil Bolt.

21/07/10 – Community Building

Until we have all the information we are not in a position to make an informed decision. It was also agreed that the Council should not arrange a meeting to view the building until all the requested documentation has been received.

Cllr Bullock reported that the road markings at the junction of the main road and the entrance to Cavanna estate have been removed, causing issues for people trying to get out of the estate. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways, to have the road markings reinstated, either by Cavanna or Highways themselves., as it is a safety issue.

21/07/11 Dog Waste Bins

Cllr Patch highlighted the issue with people depositing dog poo bags outside the properties adjacent to the permitted path at Cavanna, and requested that a dog bin be placed at the end of the path.

Given that there have now been 4 more housing estates in the Parish, we should look into the possibility of increasing the number of bins on the Parish round. Clerk to request extra bins.

Cllr Patch has reviewed the cost of a new bin, which is approximately £98 outlay for the size installed at the Quay Car Park, and £3 per week to empty.

A possibility to relocate a bin is from the corner of Flood Street and Vicarage Road, which has a litter bin located near it.

Cllr Patch will investigate further costs and speak to Cavanna about being able to site a bin on the permissive path.

To be added to the next agenda.

Seagulls- Several Parishioners have complained of the nuisance of seagulls especially around the Barn Park/Flood Street and Cavanna area. One lady and her dog were attacked with the seagull swooping. We should encourage people to NOT feed the seagulls, and Cllr King to

investigate the cost of falconry services to dissuade the birds from nesting. To be added to the next agenda

21/07/12 Correspondence received

- a. War Memorial – Unable to currently provide an estimate, as the overgrown area around the Memorial means a proper assessment can't be made of the steps. The piers of the monument have been damaged by a lorry. One can be repaired but the other will need to be taken down to the line of damage. He will also look at laying slabs under the bench at Pauline's bench once the weeds have been cleared. Once the area has been cleared, Pete Collings will be able to provide the spec for the works, and an estimate of cost to repair and clean the stone. Clerk to investigate the cost for planters for Bench area.
- b. Public Consultation on managing green spaces Noted, and Cllr Bullock as Hoyle Cope Lead Councillor agreed to take the Lead on this.

21/07/13 – Planning

2681/21/HHO Mr Nigel Rogers

Resubmission of previous application. Cllr Harris' summary should stand as an objection, as the proposed alterations are not making a positive contribution to the Conservation area.

OBJECT

2122/21/LBC Mr Steve Mittler – No objection

2121/21/HHO Mr Steve Mittler No objection

2620/21/ARC Kenneth Miles No objection

2471/21/TPO Mr Child Noted

2078/21/FUL Mr Vershal Relan

Resubmission of previous application refused by SHDC previously. Cllr Harris will prepare a summary and circulate. Clerk to contact police to ask for log numbers for accidents along Four Cross area. OBJECT

2747/21/CLE

Lawful Development certificate – Technical Application. It should be noted that the Council regret that this was not granted to a previous applicant.

Cllr Bullock noted that a building has appeared at Fleet Mill Lane. Cllr Bullock will forward details to the Clerk to be checked with the Enforcement team.

21/07/14 Parish Assets

Toilets Cllr Patch to continue investigating need and obtaining estimates for works.

Playground The estimates for the fence repair were considered and discussed. Knight Fencing Quote was accepted. Proposed: Cllr Collings Seconded: Cllr Bullock All agreed.

Orchard – The estimates were considered and discussed. Torridge Gates Quote was accepted. Proposed: Cllr Bullock Seconded Cllr Blood.

Benches Cllr Fletcher has been looking into wooden benches, as she prefers wooden to the resin option. She will continue to pursue quotes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 27th September 2021