

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting, held on 27th September 2021 at 7pm
Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Bullock, Collings, Fletcher, Harris, King, Patch and Tully (Chair)
Dist Cllr Rowe County / District Cllr Hawkins 7 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

The Meeting was joined by Chris Mortimer to give a brief presentation to inform on aspects of the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill. He advised that he sought support from the Parish Council and that he would email further detail through for Councillors to read and for inclusion on the website

The Chairman thanked him for attending. Cllr Bridge and the Clerk confirmed that a motion would appear on the October 2021 Agenda

21/09/01 Apologies - Dist Cllr Bastone

21/09/02 Declaration of Interests - Cllr King in - pecuniary - 21/09/15. c) Orchard
Cllr Tully in - pecuniary - planning apps x 3 - Yallop

Dispensation requests - None

Standing orders were suspended

21/09/03 - Public participation

A Parishioner commented on the difficulty she was experiencing re the criteria attaching to the loaning out of the Parish Council gazebos and asked for some written instruction to use as guidance. It was confirmed that the PC did own gazebos and the Clerk confirmed that these would be added to the Asset register. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk prepare a Policy for approval at the next Council meeting

ACTION ; CLERK TO WRITE A POLICY RE LOANING OF THE PC OWNED GAZEBOS

Phil Bolt expressed that he personally hoped that the PC would retain the Community Field. The Council asked Mr Bolt if he would kindly arrange for the cutting of the hedge in the field - in consultation with Cllr Bullock. The Council congratulated him on the recent Hoyle Haven video. The Norman, the Verger asked the Parish Council whether it had any plans to look for land for a Burial ground - after having found that the land purchased for that purpose was unsuitable. He had been asked by the PCC. The Council advised that it was not actively seeking land

21/09/04 - Councillor reports

Cllr Rowe - SHDC - Full report available on request

Cllr Rowe confirmed that SHDC were still meeting at West Devon premises where numbers require. In addition to her report she mentioned the following - brought to her attention by Parishioners

- A request that the Rydon Cross seat be reinstated as soon as possible
- The hedge along the "narrows" be cut back along with other overgrown roadside hedges
- Enquiries be made as to the legality of skips remaining on Highways
- Composting - appearing later in the agenda

Dist Cllr Bastone - Report available upon request

County Councillor Hawkins

Cllr Hawkins updated the meeting on the work taking place to restore the Waste collection service - adding that a green waste skip had been suggested (feasibility being considered)

Cllr Blood asked why the Green waste bin at Totnes skip was inaccessible to the elderly and disabled - with staff seemingly unhappy to assist

Standing orders were re-instated

21/09/05- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 26th July 2021 were agreed by the Council & signed by the Chairman - all in agreement.

21/09/06 - Highways

a) To note the regrowth of weeds in recently cleared areas and decide on a way forward

It was **NOTED** that the weeds had regrown following the hand weeding in August

It was **AGREED** that , as the cost had been £2540 + VAT , another weed control needed to be sought . Cllr Fletcher asked that alternatives to spraying should be used in the first instance

b) to note offer to utilise Totnes Town Council" employee for & decide whether to take up for village maintenance

In view of the above , it was **AGREED** that this option should be looked into further and the Clerk was asked to contact Totnes Town Council to ascertain availability

ACTION - CLERK TO CONTACT TOTNES TC TO ASK WHAT TIME WAS AVAILABLE

21/09/07 Finance

a) To approve cheques for payment

b) To ratify cheques issues between meetings

An list of cheques is attached to these minutes - approved by all

The Clerk advised that the second instalment of the Precept- £17500 - had been sent by SHDC

The Clerk also advised that the Conclusion of Audit had taken place and was pleased that , after many years of critical reports , this external audit report included no comments or recommendations

21/09/08 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had

- Written regarding Christmas hanging baskets - not available from current supplier - NFA
- A meeting with Parishioner still required - To be arranged - Clerk to be advised
- One resident had cleared the valerian on Mill Hill - Clerk to remind other resident
- Been advised that the seagull problem had lessened - to be reviewed in Spring 22
- Sent an email to all regarding details of War Memorial planters - No response to date
- requested accident data - Four Cross - from Police - No response

Cllr King advised that the idea CCTV at the Playground was awaiting costings

21/09/09 - To receive an update on the Community Building and decide way forward

Cllr Harris advised that no working party meetings had taken place as confirmation was still required from Cavanna as to whether the Build was in accordance with the approved drawings

21/09/10- To discuss dog waste bin provision in the Byter Mill area

It was **AGREED** that more dog bins were required in the Parish

It was **NOTED** that South Hams would neither supply nor empty any more than currently placed

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council should purchase additional bins and pay to have them emptied

ACTION ; CLERK TO SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM SHDC THAT FCC ARE ABLE TO COLLECT ON BEHALF OF PC

ACTION ; CLERK TO ASK DCC IF AGREEABLE TO PLACE BINS ON ITS LAND AT CAVANNA

21/09/11 - To consider future use / potential sale of the Community Meadow - possibly to fund the rebuild of the toilets (Cllr Harris)

It was **AGREED** there was no need nor reason to sell the Community Meadow at this point in time

21/09/12 - Housing Needs Survey – to consider commissioning a new survey to record the current and future needs within the Parish

The last housing needs survey was commissioned 6/7 years ago and needs updating . Cllr Harris commented that a member of the NP team was a member of the Policy group AECOM - who he would ask to supply a quote for this Survey . The Clerk had already provided a quote from Devon Communities , who had provided the previous survey.

21/09/13 - Neighbourhood Plan – an update on progress - Cllr Harris advised that the NP team were finalising the Draft Policies which should be available before Christmas

21/09/14 Planning

<u>3476/21/FUL Mr P Thulborn</u>
Conversion of a traditional stone barn
Barn at Ningham Aish Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6PS OBJECT
<u>3150/21/FUL Mr Ken Lamb</u>
Extension and alterations to provide lift for disabled access.
Driftwood Lodge Mill Hill Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RD NO OBJECTION - should be in keeping with conservation area
<u>3135/21/HHO Mr Stuart Heathfield</u>
Householder application for proposed garden shed, porch and new lounge window
8 Andrews Park Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6FF. NO OBJECTION
<u>3057/21/FUL Mr David Webber</u>
Retrospective application for retention of agricultural/forestry storage building (Resubmission of 3863/20/FUL)
The Round House South Downs Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RJ OBJECTION - OUT OF KEEPING / COMMERCIAL USE AND SIZE / OUT OF SCALE FOR AONB
CLLR TULLY LEFT ROOM
<u>2924/21/LBC Mr & Mrs Yallop</u>
Listed building consent for renewal of existing roof coverings
Cross Creek House Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RL. NO OBJECTION
<u>2992/21/TCA Mr Ian Morton</u> TO NOTE. NOTED
T1: Maple - Remove, tree has died
Kinghurst Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SJ
<u>2988/21/LBC Mr & Mrs Mark & Rosemary Yallop</u>
Listed building consent for alterations to East Garage comprising reinstatement of former external opening, installation of new rooflights, replacement of existing roof coverings, enlargement of existing modern mezzanine deck, relocation of WC and boilers, new internal partitions (resubmission of 0923/21/LBC)
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CLLR TULLY RE_JOINED THE MEETING

2733/21/HHO Mrs Kay Magee

Householder application for removal of Nissan Hut outbuilding and replacement with timber frame garden room

1 Hayes Cottages Vicarage Road Stoke Gabriel Totnes TQ9 6QU

NO OBJECTION - NOT TO BE A SEPARATE UNIT OF LETTING ACCOMMODATION

b) **To Note the arrangement by SGBA for traffic movements on foreshore 24/10 -30/10 incl**
It was **AGREED** that the Clerk responds to ensure SGBA take full responsibility / place warning notices well in advance / ensure that SGBA supervisor are easily recognisable
It was also **NOTED** that the removal of the boats coincides with Half Term

c) **To consider, & if appropriate, sign the Memorandum of Understanding proposed by SHDC Planners**

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would not sign the agreement although no definitive reason was given

20/09/15 - To receive brief reports on Parish assets

a) **Toilets** - To approve a tender document and spec.

The tender / spec was approved by all . The Clerk was asked to send to prospective contractors and also to offer the opportunity to local individuals

ACTION ; CLERK TO SEEK TENDERS / EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

b) **Playground**

It was **NOTED** that the new railings were to be installed in the coming week - when it was hoped other repairs could take place

It was **AGREED** that a long sign once attached to the wall , dedicated to the Headteacher of the Primary School, should be replaced

It was also **NOTED** that a tree in the Playground had died and that Phil Bolt was seeking permission from SHDC for its removal

c) **Orchard** To receive clarification on quotes for replacement 5 bar gate - Cllr King

CLLR KING LEFT THE ROOM

Cllr Patch presented the three quotes for the gate to the Orchard

It was **RESOLVED** that the Quote from FIRTHS at £1180.00 incl be accepted

ACTION ; CLLR KING TO ACCEPT QUOTE

CLLR KING JOINED THE MEETING

d) **Benches - To discuss plaques and decide on number and type of replacement benches**

It was **AGREED** that plaques will only be allowed on donated benches

It was **AGREED** that 2 benches (Garden seating 4) be ordered from Rattery Sawmills

ACTION _ CLLR KING TO ORDER BENCHES

e) **to decide if a composting project is worthy of future consideration**

It was **AGREED** that this idea should be investigated further

ACTION ; COMPOSTING FOR 10/21 AGENDA

Next Full Council meeting Monday 26th OCTOBER at 7pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.20pm