

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting
held on 29th November 2021 at 7pm

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

21/11/01 Apologies - Dist Cllr Bastone

21/11/02 Declaration of Interests - Cllr King Pecuniary in 21/11/10
Cllr Harris - pecuniary in 21/11/13 - 4085/21

Dispensation requests - None

Standing orders were suspended

21/11/03 - Public participation

A Parishioner enquired whether there were any Celebrations planned for the Queen's Jubilee - Cllr Bridge to progress

He also commented on the inconsiderate parking which hampered the Bus Company servicing the Village - to be included in DCC Highways meeting with Lisa Edmonds

21/11/04 - Councillor reports

Cllr Rowe - SHDC - Full report available on request

Housing is subject which cannot be easily solved. There is a need for more rental properties which I reported on last month. Rents for properties are very often more than the cost of a mortgage would be, but a deposit is needed to acquire a mortgage. The Council is putting out a call for Low Cost Housing Sites but these don't come forward very often as the price payable to the Landowner is up to £10,000.00 per plot. The site would be for only this kind of build.

Following on from the Housing Position Statement & five year land supply, the position is that the Council has a 5.8 year housing land supply from 1/4/2021 to 21/4/2026. This therefore provides us with a robust land supply position within the J.L.P.

Housing support Fund. From the 15th November 2021 Councils across Devon will be open for applications for The New Household Support fund. This is for short term assistance for people over the age of 16 to assist them to buy essentials like Food, clothing or pay for Heating. There will need to be proof of a genuine need. More information is available on the Council website under South Hams Household Support fund and Sophie Cobbledick is the officer in charge.

We have started to look at the council budget for 2022/23 and will be working on this in the New Year. The Council must produce a balanced Budget by law.

The Christmas Waste Collection timetable is now available on line. Collections are 2 days late starting on Mon.27 the collection will be on Wed.29th lasting until Week beginning 24th January 2022. The collections will be 1 day late from week beginning 17th/ 21st January.

South Hams Urban Tree Challenge Fund. The council has been awarded £250,000.00 grant funding from The Forestry Commission from a 10 million pot. The project will see planting on 32 sites across the District. Rob Sekula has more information on this.

There is a new South Hams Sector police inspector who is Inspector Sally Kingdom. The first point of contact should be by email unless urgent. Which is 101@dc.police.uk

This is the last report for this year. I hope that you all have a Pleasant and Peaceful time & can do whatever you wish for yourselves and your family & friends.

Dist Cllr Bastone - Report available upon request

County Cllr Hawkins

Cllr Hawkins discussed the various Highway issues within the Parish and explained the limitation of the Devon County Highways budget - especially as so much funding had been redirected to

Covid related matters . It was Agreed that t the best way forward would be a Zoom meeting with Lisa Edmonds to discuss each matter in detail

Standing orders were re-instated

21/11/05- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meetings held on 26th September and 25th October 2021 were signed as a correct record..

21/11/06 - Highways

a) Update on meeting with Highways re traffic calming- Narrows

It was **AGREED** that a Zoom meeting with DCC , Lisa Edmonds be organised

It was also **AGREED** that Cllr Bridge look into the reintroduction of signs - produced by the School Children to highlight the dangers of speeding

b) Update on meeting Totnes Town Council employee for village maint (Cllr Fletcher)

Cllr Fletcher advised that she was to meet with the employee to see what could be achieved in the hours available

c) To agree areas for drain clearance and consider quotes (Cllr King)

The quotes were presented and it was **AGREED** that the Exjet be used to clean the Village Drains

d) To receive a report on Highways conference (Cllr Blood)

Cllr Blood confirmed she had attended and commented that what had been clear was that all Parishes suffered the same Highway issues . When Presentation slides were sent to her , she would then provide a more in depth report

21/11/07 Finance -

a) Cheques approved by all

29/11/21	Karen Gilbert	127.65		127.65	Exp 11/21/part subs SLCC @£66
29/11/21	Royal British Legion	25.00		25.00	Poppy wreath
29/11/21	Firthworks	1784.20		1784.20	Scoble project orchard
29/11/21	Karen Gilbert	244.70		244.79	Bal of 11/21 salary
29/11/21	Stoke Gabriel Village Hall	48.00		48.00	Hall hire 11/10,25/10 & 29/11
29/11/21	Corserv	150.00		150.00	Non attendance fee - Bullock
29/11/21	Citizens advice	150.00		150.00	S137 payment
29/11/21	CPRE	150.00		150.00	S137 payment
29/11/21	E Rawcliffe	200.00		200.00	Work to War Memorial garden
	TOILET ACCOUNT				
29/11/21	Skivvies	289.00		289.00	Cleaning 22/9 - w/c 25/10/21
	Skivvies	221.00		221.00	Cleaning to 29/11/21

b) to discuss items / quotes required re setting of 2022/23 Budget

The Clerk explained that a draft budget had been presented at the October Finance meeting which would enable for the precept to remain unaltered - but with slight adjustments to certain finance streams

The Councillors had suggested various additional projects - the costs of which needed further investigation

The Clerk advised that some could be added to the Budget which might increase the Precept required and some could be taken from reserves

It was **AGREED** that the Finance Committee would consider affordability and suitability in advance and form a draft budget at its meeting on 10th January for recommendation to Full Council at its January meeting

21/11/08 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had

- Received a Complaint regarding actions at Hoyle Copse - It was **AGREED** that in accordance with the adopted Complaints Policy , the Clerk and Chairman should try to settle the matter.

Cllr Bridge requested that a vexatious complaint department be prepared for adoption at the January 2022 meeting

- Chased Cavanna re the outstanding planning application to regularise the as built Community Building - application now lodged with SHDC

21/11/09- To receive any updates - Community Building

It was **NOTED** that an application had been lodged with SHDC regarding the regularisation of the as built structure .It was also Noted that Cllr Harris had been in contact with Bettesworths regarding an outstanding invoice

ACTION ; CLLR HARRIS TO FORWARD CORRES TO CLERK

21/11/10. To consider revised schedule for grass cutting and tender documents

The tender letter , frequency schedule and scope of works had been circulated prior to this meeting . It was **AGREED** that these were fit for purpose

The Councillors suggested 3 contacts to whom the tender should be sent

NOTE - CLLR KING DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST

It was **AGREED** that all tenders should be returned to the Clerk by 4th January 2022 - to allow inclusion in the Budget

ACTION ; CLERK TO COMMENCE TENDER PROCESS

21/11/11 . To consider the state of path/boardwalk near Millpond & any action required

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Rowe approach the landowner to discuss

21/10/12 Housing Needs Survey – to receive a quote via Cllr Harris

No further quotes were presented . Cllr Harris advised that the NP group was still looking into grants available

ACTION ; CLLR HARRIS TO CONTINUE TO RESEARCH AVAILABLE GRANTS

21/11/13 Planning

4212/21/HHO Mr & Mrs A Langford

Householder application for removal and replacement of existing rear and side extensions and main roof and alterations to front drive and access (Resubmission of 0141/21/HHO)

Beggars Roost 32 Vicarage Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6QP

OBJECTION out of character /set a precedent - bungalows to 2 storey houses

CLLR HARRIS DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST

4085/21/HHO Nick Chisholm-Batten

Householder application for two storey rear extension

3 Orchard Close Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SX **NO OBJECTION**

4033/21/ARC Mr Nigel Rogers

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 and 4 of Planning Permission 2681/21/HHO

The Boathouse Mill Hill Stoke Gabriel Devon TQ9 6RD

OBJECT - MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS INCOMPLETE AS IT DID NOT PROTECT THE VILLAGE / LANES AND FORESHORE

3980/21/VAR Mrs Anne-Marie Horton

READVERTISEMENT (Description Corrected) Variation of condition of conditions 2 (approved plans) to planning consent 0145/18/HHO for alterations to fenestration and external material details (Retrospective)

21 Pound Field Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6QA **OBJECT - PRIVACY ISSUES**

3882/21/FUL Messrs EJH, EM and AJ BALL

Extension of the holiday park to accommodate 10 additional pitches, the variation of 50 pitches to seasonal pitches, and associated landscaping.

Higher Well Farm Caravan Park Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RN. **SUPPORT**

3281/21/HHO Mr Giles Shaw

READVERTISEMENT (Amended development description) Householder application to add flat roof to parking bay to create car port (retrospective)

2 Hillfield Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SH. **NO COMMENT**

4353/21/NMM Mr Paul McGuire - Cavanna Homes

Non Material Minor amendment to planning consent 52/1503/15/F to remove rooflights and porch structure to side entrance door (Retrospective)

1 Ford Way Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6FZ. **NO COMMENT**

21/11/14 - To receive brief reports on Parish assets

a) **Toilets** - The Clerk advised that there had been no applications from the Public

It was **AGREED** to continue with Skivvies

b) **Playground** - Report duly **NOTED**

c) **Orchard** - Report duly **NOTED** It was also **NOTED** that a request had been received to hold a ceremony in the orchard next Summer

ACTION : FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE REQUESTED

d) **Benches** - The kind offer of a new bench and plaque by a Parishioner was gratefully accepted . It was **AGREED** that the recently renovated bench in site 1 of the orchard would be relocated and this new bench could then be positioned in the vacant site

e) **Hoyle Copse** - It was **NOTED** that the Clerk / Chair would meet with the complainant regarding Hoyle Copse

The suggested 2022/23 projects suggested by Phil Bolt were **NOTED** and the Clerk asked the Councillors to consider in more depth before the next Finance Committee meeting on 10th January 2022

Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm and the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year