

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2022 at 7pm
Present; Cllrs Blood, Bridge, Collings (Chair), Harris, King and Patch
Dist Cllrs Rowe 2 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

22/01/01 Apologies - Dist Cllr Bastone C Cllr Hawkins & Cllrs Bullock, Fletcher and Tully

22/01/02 Declaration of Interests - Cllr King in Item 8

Dispensation requests - None

Standing orders were suspended

22/01/03 - Public participation

On behalf of a Pensioner, Cllr Patch commented on the inconsiderate parking which hampered the Bus Company servicing the Village - **Clerk to liaise with Highways**

Cllr Patch also raised, on behalf of Parishioners, the need for a formation of a working party re Jubilee celebrations. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Patch should lead along with Cllr King and Bridge with assistance from Parishioners as required

Peter Fenwick (Neighbourhood Plan) advised that the potential sum of £17000 might be required to complete the Neighbourhood Plan as professional help was deemed necessary

It was NOTED that Grants would be sought to reduce this amount. It had previously been NOTED that considerable amount was required in this regard and that monies should be earmarked from Reserves

A Parishioner commented that he considered that no increase in precept was required as additional sums in the budget could be taken from Reserves. The Clerk referred him to the amount required to complete the NP (mentioned above) which would reduce this amount

22/01/04 - Councillor reports

Cllr Rowe - SHDC - Full report available on request

At South Hams we agreed a vision for the future of the District "Better Lives for All" We have been looking at ways of dealing with Homelessness, Housing, and the effects of Climate change among others. We work on supporting the economy of The District and distributed £ 82.3 mil. In Business grants on behalf of the government which meant a lot of extra work for our Staff and actually for us as Members too.

There are many challenges ahead including an overview and work to sort out The Waste Service which has not worked as expected with the new service which started in the spring of 2021.

There is a new grant available which will benefit hospitality and leisure businesses in the area. In December the government announce a 1 off payment of up to £6,000.00 to include Restaurants and Pubs to help those who have struggled through this difficult time of the year.

Please will all those who may be eligible apply if you have not already been contacted? The council is administrating the grant funds. All those who previously had grant funding should have been contacted but there may be some who have been missed out. The contact details are on

The Council Website. The closing date is 18th March and all moneys will be paid by 31st March. there is a crack down on all holiday letting businesses,. For Payment os of Business Rates /Council Tax/Trade Waste collections.

Budgets. We are all working on our Budgets at present. The Council is responsible for producing a balanced budget. It has to do this by law.

Dist Cllr Bastone - Report available upon request

Standing orders were re-instated

22/01/05- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meetings held on 29th November 2021 and the Finance Committee held on 10th January 2022 were signed as a correct record..

22/01/06 - Highways

a) **Update on meeting with Highways re traffic calming- Narrows** It was **AGREED** that the Zoom meeting scheduled for 2/2/22 would be postponed as Councillor attendance was limited - **TO BE RESCHEDULED**

b) **Update on meeting Totnes Town Council employee for village maint (Cllr Fletcher)**
Cllr Fletcher advised that she had met with the employee to see what could be achieved in the hours available . It was NOTED that the Lengthsman service offered was now as a team of 2 . The Clerk advised that she was awaiting more information from Totnes Town Council

The Clerk commented on the Parishioner comments on the Planned roadworks at the Narrows on behalf of Open reach She advised that she had been in contact with the Contractor and a revised scheme had been agreed which negated the need to dig the road and restricted the road closure to just the weekend 29/1 - 30/1 .

The Parish Council **AGREED** that this was acceptable . It was also agreed that the SGPC / Stoke Gabriel neighbours FB page and the Website should be updated accordingly

22/01/07 Finance -

a) Cheques approved by all

25/1/22	Karen Gilbert	74.61		74.61	Expenses / stationery
25/1/22	Information commissioner	40.00		40.00	GDPR / Data protection
25/1/22	Karen Gilbert	244.70		244.70	Bal of 01/22 salary
25/1/22	HMRC	435.60		435.60	TAX / EMPL NI TO 12/21
25/1/22	Phil Bolt	137.95		137.95	expenses Hoyle Copse
25/1/22	Rattery SawMill SW Ltd	222.00	44.40	266.40	New bench
	TOILET ACCOUNT				
25/1/22	Jamie Bullock	76.00		76.00	Repairs - toilet seat / downpipes

b) To agree the Budget and Precept as recommended by Fin Committee

Proposal = *Precept for 2022/2023 be increased from £35000 to £49000 . After allowing for the extra housing stock , the weekly rise to a Band D property would be 30p*

The draft Budget was emailed to all on 11/1/22

Cllr Harris suggested to the meeting that the format was not acceptable

It was proposed that the Budget be approved

A vote was taken - 5 in favour - 1 against

Cllr Harris asked that his vote against be recorded - in view of the format

The Budget was **ADOPTED**

c) To agree the Precept for Stoke Gabriel Parish for 2022/2023 for submission to SHDC

A Vote was taken 5 in favour - 1 against

Cllr Harris asked that his vote against be recorded

It was **RESOLVED** that a precept request for £49000 be sent to South Hams District Council -

After allowing for the extra housing stock , the weekly rise to a Band D property would be 30p

The Clerk was asked to prepare a narrative to explain the increase for publication along with the approved budget

d) To note the need for a Scoble working party - as Resolved 04/19

It was **AGREED** that the working party should be re-formed to decide on projects

e) to receive an update of on Scoble Legacy projects in hand - sculpture and map

Cllr King advised on the progress and hoped that the projects would be completed in the near future

Cllr King advised that she would continue to research online banking alternatives

CLLR KING LEFT THE MEETING

22/01/08 - Clerk's report

a) **to receive and adopt a Vexacious complaint Policy - ADOPTED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIR**

b) **to consider way forward re**

i) Workmanship on Orchard gate

ii) Churchyard fence - not constructed as per spec from PC / PCC

i) The Clerk advised that following comments from Councillor / Parishioners, she had inspected the gate at Combe Shute having been previously informed that the works were acceptable and that payment should be made. Various defects were identified and the Contractor contacted. The Contractor replied that the works were correctly carried out.

The Councillors confirmed that the Contractor be contacted and asked to complete the works to the required standard including replacing the post for which the Council had paid.

ACTION ; CLERK TO WRITE TO CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT REMEDIAL WORKS

ii) **Churchyard fence**

It was **NOTED** that the additions to the fence had not been carried out per spec agreed by the PC and also the PCC. The Parish Council had selected the contractor on the assumption that all 3 quotes were for the identical works. It was **AGREED** that the works did not enhance the Orchard / Graveyard in any way. The additional timbers had been laid horizontally rather than vertical palings added.

The Clerk had contacted the Contractor to be told that they had worked per the PCs spec - although investigation had failed to source any paperwork for fence or the Orchard gate.

The Council asked the Clerk to enquire again to ascertain the facts.

Meanwhile, it was **AGREED** that 3 quotes be obtained to put the fence right to the style agreed by the PC / PCC. This would have to come from PC funds rather than the Scoble legacy - which had paid for the erroneous works.

ACTION ; CLERK TO MAKE SUITABLE ENQUIRIES AND SEEK QUOTES FOR REMEDY

22/01/09- To receive any updates - Community Building

The Clerk and Cllr Harris had both chased Cavanna to inspect the Building but had received no reply.

ACTION ; CLERK TO CHASE FOR INSPECTION DATE

22/01/10. War Memorial

It was **AGREED** that the maintenance of the War Memorial should be an important part of the work of the Parish Council.

It was **AGREED** that a working party be formed to facilitate this - led by Cllr Patch and Bridge.

22/01/11 .To discuss consultation on the Torbay Local Plan Housing Update Growth Options. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Harris inspect the plan and report back.

22/01/12 NP / Housing Needs Survey

Cllr Harris was asked to seek grant opportunities and also prepare quotes for a Housing needs survey for consideration in 02/22.

ACTION ; CLLR HARRIS TO CONTINUE TO RESEARCH AVAILABLE GRANTS / SURVEY QUOTES

21/11/13 Planning

0095/22/COM Mr Tom Pratt - EE UK Ltd and 3G UK Ltd. **NOTED**

Notice of Intention to Upgrade Existing Telecommunications

Lower Well Farm Land Off Combe Lane Nr Brixham TQ5 OEP

0044/22/CCN Mr Steve Lissmore - The Camping and Caravan Club. **NOTED**

Camping and Caravanning Club Notification of proposed temporary holiday site No THS4077/2022 for maximum 75 units per night from 26/05/22 to 06/06/22
Broadleigh Farm Coombe House Lane Aish Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6PU
0011/22/HHO Mr J. Farrar. <u>OBJECTION OVERLOOKING FROM BALCONY</u>
Householder application for proposed two storey side extension with with new balcony to rear.
7 Mill Hill Court Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SU
3617/21/HHO Mr Tony Bradley. <u>NO OBJECTION</u>
Householder application for proposed single storey ground floor side extension, single storey lower ground floor rear extension and associated landscaping works
Waterside House Byter Mill Lane Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RH
4613/21/ARC Mr Nigel Rogers. <u>NOTED</u>
Application for approval of details reserved by Condition 5 of Planning Permission 2681/21/HHO
The Boathouse Mill Hill Stoke Gabriel Devon TQ9 6RD
0210/22/CCN Mr Steve Lissemore - The Camping and Caravan Club. <u>NOTED</u>
The Camping and Caravanning Club Notification to operate a temporary holding site ref TH4268/2022 for maximum number of 100 units including all tents and caravans
Broadleigh Farm Caravan Site Coombe House Lane Aish Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6PU
0175/22/ARC Mittler. <u>NO OBJECTION</u>
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (details of ducts, flues, rainwater goods, vents & external attachments), 4 (rooflights details) and 6 (details of sound deadened partition) of planning consent 4280/20/LBC
Yarde Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SJ
0123/22/ARC Mittler. <u>NO OBJECTION</u>
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (details of ducts, flues, rainwater goods, vents & external attachments), 4 (rooflights details) and 6 (details of sound deadened partition) of planning consent 4279/20/HHO
Yarde Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SJ

22/01/14 - To receive brief reports on Parish assets

- a) **Toilets** - It was NOTED that repairs had been carried out by Cllr Bullock
- b) **Playground** - **NO REPORT**
- c) **Orchard** - **NO REPORT**
- d) **Benches** - A New Bench had been ordered for Rydon Cross
- e) **Hoyle Copse** - The report from Phil Bolt was **NOTED**

Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 28th February 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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