

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 10th January 2022 at 7.00pm

In the Village Hall , Stoke Gabriel

Present; Cllrs Blood , Collings , King Patch and Tully

Clerk - Karen Gilbert

In attendance - Cllrs Jamie Bullock , Pat Fletcher and Richard Harris

And one member of the public

22/01/01f - Apologies for absence - Cllr Bridge

22/01/02f Declaration of interest - Pecuniary - Cllr King in item 8 Dispositions - None

22/01/03f - Public participation. None

22/01/04 - Cheques for payment - APPROVED

10/1/22	Karen Gilbert	244.70		244.79	BAL Of 12/21 Salary
10/1/22	DALC	15.00	3.00	18.00	Training Fletcher
10/1/22	K Gilbert (PYT TO HMRC)	1003.15		1003.15	Reimburse TAX NI 5/20 - 6/21
10/1/22	K Gilbert	78.30		78.30	Clerks exp 12/21
10/1/22	M Collings	14.39		14.39	Zoom
	TOILET ACCOUNT				
10/1/22	Skivvies	238.00		238.00	Cleaning
10/1/22	J Bullock	31.72	6.28	38.00	New downpipes

22/01/05f. To receive an amended Asset register

Cllr Tully advised that the Defib at the River Shack , gazebos and Benches needed to be added to the existing register

22/01/06f - To note the need for new payroll management from 04/22

The Clerk advised that local research had revealed that Councils use South Hams DC for Payroll Services.

The Committee advised that it would prefer to use an online package used by local businesses

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONFIRM SUITABILITY AND ORDER IN MARCH

22/01/07f - To note the need to set up a pension scheme for Clerk

Cllr King suggested that NEST be used as it works with the payroll package chosen - **AGREED**

Cllr King left the meeting

22/01/08f - To consider grass cutting quotes and decide on contractor

The Clerk presented various quotes for the grass cutting

- £6240 - grass collected
- £7150 - grass collected
- £2525 - grass remaining and mulched

It was **NOTED** that the quotes were for ten cuts - but previous years had required more

The Council considered the additional cost to collect the grass cuttings was worth the difference

It was **RESOLVED** that the contract be given to Plandscape - at £6240

Cllr King returned to the meeting

22/01/09f To consider expenditure to date

This form was examined - having been emailed in advance

The various overspends already identified were highlighted . The Clerk also ran through the anticipated spend to year end which could result in an overspend of £300 after approx £5000 was transferred to earmarked reserves

22/01/10f - To consider and agree Budget for 2022/2023

The Clerk confirmed that by adjusting various expenditure streams to allow for slight overspends / underspends , she was able to balance the existing budget of £35000

It was **NOTED** that there were areas where the Council would incur additional costs in 22/23 and there were extra projects which the Council wished to pursue

It was **NOTED** that the NP would require the sum of £7500 and that the reports required before the decision was reached as to whether the Council acquired the Community Building would amount to £10000 . Additional staff costs would include a pending small cost of living increase from 21/22 , enrolment into a pension scheme and Employers NI

The additional sum of approx £4000 for grass cutting needed also to be added as did the sum of £2000 for Hoyle Copse and the war memorial area

The VAS speed sign and the weeding Lengthsman - total £8500 were not included in the budget - nor were the potential running costs for the Community Building if taken on (it being hoped that any could be taken from potential income)

It was **NOTED** that the total reserves at year end 31/3/22 may reach £60000 and that the sum of approx £18000 from the Scoble legacy remained unspent

It was also **NOTED** that the increase in housing numbers results in higher costs for the Parish Council and that the payment of any precept requested was now shared between more Houses

The Finance Committee and those attending considered that for any increase to be acceptable , the level of service and additional assets must be evident and of direct benefit to the Parishioners

22/01/11f - . To form a recommendation for 2022/23 Precept for Full Council approval on 25th January 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Precept for 2022/2023 be increased from £35000 to £49000 .

Whilst it was appreciated that this was a considerable increase , after allowing for the extra housing stock , the weekly rise to a Band D property would be 30p

There being no further business , the meeting closed at. 8.45pm