

STOKE GABRIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 27th June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present; Cllrs Blood , Bridge , Callaghan ,Collings , Fletcher , Harris , King ,
Patch and Tully (Chair)

Dist Cllr Bastone 3 members of Public & Clerk - Karen Gilbert

22/06/01. Apologies - Cllr Callaghan (work commitments) - approved and Cllr Rowe

22/06/02 Declaration of Interests - None

22/06/03 Dispensation requests - None

Standing orders were suspended

22/06/04 - Public participation -A Parishioner commented on the fact that , due to inconsiderate and at times unlawful parking on Double yellow lines , the Bus is sometimes unable to access the Village centre to pick up passengers

He further enquired regarding the search for land for a future Burial ground

ACTION ; CLERK TO CALL FOR LAND IN PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

Another Parishioner reiterated her comment from some months ago - that she felt it was a waste of money replacing the Churchyard / Orchard fence

She also commented that the Jubilee organisers should have more widely called for assistance in the arrangements

A request for the SHDC roadsweeper to attend the Village was directed at Cllr Bastone - who agreed to email the relevant dept

22/06/05 - Councillor reports

Cllr Rosemary Rowe SHDC. - written report - Full report available upon request

At The Annual Full Council Meeting held on the 19th May there were changes made in member offices of the Council. We have a new Chairman of the Council; Cllr. Lance Austin from Ivybridge was elected as The New Chairman of The Council.Cllr.Bernard Taylor from Modbury is the new Vice Chairman. Cllr. Richard Foss who represents Allington & Strete is now Chairman of the Development Management Committee and Cllr.Rosemary Rowe is the new Vice Chairman. There have also been a few changes of members on committee membership.

The Council has so far paid out £3mil.to 20,000 households for the £150.00 council tax rebate payable to those who pay council tax in Band A / D .this is for those who pay by D/ D. Arrangements have been made for non D./D. Payees to receive their rebate by other means.

Locality officers are out and about concentrating on Street Cleaning /Overflowing Bins / Getting Overflowing Bottle Banks Emptied /Toilet Inspections/and dogs which should be on leads where appropriate.

Many of us have worked within our Parishes to assist with the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Assisting with The lighting of the Beacons on the Thursday night. Organising Sports Events, Children`s Tea Parties/Lunches / Picnics and many other events across our own areas. This could not have been done without the many volunteers we had from local residents .The weather managed to behave it`s self most of the time across the four days.

We held a Special Council Meeting on 8th June with F.C.C. for them to explain and be questioned on their work and why there has been no improvement in the Brown Bin missed collections since the collection was restarted at the beginning of April. They did not tell us anything new from 12 months ago. Same problems, lack of staff .they are unable to recruit manual operatives and drivers.

Dist Cllr Bastone - Full report available available

Cllr Bastone updated the Council on the Ukranian Refugees with in the South Hams , the recent Covid based sculpture erected in Totnes and the recently built Affordable homes in Ivybridge He also Commented on a recent meeting with FCC - the Waste contractor

FCC comment

FCC Environment understands South Hams residents' frustration and annoyance with the continued disruption to the waste and recycling services. We would like to sincerely apologise for the failure to deliver the service you expect and deserve.

In particular we would like to say sorry for the difficulties experienced with the reintroduction of the garden waste collection service. There are reasons for this but we want to clarify that when the service was rolled out we had recruited sufficient staff required under the contract to deliver the service but since then staff have left the contract and we have been unable to replace them. We are operating an average absence level of 14% and, along with other issues which have made ongoing recruitment challenging, this has made delivering the service problematic. Notwithstanding these issues, the residents have a right to expect a good and reliable service.

At all stages, FCC has sought to work with the council to improve and resolve the situation and this remains the case.

We are fully committed to ensuring that everybody has a garden waste collection service on a reasonably regular basis whilst the ongoing issues are resolved. In addition, we are looking at how we can adjust our collection rounds to ensure that the same households are not missed each time. For comments and feedback please reply to info@fccenvironment.co.uk marked for the attention of Press Office.

SHDC response

In response to their statement, we have issued our own brief one in return. As follows:

A spokesperson for South Hams District Council, said: "The Council has taken legal advice and has written to FCC demanding that they rectify the situation as a matter of priority. The situation has gone on far too long and it urgently requires a resolution for residents.

Unfortunately, the Council is unable to provide further details at this stage, but they will provide an update as soon as they are able to.

At all stages, the Council has sought to work with the contractor to improve and resolve the situation.

Standing orders were re-instated

22/06/06- Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council meeting held on 23rd May 2022 were signed as a correct record.. The minutes from 21/6/22 to be distributed by Cllr Collings to be agreed 07/22

22/06/07 - Highways

a) Cllr Bridge advised that she had continued to chase the PCSO for a site meeting in the Village . The Clerk was asked to research again on the cost of VAS signage and if agreed at the next meeting , purchase a suitable model in advance of Police / Highways advice

ACTION ; CLERK TO SOURCE MODELS AND CLLR BRIDGE TO CHASE PCSO

B) See Minutes 21/6/22 for information

C) **Grasscutting** - Cllr King identified various aspects where service could be improved . The Clerk also asked her to reaffirm Plandscape's Chapter 8 status . Cllr King advised that she would also obtain quotes for Barn Park and the Community meadow to be added to the schedule . Cllr Tully also agreed to enquire locally for someone to cut the meadow

22/06/07 Finance -

a) Cheques approved by all

27/6/22	Karen Gilbert	257.52		257.52	Balance of salary
27/6/22	Emma Bridge	40.94		40.94	Noticeboard renovation
27/6/22	Potters Nurseries	572.00		572.00	Flower baskets
27/6/22	Phil Bolt	316.37	36.49	352.76	Hoyle Copse / baskets
27/6/22	Michelle King (.AC Print).	97.00	19.40	116.40	Raffle tickets jubilee
27/6/22	Beth Patch (River Dart Gallery)	128.50		128.50	Programmes - Jubilee
27/6/22	Karen Gilbert	62.65		62.65	Expenses / home all 06/22
27/6/22	Nicola Axe	2000.00		2000.00	Scoble Birdbath
27/6/22	Beth Patch	89.00		89.00	Jubilee insurance
27/6/22	Stoke Gabriel Village Hall	64.00		64.00	Hall rental PC
	TOILETS				
27/6/22	Torbay Janitorial Services Ltd	234.00		234.00	Cleaning May 22

Cllr King queried why the Band and the £200 cash prize had not been reimbursed re Jubilee . The Clerk advised that she was awaiting an invoice re the Band and that she would need detailed documentation from a Councillor to back up reimbursement of a cash prize for Audit trail purposes

B) Cllr King advised that the Scoble birdbath sculpture had been completed and requested an agenda item for 07/22 to decide its positioning within the Orchard

ACTION : AGENDA ITEM 07/22

22/05/09 Clerk's report

a) It was **AGREED** that meetings would take place on the last Monday of the month
b) It was **NOTED** that 3 members had not yet replaced personal email address with PC email
It was **NOTED** that the notices re seagulls had been distributed but the problem remained
Cllrs were reminder go their individual duty to file Registers of Interest and any amendments with South Hams

22/06/10 - COMMUNITY BUILDING

Cllr Harris outlined the procedure to date and the legal costs / marketing costs involved - which may need to be clarified to ensure all aspects are covered . The Chairman thanked Cllr Harris for his input to date

All Councillors indicated that they were sufficiently informed to enable a vote to take place

It was unanimously RESOLVED that Stoke Gabriel purchase the Community Building for £1

ACTION - CLERK TO ADVISE CAVANNA OF THE ACCEPTANCE

ACTION ; CLERK TO PLACE INFORMATION AND CALL FOR INTEREST IN PARISH NEWS

ACTION ; CLLR HARRIS TO ENSURE QUOTES ARE BASED ON APPROPRIATE MATTERS

ACTION ; CLLR HARRIS TO ADVISE LETTING AGENT AND CONFIRM TERMS

22/06/11 - COMMUNITY FARM

Cllr Patch advised that she had received the pre-app advice from SHDC which indicated Highway issues / the need for planning for the sheds and also the need for many associated reports / planning application

It was **AGREED** that this site was not suitable although the Community group would research alternatives

It was suggested that the Highway issues might preclude many alternative uses and that the Council should consider whether or not it should retain the field

ACTION ; CLERK TO AGENDA FUTURE OF FIELD 09/22

22/05/14 - Planning matters

The Council ratified the following responses

2048/22/ARC Messrs EJH, EM and AJ Ball

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (LEMP) of planning application 3882/21/FUL

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

2010/22/TCA Ms Daphne Johnson

T1: Pittosporum - Fell and Remove due to being too close to boundary wall

Orchard House Paignton Road Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6SE **REFER TO PHIL BOLT / TREE WARDEN**

1485/22/HHO Mr & Mrs Symcox

Householder application for demolition of existing side extension and replacement with new family room with veranda

Woods House Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RE **NO OBJECTION**

22/06/13 - To receive brief reports on Parish assets

a) **Toilets** - It was **AGREED** that the refurbishment of the existing block should be researched
It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bridge with the help of Cllr Blood would continue to investigate options

b) **Playground** - It was **NOTED** that playground inspections had recommenced and the Annual Allianz report had been received . Several minor issues had been raised

c) **Orchard** - It was **NOTED** that the grasscutting in the Orchard needed improvement and that a concrete plinth had kindly been placed under the wooden Spirit of Stoke Gabriel by The Hoyle Copse Gang

d) **Hoyle Copse - Boundary complaint**

Research had uncovered that 12 posts were placed along the North boundary by the Parish Council as agreed with the neighbouring property in 2005 -

It was **AGREED** that any missing would be replaced by Cllrs Tully and Harris

ACTION ; CLLRS TULLY / HARRIS TO REPLACE ROTTEN POSTS

ACTION ; CLERK TO ADVISE COMPLAINANT

There was a brief discussion regarding a letter received from Anthony Mangnall MP asking for a suitable venue for a Police Hub in the Parish

ACTION CLERK TO EXPRESS INTEREST AND OBTAIN CLARIFICATION

Date/time of next meeting 25th July 2022

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.10 pm