**Clerk’s Report April 2023**

1. **Notification of Election Result**

I hope you are all aware by now that the Stoke Gabriel Parish Council Election was uncontested, and the list of Councillors has been posted on the Parish Council Website and Village Notice Board.

The Parish Council will now start encouraging parishioners to become Councillors through the co-option process. If you think you would like to become a Councillor and contribute to the running of the village and community then do speak to one of the Councillors or myself to learn more.

If we do not fill some or any of the vacancies, then the District Council may choose to appoint Councillors on our behalf which is not ideal.

I am sure you would like to thank Cllrs Tully, Callaghan, Patch and Fletcher for all their hard work.

1. **Kings’ Coronation Celebration**

The road closure application has now been agreed and Mr Ryan Harris has kindly agreed to help with the road closure process, signage etc. You will soon see notices appear adjacent to the area on Paignton Road between the Church House Inn Car Park and Church Walk. Details of the road closure will be posted on the Parish Council Website and Notice Board.

Posters detailing the Celebrations will soon appear around the Village and much hard work is going into the Celebration.

1. **Malicious Damage to the Public Conveniences on Paignton Road**

For those who aren’t aware there have been two recent incidents of malicious damage at to the conveniences and these have been reported to the Police.

The Parish Council are looking at options to install CCTV to deter a further repeat and this will be discussed at the Council Meeting on April 24th.

1. **Community Building**

The Parish Council will formally select the tenant for the Community Employment Building at the Council meeting on April 24th This will be during a Part Two Meeting to which the Public and Press are excluded for confidentiality reasons.

1. **Financial Year End**

The Parish Council have now closed the Accounts for year ending March 31st 2023 and are have now commenced preparation for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Selection of the Internal Auditor is also underway and is an agenda item on April 24th. This will be during a Part Two Meeting to which the Public and Press are excluded for confidentiality reasons.

The Council is still waiting a VAT repayment for the previous 4 years.

1. **Neighbour Hood Plan**

The Parish Council are again looking at the detail required to put the Plan together and was discussed at the Council Meeting in March and progress will now be reviewed on a regular agenda item at the Council Meetings.

1. **Village Maintenance**

Whilst the stile at the Narrows has been reinstated by Devon County Council there are still concerns with roadside bank which protects and reinforces the stile. Both DCC and the Parish Council are trying to have the bank fully reinstated by Cavanna Homes.

The blocked drain at School Hill and potholes at Waddeton are also on the DCC Highways list of tasks but these may take a while to fix due to budget and resource.

**Rob Barber**

**Clerk to Stoke Gabriel Parish Council**

**20th April 2023**