

Rosemary Rowe South Hams Report for Stoke Gabriel Parish Council Meeting for April 2023

At a recent Special Council Meeting the main item on the agenda was a waste and recycling update to bring all households in line with the Devon Aligned Service. This meets the requirements of The Environment Act 2021 and will be extended from 50% to 98 % of all households across the District from Oct. 2023. This will include a weekly waste food collection, the recycling of metal tins, paper, card, plastics and glass.

It is hoped that this will improve the recycling rates and contribute to the Council's climate change and biodiversity targets.

Garden waste collection now has 11,356 households signed up to it with 12,005 subscriptions. This is funding the cost of the service.

There has also been a roadside clean up in many areas across the district which has taken place by night by trained operators. We have seen this clean up on the A385 Totnes / Paignton Road.

This was the last Full Council meeting in the life of this council. We will see many changes in the next Council. It will be an interesting period with much emphasis put on members, member training and the use of more technology. Since COVID there has been much more working from home, The reception at The Council offices is not manned, the canteen has not reopened. There will be no hard copies for meetings issued to anyone, which at present there has been one or two exceptions.

This is the last meeting in the life of this Parish Council; I wish those of you who are not seeking re election well. Those who are continuing with the work of The Parish Council, I wish you all the best as it is not an easy task. Hopefully My two colleagues and myself will be re elected to represent this Ward for the coming four years. If I am not re elected it will be the first time in the life of S.H.D.C. (which is 50 years next year) that there has not been A Parishioner representative on the District Council.

Best wishes,

Rosemary.