**Stoke Gabriel Parish Council**

**Draft minutes.**

Minutes of the meeting of Stoke Gabriel Parish Council held on

**Monday 27th November 2023 at 7p.m. in the Village Hall, Stoke Gabriel.**

Present.Cllr.R.Harris (Chairman.) Cllrs.M.Collings, A.Blood, E.Bridge, L.Grant, M.King,

J. Woodfield and District Cllr. J.Yardy, The Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

**AGENDA**

01- **Apologies.** Received from Cllr.J.Hawkins.

02. **Declarations of interests**. None declared.

03. **To approve any Dispensation requests**. None.

The Council to adjourn for the following item.

**Public Participation**. A period of 10 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or items on the Agenda.

A resident asked about the Community Farm and if the Council supported it. The proposers had asked for the Council to sponsor a Pre Application planning enquiry with SHDC. The previous site for the Community Farm was on Council owned land but as the new site was on private land the Council had resolved not to sponsor the application and to consider matters further once the results of the Pre Application enquiry had been received. The new site was the same as had been investigated by the C.L.T where the SHDC planners had raised concerns about the suitability of the site for housing together with problems over access from the public Highway.

The road closure on the quay was raised by a resident. The Clerk will write to D.C.H.Engineering Dept. quoting S130 of the Highways Act to try and get the road open fully again.

Item 12.2) was considered at this point Ms Chell who runs the Forest School in the village wishes to use Hoyle Copse for Private Children’s parties was present. Ms Chell outlined her proposal to Members. Members had concerns about health and safety issues, conflict of liability, insurances and the proposed commercial use especially as a previous request to use the Copse for mushroom farming had been rejected by the Council. Members agreed to investigate various issues further, so no decision was made.

04. **District and County Cllr`s reports.**

Cllr. Yardy was present and had submitted a detailed report (see P.C. Website.) The main issue for the parish is the new waste and recycling system which started on 20th November. Cardboard is likely to be the biggest issue. South Hams District Council has a dedicated team working on helping to sort out problems. Their road show is coming to Stoke Gabriel on Thursday 7th December, in the Church House Inn Car park from 5 to 6 p.m.

No other reports were received.

The Council reconvened to conduct the following Business.

05. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**. To consider, amend if necessary and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 30th October 2023.

The minutes were approved and duly signed by The Chairman.

06. **Matters arising from the previous Meeting Minutes**.

The new Parish Council Notice Board has been ordered and is expected to arrive later in December.

07. **Financial matters**

07.1 **To agree payments made during November**.

Dartforest. Tree Survey £ 594.00 incl. V.A.T = £ 99.00

Greenbarnes New P.C. Notice Board £2,552.61. incl. V.A.T. £425.49

R. Rowe Clerk`s salary. £ 732.65

M. Makepeace painting phone box £ 89.01

Potters Nursery. Collect hanging baskets. £ 105.00

P.Firth Pins for notice board. £ 10.99 incl .V.A.T. £1.83

Toilet Account.

Torbay janitorial services. £ 312.00 incl. V.A.T. £52.00

Receipts

C.A.P.Caring. £ 750.00

Unity Bank. Froom closed account £5,967.10

07.2 **To agree authority for payments to be made Dec./Jan.24 until The P.C. Meeting on 29th January 2024**.

It was agreed that The Chairman (Cllr. Harris) together with the Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee (Cllr. King) will do this.

07.3 **To receive the Minutes from the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 9TH November 2023.**

Cllr.King took the members through the Minutes. The up to date accounts have all been checked and the bank statements all agree. The long list of financial information required for the 2024/2025 Parish Precept was discussed and a recommendation will made at the next Council meeting on how this is to be collated. It was recommended that the Parish Precept should be kept the same as last year at £49,000.00

07.4 **To consider the recommendations from the above to set the 2024/2005 Parish Precept**.

The recommendation of The Finance and General Purposes Committee is accepted at £49,000.00 for the Parish Precept for 2024/2025.

08. **Clerk’s Report.**

The Clerk stated that she circulates all emails to the Members as necessary for their information and for consideration as required.

Main points.

The S.H.D.C. solicitor requests members to register their interests if they have not already done so. There will be a planning training session given by S.H.D.C.for all Members on Wednesday 24th January 2024. It will be on line from 4 p.m. / 7 p.m.

A request from Hunts Cider for a letter of support for grant Funding for help to fund the new Bottling plant and keg line at Broadleigh Farm Cider plant. Members were happy to support the request. It was agreed The Chairman and Clerk will compose the letter.

A request from Mr M Pavey from Aish asking for assistance for funding for the Aish Defibulator. Members felt that they could not support this as they had turned down similar requests previously from other organisations in the village. The ongoing maintenance of the equipment was also to be clarified by Mr Pavey

South Devon A.O.N.B. has changed its name to South Devon National Landscapes in line with all other A.O.N.B. `s in England.

09. **Planning Matters.**

To receive recommendations of the Planning Working Party held earlier the same evening.

Six planning applications were considered.

Application No.3519/23/HHO 25, Poundfield, Stoke Gabriel, TQ9 6QA. Mr. Biggs. Householder Application for dormer rear extension .Members felt unable to support this application as would prefer to see ridge height remain the same as other nearby properties in the road at the front of the property.

Application No.3595/23/HHO The Byre, Waddeton Barton Barns, TQ5 0EL. Mr. Slowey. Householder application (retrospective) for decked area and swim spa. Members support this application.

Application No.2632/23/CLE Southlands, Millers Lane, Stoke Gabriel, TQ9 6TD Mrs.S.Hobbs.Cerificate of Lawfulness for existing work done to property. Members felt they needed more information on this application. However it has now been withdrawn.

Application No.3717/23/HHO 34, Barnpark, Stoke Gabriel, TQ9 6SR Householder Application for proposed single storey rear side extension to replace existing structure. Members support this Application asking for construction materials to match.

Application No.3606/23/TLO. Rydon House, Stoke Gabriel, TQ9 6SP T1 Paulownia Tomentosa. Fell dead tree (due to drought and honey fungus.)Members Support this application. Ask for replacement Tree to be planted.

Application No.3037/23/HHO Holly Tree, Aish, Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6SP.Householder Application for bedroom and ensuite to first floor with new entrance porch at ground floor. Members support this application and ask for matching material for finish.

Application Approved No.ref.3062/23/HHO At Longridge, Aish Road, Stoke Gabriel, TQ9 6PX for new garage and tore at the side/ front of the property.

10. **To receive an update on the Speed Limit signs**.

This is work in progress.

11. **To discuss the setting up of a Community Speed Watch Group.**

The Chairman has set it up and passed the video test. He is now waiting for the police to formally approve so we can set up a group.

12. **Hoyle Copse report**.

12.1 **To consider the report from the tree survey carried out in October 23 by Dartforest.**

The Council has received the written report and was satisfactory.

12.2 **To consider the use of Hoyle Copse for private parties.**

This item was considered earlier.

13. **Update report following a meeting with the Enforcement officer ref. Drainage and The Toilet issues.**

 Cllr. Grant met with the Enforcement Officer on site at the former Gabriel Court Hotel. Cllr. King provided them with pictures explaining the water course and drains were not in the right place so not working properly. The holding tank is also in the wrong place. The Council waits to hear more from the inspection.

14. **Update on work proceeding in the Community Orchard, Bulb Planting, and Paths etc.**

Thanks were expressed to the Horticultural Society for the bulb planting and for the pathway have been completed in that area. The main pathway will be done in the New Year. Thanks also to The Hoyle Copse Gang who dealt with the tree which came down in the orchard.

15. **To agree a date for The 2024 Annual Parish Meeting.**

The date of the annual parish Meeting is set for Monday May 20th 2024.

The clerk will contact as many organisations, groups as possible who would like to attend and give a report on their years work.

16. **War Memorial update for 2024.**

Consideration is to be given to the possibility of putting names of those persons who were involved in war and returned safely on to the War Memorial or in a Book of Remembrance which many Churches have on display. The Chairman will promote this project in an article in the January edition of The Parish News

17. **To agree the conclusion of the Clerk’s probationary period.**

This has been satisfactorily concluded.

18. **A.O.B.**

There was no further business. The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Date of the next meeting Monday 29th January 2024.

Rosemary Rowe.

Clerk Stoke Gabriel Parish Council.