

Stoke Gabriel Parish Council

A meeting of Stoke Gabriel Parish Council was held on

Monday 29th April 2024 at 7p.m. in the Village Hall, Stoke Gabriel.

Members in attendance were Cllrs.R.Harris (Ch.) A. Blood, E.Bridge, L.Grant, M.King, J.Woodfield, The Clerk, District & County Cllr.J.Hawkins & District Cllr.G.Yardy.

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AGENDA

01- Apologies were received from Cllr.A.Collings

02. Declarations of interests. No declarations.

03 To approve any Dispensation requests. No requests made.

The Council to adjourn for the following business.

Public Participation. No members of the public were present.

04. District and County Cllr`s reports.

Cllr.Hawkins gave a verbal report mentioning items concerning fly tipping in the area .A lorry incident coming off the road in Coombe House Lane and ending up a ditch. The Devolution Bid with the County and Torbay Councils. Curb Waste collections which are going well. A new road sweeper is being purchased for Dartmouth area. The Interactive signs and speed watch which Cllr.Harris is overseeing. S.W. Water discharge into the River Dart and the Mill Pool in particular for which he promised to contact the Authority. Cllr. Yardy re iterated Cllr. Hawkins and went on to speak about Torbay and South Devon Heath Care Trust. They are rebuilding parts of Torbay Hospital. Updating their I.T. Systems to be compatible with more hospitals across the region. Dentistry was also talked about.

The Council will reconvene to conduct the following Business.

05. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 25th March 2024 were considered and signed as a true copy of the last P.C.Meeting

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

Some matters arising may be agenda items.

07.1) To receive consider and approve The Parish Assets Register to be agreed by the Full Council. The Register was considered and Cllr. King proposed and Cllr. Harris seconded that

they be approved as they appear on the P.C.Website March 2024. A vote was taken and approved by all.

07.2) To form a working group to set up a major incident plan.

Cllr.Blood took us through the need to have a plan in place in case of an emergency. She will co-ordinate and draft out a suitable plan suitable for further discussion.

07.3) to consider an allocation of funds to the Horticultural Society with reference to the Village Flower Beds. Cllr.King spoke about this and will liaise with their Chairman of the Horticultural Society. It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Blood that a sum of £ 150.00 should be given to them towards plants for the beds. This was agreed by all members.

08. To consider information received to date on the progress of the Toilet Programme.

The Council is waiting progress on the resolution of the drainage problems on the adjoining development site which were now subject to enforcement action against the developer by SHDC.

In the meantime, quotes for a modular toilet unit to replace the existing toilets were to be obtained to ascertain the likely cost of any improvements.

09. To receive and consider the quotes for work on the Rydon Cross Bus Stop.

Clr. King had received 3 quotes for work at the Bus Stop. She proposed and J. Woodfield seconded that the Council should go with the lowest quote which seemed reasonable. Members were all in favour.

10. To consider and receive progress on the Hoyle Copse access and works associated with trees in the Copse.

Cllr.Grant has been dealing with the disabled access point off the Burial ground and has quotes for the work. The contractor to do the work and supply and lay the stone along the track has given a price of approx. £2,000.00.it was proposed by Cllr. Grant and seconded by Cllr. Bridge that the P.C. accepts this. All members were in favour. The correspondence from the adjoining landowner regarding trees blown down in the recent storms was discussed along with the appropriate action that should be taken as set out in the Tree Report for the Copse. The Clerk and Cllr. Harris will respond to the comments made.

11. To consider works in the Orchard and a request for a tree to be planted there.

Cllr. King has received quotes for the work to be done and she proposed and Cllr.Bridge sec. that the contract should be awarded to D.Biggs. Members voted all in favour. A request has been received to plant a Plum Tree in The Orchard in memory of Ollie Bentley. Phil Bolt will oversee the request and members were able to support it.

12. To receive a response from the Police reference visits and recent vandalism.

The PCSO had visited the village recently and met with various residents. For operational reasons it is not easy to get here, shortage of transport etc. Cllr. Blood will replace Cllr. Bridge as the P.C. representative on the Police Advocacy Committee. The PCSO was hoping to attend the Annual Parish Meeting

13. To approve funding for the War memorial tributes cabinet.

Cllr.Harris had obtained the price quotation of the completed works. This was discussed and members were questioning the total cost of the cabinet and the book etc. This had not been factored in within the Council's budget figures. Some funding may be available. Members were supportive but thought some other organisations may be able to contribute to the cost.

14. Financial matters.

14.1) To receive a report of payments made and received during April to date.

River Dart Gallery	£100.00		Village Map creation.
S.H.D.C.	£140.98		May 2023 election.
D.A.L.C.	£540.82	V.A.T. 69.82	Annual Sub Devon Ass. Local Councils.
Barefoot Architects	£480.00	V.A.T. 80.00	Toilets consultation.
British Gas.	£36.41	V.A.T. 1.73	Ford House.
Paul Firth	£34.25	V.A.T. 5.22	Fixings for Maps.
A.Collings	£26.99		Dictaphone.
R.Rowe	£784.68		Clerk's salary
Transfer to Reserve A/C.	£ 19,650.00		
Transfer toilet A/C.	£ 3,000.00		
Receipts.			
C.A.P.Caring	£ 750.00		
Parish Precept.	£ 24,500.00		
H.M.R.C. V.A.T. refund.	£ 1,891.48		
Balance on Account =	£ 66,651.56		
Toilet A/C.Paid out.			

B.P.O. ref.S.S.E. £ 439.41 Toilet Electricity.

Skivvies £ 312.00 V.A.T. 52.00 Toilet Cleaners.

Balance on Toilet Account = £ 5,571.96

Reserve Account = £51,229.32

Legacy Account = £ 13,483.67

14.2) to consider the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on Thursday 11th April.

These had been previously circulated and were signed by the Chairman.

14.3) to approve the A.G.A.R. Accounting statement made via the Internal Audit process forwarded to D.A.P. Members had received a copy by email earlier in the month. It was proposed it be approved by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Harris. A vote was taken, and all were in favour.

15. Clerk's Report. The clerk reported that she forwards emails received on a daily basis to members for their information. Cllr. King and I have worked on the Internal Audit and have submitted as much information as possible. We now await the response from the auditors for their request for information which may be randomly required. Information on various grants available is forwarded to various organisations including the Village Hall Committee. Have corresponded with friends of the Dart reference sewage and water testing. For the Annual Parish Meeting, 25 invitations have been sent. To date only 7 have responded. Various Training courses for members are available. Cllr. Grant would like to attend Chapter 8 training. The Clerk will enquire about this.

16. Planning Matters.

16.1) To consider the minutes of The Council Meeting held on Thurs.11th April ref. Site inspection at S.G.B.A. Application No.0345/24/FUL. Held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

These were signed by the Chairman

16.2) To receive recommendations of the Planning Working Party held earlier in the evening.

Applications considered for comment from the Council. Were as follows:

Application No.1021/24/FUL Woods House Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6RE.retrospective App. for construction of poly tunnel and proposed landscaping scheme. The Council considered the Application and decided to object to this retrospective App. for the following reasons. The poly tunnel is visible from across the River Dart and on the River itself. It is in an area of

Great Landscape Value. (Formally the A.O.N.B.) It is in The Marine Conservation Area. It was considered that the proposed landscaping plan would not hide the poly tunnel.

Application No.1045/24/FUL. Barns at SX876 567 Stoke Road, Waddeton. App. for proposed conversion of barns to a single dwelling and construction of a detached garage. This App. was considered and it was decided to support this application.

Application No.1115/24/FUL.Oxland House, Aish Road, Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6PY.App.for an additional dormer window to existing attic conversion. This App. was considered and it was decided o support this application.

Applications approved by S.H.D.C.

Application No.3778/23/FUL Dart View, Coombe House Lane Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 .

Application No.0431/24/HHO 25, Pound Field, Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6QA.

Application No.38591/23/HHO. Southlands, Millers Lane, Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6TD

Application Refused.

Application No.4146/23/VPO former site of Gabriel Court Hotel. Stoke Gabriel.

17. To consider the Council's insurance policy renewals.

The renewal information had been circulated to all members. Cllr.King raised a couple of queries which she and the clerk will look into before the next meeting.

18. Dates of forth coming meetings.

Date of the Annual Parish Meeting is Monday 20th May.2024.

The clerk has invited 25 village clubs/organisations to attend. To date only 7 have accepted.

It was also decided to invite Graham Swiss who is a Neighbourhood Plan Officer at S.H.D.C.to attend the meeting.

The date for the Parish Council Annual Meeting would be Monday 27th May 2024.As it is a Bank Holiday, it will be held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 combined with the normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Rosemary Rowe.

Clerk Stoke Gabriel Parish Council.