

# Stoke Gabriel Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting of The Parish of Stoke Gabriel was held on Monday 20TH  
May 2024 in The Village Hall at 7 p.m.

The Hall was open from 6.30 p.m. for light refreshments. 6 members of the Parish Council and 25 Parishioners were in attendance. The Clerk and the Guest speaker, Mr. Graham Swiss.

The Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. Harris opened the meeting.

The business included as follows.

Item 1. Apologies for absence. Cllr.E.Bridge. & District and County Cllr. J. Hawkins.

Item 2. To receive The Annual Report from the Chairman. Cllr. Harris.

Cllr.Harris outlined the Council's activities during the past year. The report is available on the Parish council's website.

Item 3.To receive Reports from District and County Councillors. No Councillors were present and no reports received. Cllr. Hawkins had sent his apologies but no response from Cooper & Yardy.

Item 4. A Talk was given by Mr. Graham Swiss who is the Neighbourhood Planning Specialist at South Hams District Council. With reference to the Parish Neighbourhood Plans.

Graham spoke about why it was good to have an N.H.P.in place and the processes which have to be gone through to get it completed.

Stoke Gabriel has a N.H.P. in the process of being written. It needs some people to come forward in order to get it completed .N.H.P. support local aspirations .The Plan area for Stoke Gabriel is the whole of the parish. It is a challenging process but when it is completed the residents will be glad that it is in place. It is a voice to local needs and policies relevant to the Parish development plans. He made reference to the joint Local Plan published by South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth City Council in 2019 which deals with large scale development and policies across the whole area. N.H.P. can allocate inclusion for local facilities, green spaces, rewilding, and design policies for local designs and much more.

It is a Community Based Plan .There is a process to follow in order to get the plan adopted. When it is completed by the parish it is submitted to an examiner to look at the Plan who will then pass it for adoption. It will be returned to the Parish to hold a referendum .it will then be passed to the District Council for completion and be finally adopted.

The N.H.P. Group need more people to come forward to complete writing up the plan .It is hoped to get it finished by the end of the year.

Item 5.To receive brief reports from various organisations and community groups within The Parish.

Twenty five invitations were sent out and those responding to attend included from The Community Land Trust, The Stoke Gabriel W.I., The Horticultural Society, Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club, Stoke

Gabriel Boating Association, Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church, Mothers Union., The Police, The Carnival, The Village Hall Committee, and Stoke Gabriel Parish Church.

Reports were given by the following clubs/groups/organisations.

Horticultural Society, S.G.B.A., The Parish Church, Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church, The Mothers Union, The Art Group, Village Voices, Action for Ukraine, The Stoke Gabriel and Torbay Police Football Club, Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club, Stoke Gabriel Carnival, C.L.T. & Pantomime.

These reports all proved very interesting and gave an insight into how much goes on in Stoke Gabriel.

Reports will be published on the Parish Council website.

Item 6. Questions or comments from Parishioners.

There were no questions or comments from Parishioners.

The Chairman Cll.Harris thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Rosemary Rowe.

Clerk to Stoke Gabriel Parish Council.