**Stoke Gabriel Parish Council**

A meeting of Stoke Gabriel Parish Council was held on

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

All members are summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the following business Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

Members present. Cllrs. E.Bridge, M .Collings (Chairman) L.Grant, R.Harris,

M.King, I. Simmons & J.Woodfield. The Clerk and Cllr.J .Hawkins County and District Cllr. and 4 members of the public.

**AGENDA**

01- Apologies.

None were received.

02. Declarations of interests. None declared.

03 To approve any Dispensation requests. No requests made.

The Council to adjourn for the business.

**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.

Phil Bolt attended ref. the plot of land owned by The Parish Council adjoining Hoyle Copse and off Aish Road. His question was related to what the Council intended to do with the land. It could be used for part of the Life on The Edge Project to create a Wild flower Meadow. There are grants available up to £2,500.00 towards this project. This is an agenda item No.8.Phil also mentioned about trimming the Hoyle Copse paths which are now becoming over grown.

04. District and County Cllr`s reports.

Cllr.Hawkins said little had been happening at both Councils at present. He did mention the possibility of Stoke Gabriel setting up a composting centre for which funding is available. Volunteers are needed to run the site if one were to be available to the parish.

The Council will reconvene to conduct the following Business.

05. Minutes of Previous Meeting. To consider, amend if necessary and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th June 2024.

These were considered, no amendments were necessary so were duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Some matters arising may be agenda items. The following items are ongoing from previous meetings. This was noted and so moved forward.

06.a) To receive information on the progress of the Toilet Renovation Programme.

Cllr.Grant reported that one quote had been received, A second quote is due to arrive shortly and a 3Rd Builder who has been approached is unable to fit in doing the work at this time so declined to give a quote. It was proposed by Cllr. Collings and seconded by Cllr.King that a Special Council Meeting be called as soon as the 2 nd. Quote is received to make a decision on awarding the contract.

06.b) To consider the reply from Mr. Graham Swiss ref. the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr.Harris is going to enquire ref. someone he knows who may be able to assist with writing up the plan and report back to the September meeting.

06.c) To receive an update on Speed Watch and Interactive Signs within the Village.

Cllr.Harris has been leading on this and has all the information. Volunteers are needed to set up this scheme. An article will be sent for inclusion in the September Parish News .The Interactive Signs .Positions have to be approved by Devon Highways in conjunction with The Police. A report will be brought forward to the September meeting.

06.d) To receive an update on the repair work on The Wall of The Parish Orchard adjoining Coombe Shute.

Quotes for the repairs are awaited. It was thought it may be D.C.C. Highways who were responsible for this. Cllr. Grant will investigate with Cllr. Hawkins. (County Cllr.)

06.e). To receive an update on the Chapter 8 training.

Cllr. Grant has done the first part of the course and is waiting for Cllr.Simmons and Gareth Jones to complete this. They can then all go to Tiverton to complete the training.

06. f) To receive member training reports.

Cllr. Woodfield reported that she had completed all three of the New Cllrs. Training Courses and had learnt a lot including declarations of interest in planning matters. Voting on agenda items and speaking through the Chair at meetings.

07. Financial matters.

 07.a) To receive a report of payments made and received during July to date.

Payments made.

West Country landscapes. £ 1,236.00 Grass cutting.

D.A.L.C. £ 18.00 New Cllr. course.

H.M.R.C. £ 482.47 Clerk Tax.

P .Firth £ 30.42 Plants and compost.

A. Wood £ 50.00 Play park work.

M.Collings £ 140.00 Planters opposite the war memorial.

A.C.Print £ 150.00 Village desk Map pads.

P.Firth. £ 96.75 Bark for Play Park.

D.A.L.C. £ 18.00 New Cllr. Course.

R.Rowe. £ 768.68 Clerk`s salary.

Receipts.

C.A.P.Caring £ 750.00 Ford House rent.

Legacy transfer. £ 150.00 Legacy transfer.

Toilet account .payments.

Skivvies £ 316.80 Toilet cleaning.

L.Grant. £ 25.00 Lock for electric box in toilets.

07. b) To receive a report from the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on the 18th July 2024.

Cllr .King Ch. of The Committee reported on this Meeting.

The three months accounts for April, May and June payments and receipts were gone through. Checks were made and all was in order.

07. c) It was proposed by Cllr.Woodfield and seconded by Cllr.I.Simmons that authority be given to the Cllr.Collings, Cllr.M.King and the Clerk to make payments of up to £1,000.00 during the summer recess to the end of September 2024.A vote was taken and members were agreed to this.

07. d) To consider membership of The South Hams Community Action Group.

 This was discussed and members felt they need more information before making a decision on this matter.

08. To consider The Life on the Edge project

Three members of the public attended for this item and the Chairman suspended standing orders to allow them to take part. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Harris and seconded by Cllr. Woodfield and agreed that areas on the land adjoining The Shed on the grass along boundary of Little Paddocks could be used for this purpose in consultation with Phil Bolt and possibly with The Life on The Edge Project. This does not include adjoining Community Field.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

09. To consider the security cameras at The River Shack.

The River Shack has its own set up. Cllr.Grant is going to meet up with the local P.C.S.O. and consult with Totnes Town Council to find a way forward to have cameras put in place.

10. To consider placing a Road Sign to say Narrow Road to Coombe Shute off Paignton Road by the Church House Inn.

There have been many incidents of vans and small Lories get stuck down in this area. This matter was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr.Collings and seconded by Cllr.Bridge that signs be placed at the top of the entrance to Coombe Shute to the effect that there is a six foot wide restriction on this narrow road and do not follow sat nav.directions.

11. To consider South Devon National Landscape Speaker.

The Parish council will invite the Chairman of the South Devon National Landscape (formally the A.O.N.B.) to speak at the October meeting.

12. To approve purchase of Parish Benches.

Cllr.I.Simmons reported that he has prices for the two benches which need to be replaced and will go ahead with ordering and putting them in place. One of which is being donated.

13. To consider overgrown areas in need of grass and pathway / hedge cutting on various sites in the village area including;

13. a) The Memorial Garden grass cutting.

Cllr.King read out an email from The Horticultural Society requesting that the grass should not be cut in this area until September. This is due to the variety of blooms which are present. It was proposed by Cllr.Collings and seconded by Cllr.Woodfield that a sign be place in that area explaining why the vegetation is not trimmed at present.

13. b) The Narrows, the roadside hedge cutting & the footpath inside of The Narrows on the Cavanna Estate.

Consultation with the management company is taking place to sort this out if possible.

To consider placing a Footpath sign at either end of The Narrows to direct walkers along the path instead of walking along the road.

It was agreed to have some signs made indicating the Foot Path along the inside of The Narrows.

13. c) The Path going into Hoyle Copse off Aish Road and the poor state of the entrance gates there.

The path is very over grown. Phil Bolt will get his gang on to this Cllr.Grant will get the post to the gate fixed.

14. To consider work and repairs needed to the Play Park in the Orchard.

Cllr.King reported that repairs had been carried out as necessary in the last report. The safety mat will need replacing in the future.

 15. Clerk’s Report.

Matters which had been reported to the clerk included and action taken as necessary.

Cavanna estate hedge trimming. The incident in the Rydon Cross Bus stop .Carnival Parade Road closure. Sale of Baptist Church and Meeting Room. Visit of the P.C.S.O.

16. Planning Matters.

16.a) To receive recommendations of the Planning Working Party held earlier in the

Evening.

16.b) Application 1886/24/VAR Aish Cross House, Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6PT Variation of Condition 2(ancillary use) of Planning Consent 52/2214/03/F. No Objection

16.c) Application 2142/24/TCA Mill House, Mill Hill, Stoke Gabriel.TQ9 6 RD T2 Beech crown height reduce by 3m.lateral reduce by 3m. On all sides. Crown raise to 4m.from ground level then 20% to reduce overhanging and improve light. No Objection.

16.d) Application 2174/24/TPO Croft Cottage, Duncannon Mead, Stoke Gabriel,TQ9 6QZ T1 Lime .Re –pollard at3.5m.X 2 T2 & T3 Limes .Crown in height by reduce by 5m. Reduce crown spread by 3m.T4 Lime .re-pollard at 4.5m. No Objection.

16.e) Application 2283/24/HHO 1,Rydon Acres, Stoke Gabriel .TQ9 6QJ. Householder Application for rear extension and alterations to dwelling .No Objection but would ask for obscure glazing in the bathroom window.

Application approved by S.H.D.C.1091/24/HHO .Yarde , Paignton Road, Stoke Gabriel .TQ9 6SJ

That concluded the meeting which closed at 8.55 p.m.

17. Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday September 30th 2024

Rosemary Rowe.

Clerk to Stoke Gabriel Parish Council.