



Starcross
Parish Council

STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Tuesday 9 July 2024 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Hopper (Chairman), Cadbury, Chase, Coupe, Eyre, Lovell, McNally, Pegg and Rastall

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Connett (from 8.05pm), District Cllr Taylor and three members of the public

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

There were no questions.

The Chairman tabled the Council's congratulations to Martin Wrigley who has been elected MP for Newton Abbot. It was noted that he had started his political career as a Parish Councillor in Starcross.

090724.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies from:

- Cllr Williamson
- Cllr Allen

090724.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

090724.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on held on 11 June 2024.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY by those members present that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of that meeting.

090724.04 ACTION REPORT

Members noted the action report which had been circulated to them in advance of the meeting.

Well Street Cottages

Teignbridge District Council has spoken to the owner about the toxic fumes from the garden bonfires. There have been no fires since. It is understood that the owner has no funds to renovate the interiors of the cottages. TDC has given two years for appropriate works to be undertaken after which they will take over the cottages.

Bus Shelters

The Chairman has spoken to Fernbank who own the bus shelter and has suggested that the Parish Council negotiates with the Fishing and Cruising Club for that piece of land which butts on to the wall and that the Parish Council finances the removal of the tree stump, flattens the area and takes out the mini 'garden'. Fernbank can then put down a new pad and site their new shelter around two feet away from the wall. When DCC install the new pedestrian

crossing equipment, he has asked them to move the street furniture associated with the crossing.

Domestic violence crime

Cllr Pegg advised that he had spoken to PCSO Bunce about why domestic violence does not appear on the crime report. If domestic violence is reported by a neighbour, for example, police may attend to calm the situation after which it becomes a civil matter. It becomes a community matter if, for example, a neighbour intervenes. At this point, it would be included in the crime report. It is expected that PCSO Bunce will write to the Chair giving a more detailed explanation.

Weeds in Bonhay Park

Having taken advice from an expert, Cllr Chase confirmed that the previously unknown weed in the play park is general hogweed and therefore not poisonous.

090724.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT

Crime

During the period 1 – 30 June, there were three crimes recorded (1 x fraud/forgery, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x road related offence (road rage). Domestic related crimes are excluded from this report.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr McNally reported that there has been one session this month so far in Kenton. 27 drivers were caught driving over the limit.

090724.06 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Cllr Taylor expressed that he was very pleased that Martin Wrigley has been elected as the MP for Newton Abbot.

With the election process now over, he advised that the Councillor Community Fund has been reopened and he will now start processing the applications he previously received. This is now fully committed but he is pleased to have been able to support Starcross Guides with £1000.

The hedges in Longfields have now been cut. Cllr Chase advised that, unfortunately, the Teign Housing contractors had disturbed a birds nest.

Cllr Connett clarified that the road closure on New Road from 17-18 September will be between 9.30am-3.30pm having pointed out to DCC and British Telecom the impact on the school and bus route. Following a query raised about the road closure on Well Street from 20-22 August and the arrangements for pedestrians and cyclists, it looks like work they will only be working on the carriageway and not on the pavement. Cllr Connett will confirm this. A traffic order has also been published regarding temporary restrictions on the road from the Old Toll House to New Road from 23 September – 2 October.

090724.07 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE (Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Pegg and Rastall)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** - members received and noted the financial report 11 June – 8 July 2024 and were asked to approve the payments listed (copy attached).
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the payments listed are made.

- 7.2 Proposal: To amend the Allotments Association Tenancy Agreement by inserting into Clause 24 a sentence regarding access across the site boundaries.
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the Allotments Association Tenancy Agreement, as proposed.

ACTION: Association and Clerk to amend copies of the Agreement

- 7.3 Proposal: To amend the Allotments Association Standing Orders by substituting in Clause 7.5 Inspections the words 'two months' for the words 'three months'. This is to take place with immediate effect.

Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the Allotments Association Standing Orders, as proposed.

ACTION: Association and Clerk to amend copies of the Agreement

- 7.4 Proposal: To submit to the Plot Holder of allotment number 36 the two month notice warning letter.

Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to submit two month notice warning letter to the ploy holder of allotment number 36.

ACTION: Clerk to send letter.

7.5 **General Report/Question & Answers**

The Chairman circulated a suggested change to the Committee structure and membership. This was accepted by all members.

090724.08 PARKS & GARDENS
(Cllrs Chase, Williamson, McNally and Allen)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

- 8.1 Proposal: To accept a quote from Signs Express for new signs in Bonhay Park for the sum of £312.38 + VAT

Proposer: Cllr Chase; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

Cllr Chase advised that the dog warden has confirmed that Bonhay Park is subject to Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) and therefore the Committee would like to update the signage to make it clear that no dogs are allowed.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept a quote from Signs Express (including artwork) for three new signs (one large and two small) in Bonhay Park, as proposed.

FUNDING: *Parks and Gardens Maintenance*

ACTION: *Cllr Chase to finalise artwork and Clerk to raise PO*

8.2 **General Report/Question & Answers**

None

090724.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & Lovell)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

9.1 **New applications/appeals**

None

9.2 **Decisions:**

9.2.1 24/00726/HOU – 43 Counties Crescent, Starcross

Single storey rear extension with roof terrace/balcony and two storey side extension including storey over existing garage

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.3 **Other/General Report/Question & Answers**

None

PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, McNally and Williamson)

- 10.1 Proposal: To proceed with Silver Fern quotation for rendering and painting of the Pavilion base. Quote 20 sq metres @ £105.34 per sqm = £2106.80
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to proceed with Silver Fern quotation for rendering and painting of the Pavilion base, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO and email to Cllr Hopper for action

FUNDING: From Reserves – balance of grant £1720.36

- 10.2 Proposal: To accept the quote of £285 from ALLDOORS for maintenance of doors, windows, shutters etc
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the quote of £285 from ALLDOORS for maintenance of doors, windows, shutters etc

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO and email to Cllr Hopper for action

FUNDING: Precept Pavilion maintenance

- 10.3 Proposal: To accept a quote for £160 from ALLDOORS to replace rear door handle on the Sports Pavilion
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept a quote for £160 from ALLDOORS to replace rear door handle on the Sports Pavilion.

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO and email to Cllr Hopper for action

FUNDING: Precept Pavilion maintenance

- 10.4 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper £26.60 for items purchased for the Pavilion Café and £41.28 for repairs to the Pavilion door
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to reimburse Cllr Hopper, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to refund

FUNDING: Precept

- 10.5 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Rastall £8.99 for 6 blue feeder rolls for Pavilion kitchen and £22.49 for 12 white feeder rolls for kitchen
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to reimburse Cllr Rastall, as proposed.

- 10.6 Proposal: To purchase a wall mounted paper towel dispenser for the Pavilion kitchen @ £21.95 and a box of 3000 paper towels @ £18.49
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Eyre

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to purchase a wall mounted paper towel dispenser and paper towels, as proposed.

- 10.7 Proposal: To accept a quote from Plant-Tech as follows:
 - Supply pad for bench £350
 - Supply cement base to bottom step £100
 - Supply cement replacement of paving slab to prevent sticking door £25
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept a quote from Plant-Tech, as proposed.

FUNDING: Precept - Pavilion maintenance

Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)

- 10.8 General Report/Questions & Answers
None
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090724.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

- 11.1 Proposal: To approve the addition of a thick layer of wood chips to the circular planter and the area of the Sercombe Gardens bed behind the hedging at a cost of £400
Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder: Cllr Chase

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the addition of a thick layer of wood chips to the circular planter and the area of the Sercombe Gardens bed behind the hedging at a cost of £400.

FUNDING: Parks and Gardens precept

- 11.2 Proposal: To approve the purchase of an Eastern Redbud tree - £100
Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder: Cllr McNally

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the purchase of an Eastern Redbud tree - £100

FUNDING: Parks and Gardens precept

090724.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS

- 12.1 Proposal: To appoint Cllr Coupe as the Council's representative on the Exe Estuary Management Partnership
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that Cllr Coupe is appointed that Council's representative on the Exe Estuary Management Partnership.

090724.13 RESIDENTS' CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted correspondence regarding the weeds growing through the tarmac path alongside the Pavilion car park. The Chairman advised that he had already been in touch with the contractor who carried out the work and who have now agreed to have a look.

090724.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 September 2024** in the Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm.

SIGNED:
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 10 September 2024

Note: Where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda, this document will be available on request from the Clerk by emailing starcrossp for cclerk@gmail.com

Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 9 July 2024

Summary of Bank Balances at 8 July 2024	
Current (C)	£15,064.76
Pavilion Trading (P)	£9,843.81
Allocated Reserves (A)	£59,645.71
Total	£84,554.28

Income: 11 June – 9 July 2024		
Pavilion hire	£1209.70	P
Pavilion café	£139.28	P
Bank interest (28 June)	£66.27	A

Payments for approval			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (June)	£597.02	C
Plant Tech	Grass cutting and maintenance (June)	£1293.12	C
Mamhead Sawmills	Bench	£630	C
J Hopper	Reimbursement for: Items purchased for Pavilion Café - £26.60 Pavilion door repairs - £41.28 (see item 10.4 on July agenda)	£67.88	P
S Rastall	Reimbursement for blue/white paper rolls for Pavilion kitchen (see item 10.5 on July agenda)	£31.48	P
T Greenslade	Pavilion - cleaning, fobbing & supplies (June)	£238.52	P

Direct Debits: 11 June – 8 July 2024			
Bankline (17/6)	Banking fees	£26.30	C
Shell Energy (17/6)	Pavilion telephone & broadband	£23.31	P
Biffa (24/6)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£99.94	P

Clerk (June)	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£551.25	£0	£551.25	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£15.30
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£16.80
TOTAL				£597.02