



# **STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in  
Starcross Pavilion, Starcross, on Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.40pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Hopper (Chairman), Allen, Burrows, Cadbury, Chase, Debenham, Hawkins and Lovell

**Also present:**

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and District/County Cllr Connett

## **RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME**

**(20 minutes)**

Residents are invited to make representations to the Council or to ask questions.

There were no questions from residents.

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**091219.01 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Rastall
- PC Harvey

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**091219.02 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.

All Councillors present declared an interest in item 7.2 as council tax payers in the parish.

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to grant those Councillors a dispensation until the day before the next ordinary elections to discuss and vote on item 7.2 on the grounds that otherwise it would impede the transaction of the business (i.e. the meeting would be inquorate for that item).

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**091219.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Members present received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 November 2019.

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

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**091219.04 ACTION REPORT**

The Chairman advised that there were no outstanding actions.

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**091219.05 CRIME REPORT**

**Reported crimes from 12/11/19 – 09/12/19**

**Starcross (1 crime)**

- Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle – Vehicle left secure and unattended on a road outside owner's property. Wing mirror damaged by unknown means. No witnesses or CCTV. NFA.
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## 091219.06 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Connett gave the following update:

The planning enforcement issue is being pursued in connection with Starcross Garage. TDC's Enforcement Officer is taking advice from the Council's legal team.

He has received reports that a pick-up truck is being parked on and obstructing the pavement at Longfield. Highways has advised that this is a police matter and residents should call 101 to report it.

New potholes have appeared around the village and these have been reported.

Cllr Debenham informed Cllr Connett that the blocked drains, which she has reported previously, have still not been cleared.

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## 091219.07 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Cllrs Hopper, Debenham, Burrows, Cadbury, Chase and the Clerk)

### Committee Chair Report (Cllr Hopper)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial reports of 11 November – 8 December 2019 and were asked to approve the payments listed.

*Proposer: Cllr Cadbury; Seconder: Cllr Debenham*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the payments listed are made. The report was signed by three signatories.

- 7.2 Proposal: To approve the precept for 2020-21

*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Debenham*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** by those members present that the budget, as proposed, is approved. The cash to be requested from TDC would therefore be £39,454. This is an increase of 10% on last year.

ACTION: Clerk to submit request to TDC

- 7.3 **Action List Report**

There were no outstanding matters requiring action.

- 7.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**

None.

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## 091219.08 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(Cllrs Cadbury, Burrows, Lovell & Rastall)

- 8.1 **New applications/appeals:**

- 8.1.1 19/02317/TPO – Lime Tree Place, Staplake Road, Starcross  
Crown reduce one lime tree (T1) by 4m

Proposal: To support the Planning Committee's opinion that it is not qualified to comment about a tree that is subject to a Tree Preservation Order

*Proposer: Cllr Cadbury; Seconder: Cllr Burrows*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the Planning Committee's recommendation as proposed.

- 8.1.2 19/02333/CONSLT – Various sites in Teignbridge  
Consultation from BT on the removal of 9 phone boxes (including the kiosk in New Road)

It was noted that the deadline to respond to this consultation is 2 January 2020.

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to gauge public opinion by placing a petition in the Spar shop. The Parish Council's response would be based on whether there was a community desire to retain the service.

- 8.2 **Decisions:**  
None received.

**Committee Chair Report: (Cllr Cadbury)**

- 8.3 **Action List Report**  
There were no outstanding actions.

8.4 **General Report/Questions & Answers**

- 8.4.1 18/00027/ENF – Starcross Garage, The Strand, Starcross  
Update on site

Cllr Cadbury reported that he had written to TDC's Enforcement Officer on 19 November and was awaiting a response.

- 8.4.2 19/01866/FUL – Chimneys, The Strand, Starcross  
Change of use from a guest house to a dwelling

Cllr Cadbury reported that a decision has been delayed due to possible flood risk. Cllr Debenham expressed concern about potential refusal on the grounds of flood risk as this would impact on all potential adaptations in the village. Cllr Connett offered to take this up with TDC's Planning Officer.

- 8.4.3 18/016556/MAJ – Land off Brickyard Lane, Starcross  
Cllr Cadbury reported that the Environment Agency has concerns that access to the site falls in Flood Zone 3.

- 8.4.4 19/01669/FUL – 49 Parkers Road, Starcross  
Cllr Cadbury reported that the date for a decision has been extended to 10 January 2020.

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**091219.09    PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE**  
(Cllrs Debenham, Burrows and Chase)

**Committee Chair Report (Cllr Debenham)**

9.1 **Action List Report**

Cllr Debenham advised that Tom Greenslade is willing to include maintenance of the war memorial without any additional charge to his existing contract.

ACTION: Cllr Debenham will draft a clause to add to the contract.

9.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**

Cllr Debenham reported that during the last downpour, the pumps at Bonhay Road failed for brief period resulting in flooding to at least one property.

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**091219.10    PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD**  
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Allen, Cadbury, Lovell & Hawkins)

**Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)**

- 10.1 **Proposal:** To accept the recommendation of the Pavilion Committee that M&D have their contract renewed for maintenance of the Sports Field for two years as notified  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the accept the recommendation of the Pavilion Committee that M&D have their contract renewed for maintenance of the Sports Field for two years as notified.

ACTION: Clerk to send contract

- 10.2 Action List Report  
There were no outstanding resolutions requiring action.
- 10.3 General Report/Questions & Answers  
None.
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**091219.11 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**11.1 Climate Change Working Party**  
(Cllrs Hawkins, Allen, Lovell, Chase and Hopper)

Proposal: To set up a community project with the aim of realising 500 trees planted in Starcross in 2020 as a contribution to national, regional and local initiatives to facilitate 'carbon capture' in response to the declared climate emergency  
*Proposer: Cllr Hawkins; Seconder: Cllr Allen*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set up a community project as described in the above proposal.

It was also suggested and agreed that the Scope of the Climate Change Working Party Terms of Reference are updated to include the above.

**11.2 Highways**

The Chairman advised that DCC are running an exhibition in the Pavilion on Wednesday 8 January, 2-8pm to consult on the final plans for the Mamhead to Starcross route. DCC will send out the plans to the Chairman on Friday 13 December.

**11.3 Christmas tree**

The Chairman advised that the organisers have tried to run the lights off a battery but this is not working. They would therefore like to run an electric cable across the lawn at the back of the tree and take the electricity from the TDC toilets.

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the Parish Council could not approve these arrangements unless TDC had given permission to use the electricity and that the cable was installed safely. The Chairman agreed to check the position.

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**091219.12 CORRESPONDENCE**  
None.

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**091219.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 13 January 2020 commencing at 7.40pm in The Starcross Pavilion, Generals Lane, Starcross.

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SIGNED:  
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 13 January 2020

*Note: Where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda, this document will be available on request from the Clerk by emailing [starcrosspcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:starcrosspcclerk@gmail.com)*

## **Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 9 December 2019**

<b>Summary of Bank Balances at 8 December 2019</b>	
Current (C)	£10,997.14
Pavilion Trading (P)	£2,142.88
Allocated Reserves (A)	£51,599.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£64,739.08</b>

<b>Income: 11 November – 8 December 2019</b>		
Pitch hire	£100	C
Allotments rent	£22.50	C
Pavilion hire	£216	P
Allocated reserves interest (Oct & Nov)	£16.96	A

<b>Payments for approval</b>			
Payroll	Salaries (net)	£603.36	C
HMRC	PAYE (November)	£77.20	C
MAT Electrics	DAAT Maintenance	£144	C
T Greenslade	Grass cutting etc – Strand, Millennium Gardens (April – Sept)	£240	C
R Grave	Fixing of bench in sports field	£40	C
T Greenslade	Cleaning, fobbing/unfobbing, supplies, window cleaning	£198.07	P
DCC	Hire of swimming pool for youth club	£35	P

<b>Direct Debits: 11 November – 8 December 2019</b>			
Natwest (15/11/19)	Bankline fees	£26.80	C
Opus (21/11/19)	Pavilion electricity	£64.98	P
Opus (26/10/19)	Pavilion gas	£32.54	P
Biffa (25/11/19)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£57.84	P
Pennon Water Services	Pavilion water	£114.40	P
HMRC	VAT	£378.91	P