



STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Monday 14 February 2022 at 7.40pm

Present:

Cllr Hopper (Chairman), Allen, Cadbury, Lovell, McNally, Pegg, Redmond, Williamson and Zawadzka

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), PCSO Bunce, Paul Harmsworth (Community Speedwatch) and two members of the public.

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

(20 minutes)

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

There were no comments.

140222.01 APOLOGIES

- Cllr Rastall
- Cllr Chase
- County/District Cllr Connett

140222.02 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.

140222.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 January 2022.

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

140222.04 ACTION REPORT

The Chairman listed items on the action list including: website (members were copied into a letter which has been sent to the supplier), Starcross Garage (update from Cllr Connett to follow), the cycle path (will be brought forward to the next meeting) and Swan Road (update from Cllr Connett to follow).

140222.05 CRIME REPORT

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the period 1 – 29 January 2022 for Starcross and Kenton. 5 crimes were reported and 10 incidents recorded.

Members also received the latest edition of the gazette and the community speedwatch report. There were 13 sessions in Starcross: 247 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit and 14 vehicles were not registered with DVLA.

Paul Harmsworth summarised the work of the Community Speedwatch team over the last 12 months. 24162 vehicles have been recorded passing the speedwatch team; 2834 of those exceeded the speed limit +10% + 2mph equating to 11.7% of the vehicles recorded in the last 12 months exceeding the speed limit. He advised that Dorset have reduced the percentage of speeding vehicles to between 2-3% so there is still a lot of work to do. They have been reasonably successful outside the school reducing the percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit from 27% to 21% but he advised that offenders have included school buses and taxis carrying school children.

He brought members up to date with the Vision Zero South West campaign - an initiative of the Police and Crime Commissioners Office to make roads safer. The aim is to achieve 'nil death by accident' by 2026. They have purchased another new speed van and they now have a 'no excuses team' who visit the worst offenders. A staff member will also be helping the speedwatch team with a TrueCam – a camera which takes a photo of a vehicle and if it is exceeding the speed limit, the offender will receive a fixed penalty notice.

DCC have 3 vehicle activated speed signs (VAS signs) which will be fixed along the A379. There is also the ability for speedwatch teams to apply for moveable signs. Paul advised that he has applied, on behalf of the West Exe Community Speedwatch team, for grants to purchase two moveable signs - one for Kenton and one for Starcross. The signs, which can stay in position at a particular site for one month, will show the speed of the passing vehicle. Sites will include outside the school, Dawlish Warren road, St Marys Cottages, Kenton and one at the Powderham end of Starcross and one by the garage at Matford.

Paul requested that, as the Community Speedwatch Team has no bank account, the Parish Council purchases one of the signs on behalf of the Community Speedwatch team using the grant which has been secured. The cost of the sign is £3095.17 + VAT. If the sign is purchased by the Parish Council, it will be able to reclaim the VAT and ring-fence it for additional future speedwatch purchases (e.g. maintenance of sign, new battery, step ladder to change battery and move sign around, hi-vis jackets etc).

After a discussion and whilst acknowledged that the expenditure is balanced by a grant, it was agreed that the item would be included as a formal proposal on March's meeting so that members can vote on the matter in the usual way.

Paul asked Councillors to think about recommending people for the speedwatch team as currently there are only five volunteers and they are very keen to recruit new members.

Concerns were raised with PCSO Bunce about security in the village. He responded that the police are aware and are taking the required action.

140222.06

DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting but sent the following update:

In terms of update on local matters, Cllr Connett advised that he has received complaints about the slurry covering of the various pavements and will be following up with Highways.

He has asked the Teignbridge Planning Enforcement Officer on 3 February to update Starcross Parish Council with regard to Starcross Garage. He has confirmed that he has recently met one of the people with an interest in the site to explain the situation with regards to the state of the site. Although they have agreed to address the matter, he has discussed it with a Senior Officer and he has been asked to put together a timescale for the works necessary to improve the appearance of the site. He is currently putting this together and once it has been agreed, will update Cllr Connett accordingly.

With regard to the school buses, Devon County Council via Dawlish Community College has reminded all pupils they should get off the bus at their designated stop in the village. There are a small number who should get off at Generals Close, not the number which has been reported leaving the service there and walking along New Road.

Cllr Connett recalled that action has been taken by Teignbridge District Council to cut back the vegetation in the area of the access point to the end of Swan Road from New Road. When the access way was formalised and the steps put in, there was no other alternative for children to get to the park without walking across the field. Since then, the lit pathway has been

installed across the field by the Parish Council. Does the Parish Council have a view about the necessity of the steps at the end of Swan Road remaining? Is the Parish Council concerned about safety issues? After brief discussion, members agreed that they wished the steps access to remain open as they are well used and provide safe access on a lit and occupied street. Councillors felt that the original plan to cut back the steps and make vision better was needed for residents of Generals Close and Staplake Lane and they suggested that improved signage is required to help with safety issues.

140222.07 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase and Zawadzka)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial reports 8 January – 14 February 2022 and were asked to approve the payments listed (copies attached).
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the payments listed are made.

Committee Chair Report:

7.2 **Action List Report**

There were no outstanding actions.

7.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**

The clerk advised that a sum of £13,711.59 will be moved from allocated reserves to the current accounts to cover the cost of the new play equipment and the solar panels.

Councillors also received and noted an extract of the cash book.

140222.08 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE

(Cllrs Chase, Williamson and Allen)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

8.1 **Action Report**

There were no outstanding actions requiring action.

8.2 **General Report/Question & Answers**

Cllr Williamson reported that work has started today on the installation of the new play equipment. The soil excess has been banked up between the two trees which were recently felled creating a barrier between the equipment and the brambles. The Committee will continue to source additional funding for phase 2.

Cllr Williamson also reported that she had attended a meeting about the Starcross Jubilee celebrations with Cllrs Rastall, Hopper and Redmond. It might be that some of the celebrations will be held in the park.

The inspection and maintenance checks have been carried out by Cllrs Allen and Chase. There was nothing of significance to report. There was a discussion about fencing, hedging, gates and dogs in the park.

Councillors also noted correspondence from a parishioner about the play area; the Committee will look into the concerns raised. It is intended to bring a proposal to the next meeting for general maintenance, new swing seats and some painting.

140222.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(Cllrs Cadbury, Lovell, Zawadzka & McNally)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

9.1 **New applications**

None

9.2 **Decisions:**

10.2.1 21/02670/NPA – Westlake Farm, Mowlish Lane, Kenton

Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q(a) and (b) and paragraph W of the GPDO change of use of an agricultural building to five dwellings

Members noted that TDC has confirmed that Prior Approval is given for this development.

9.3 Action List Report

There are no outstanding actions.

9.4 General Report/Question & Answers

None

140222.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD

(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Pegg and Redmond)

Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)

10.1 Proposal: To allow Starcross Dons youth football team to use the Pavilion free of charge on 30 March, 5-8pm to allow a company to take some fun photographs

Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to allow Starcross Dons youth football to use the Pavilion free of charge on 30 March, 5-8pm

10.2 Action List Report

There were no outstanding actions.

10.3 General Report/Questions & Answers

Cllr Hopper advised that a recent meeting of TDC's Executive, the PSPO was discussed and agreed with no amendments except that dogs need to be kept on a 1m lead next to a highway. To amend it now, it would need to go to a referendum. Cllr Rastall has spoken to the dog warden who will try and enforce dogs on leads whilst there is a football match.

140222.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

None

140222.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS

12.1 Councillors discussed the various methods of distributing Council information to residents including the Parish Council's website, Facebook, noticeboards and parish newsletter. There was also a discussion about the length of time it has taken to develop a new website. It was agreed that the Chairman would continue to follow this up over the next month with a view to discussing further at the next meeting.

12.2 Proposal: To invite the Earl of Devon and an Exe Estuary Partnership representative to a future meeting of the Parish Council

Proposer: Cllr Zawadzka; Seconder: Cllr Williamson

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to invite the Earl of Devon and an Exe Estuary Partnership representative to a future meeting of the Parish Council. Details of how and when to do this would be agreed outside the meeting.

140222.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS

None

140222.14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

140222.15

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 14 March 2022 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.40pm.

SIGNED:

Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 14 March 2022

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

Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 14 February 2022

Summary of Bank Balances at 14 February 2022	
Current (C)	£13,766.64
Pavilion Trading (P)	£10,094.37
Allocated Reserves (A)	£51,658.77
Total	£75,519.78

Income: 8 January – 14 February 2022		
St Martins - Pitch hire	£747.40	C
DCC (Grant - defibrillator)	£1000	C
TDC (Grant - SAFT)	£350	C
HMRC (VAT refund)	£3.43	P
Pavilion hire	£138	P
Trading - Pavilion car park	£34	P
Bank interest	£0.44	A

Payments for approval			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (Jan)	£521.49	C
Rhino Play	Play equipment - 50% deposit	£6,012.60	C
Vision ICT	Website hosting and support	£261.50	C
DALC	Training (Cllr McNally)	£18	C
T Greenslade	Pavilion cleaning, fobbing and cleaning materials (Jan)	£192.40	P
Sungift Solar Ltd	Pavilion solar panels (balance)	£3,321.53	P

Direct Debits: 8 January – 14 February 2022			
Natwest (17/1/22)	Bankline fees	£21.20	C
Opus (21/1/22)	Pavilion electricity	£74.43	P
Biffa (24/1/22)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£42.82	P
Opus (26/1/22)	Pavilion gas	£52.90	P
Post Office (11/1/22 & 9/2/22)	Pavilion telephone & broadband	£36.00	P

Clerk (Jan)	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£472.85	£0	£472.85	-
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile				£15.30
Stamps (8 x second class)				£5.28
Zoom subscription				£14.39
TOTAL				£521.49