



STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Monday 14 June 2021 at 7.40pm

Present:

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

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) 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 from members of the public.

140621.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Chase
- County/District Cllr Connett

140621.02 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.

140621.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021.

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

140621.04 ACTION REPORT

The Chairman reminded members of the outstanding actions:

- Cllr Connett is following up on the tidy land ruling in connection with Starcross Garage
- Updating the PSPO re dogs on the sportsfield– still to be discussed and agreed
- Bins – to be discussed later in the meeting under Parks, Gardens and Flood Defences
- Website – Chairman to update members later in the meeting

140621.05 CRIME REPORT

No report as PC Orchard was temporarily abstracted from his role to assist with the G7 Summit.

140621.06 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting.

It is hoped that Cllr Connett will follow up the issue with cyclists on the junction of Bonhay Road and Well Street. Cllr Rastall informed members that she had emailed him as a resident. It was agreed that various sections of the cycle path offer different challenges and that a group of members should meet to discuss the issues and bring it back their findings to a future meeting.

140621.07 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase and Zawadzka)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 17 May – 13 June 2021 and were asked to approve the payments listed (copy attached).
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the payments listed are made.

The Chairman advised that he was following up two outstanding payments for hire of the Pavilion pre the first lockdown. There was also a discussion about invoicing traders using the Pavilion car park.

- 7.2 **Action List Report**
There were no outstanding actions.
- 7.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**
None
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140621.08 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE

(Cllrs Chase and Williamson)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

- 8.1 Proposal: To add a clause to the three maintenance contracts that no herbicides should be used on Council properties without the express permission of the Council
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Williamson

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to add a clause to the three maintenance contracts that no herbicides should be used on Council properties without the express permission of the Council.

ACTION: Add clause to contracts at renewal

- 8.2 **Action Report**
There were no outstanding matters requiring action.

8.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**

- 8.3.1 Cllr Williamson circulated a report updating members on the play park proposals.

She advised that they have met a representative from Kompan. the other day who has advised that it is possible to save the Galaxy (the large metal piece of equipment) but he was unsure about the toddler piece. A quote for removal has been requested with and without removal costs.

He also advised that we should ask for a cooling off period between removal and installation in order for us to get the equipment safety inspected and send the report to them so they can update the quote to include any replacement parts. Short-term storage costs will also be sought. He also advised that the gates and fencing could be reused. Consideration is being given to the toddler/preschool area being fenced off if we do decide to reuse it.

Unfortunately, the tiles wouldn't be suitable for the flooring under the Galaxy on the field due to the drainage issues and the quote will include wet pore costs as this would be the best surface to use. Obviously wet pour is much more expensive but it would have a much longer lifespan and give a better base.

However, we still think it would be worth saving as many of the tiles as possible to be used as replacements for any future damaged tiles.

Kompan has suggested that the Parish Council should push for a financial contribution towards installation.

Contact has been made Debbie Marshall, Play Area Project Officer at TDC, who has added the following points:

- She thought there had been some talk of TDC actually covering the cost of transferring the equipment to the playpark and would check.
- She says we would need a post-installation inspection (£400 ish) to make sure everything is up to scratch.
- Direct installers were cheaper and she often uses them.
- Does not insist on flooring if a drop onto “safe” (no stone to move through the earth) grass is less than a certain height.

Options for the types of equipment which could be presented were also presented for members’ information. Much is dependent on whether the existing equipment can be reused. The overall costs have been kept as close to £10000 as possible so that the plans can go ahead even if there is no success with requests for match funding. Any extra money would be used to improve the overall layout and usability of the park as a whole by way of designated zones or inter connecting pathways between equipment. The creation of a nature area and extra seating can be also be explored once the improvements and installation of new equipment has been completed.

8.3.2 Members received and noted the following general report from the Parks, Gardens and Flood Defence Committee:

- Vandalism in the Millennium Garden. It occurred overnight and ties in with the report of two lads causing mischief on the pier. Megan Debenham and other volunteers can put it right but it’s a shame for all their hard work. The garden was looking particularly nice the day before as the grass had just been cut.
- The bin by the playing field was overflowing and bags were piled up on the floor, just waiting to be ripped open. Perhaps Teignbridge could put a larger bin there, rather than another one as people don’t seem to want to walk to the next dog bin.
- Network Rail have sent notices that they will be trimming back plant growth on their side of the line this month. On our side, brambles are appearing through the trimmed hedgerow and we’ll monitor this to make sure it doesn’t get out of hand.
- The gaps in the safety surface tiles appear to be getting larger (possible due to the excess rain) and wondered if we should plan for repair or replacement. Not a trip hazard as yet.
- As the weather improves use of the cycle path is increasing. However, people are constantly having to move out of the way of cyclists, not all of whom ring bells or have patience for slower-moving pedestrians. Additionally, there have been a few instances of cyclists coming off the end of path by the traffic lights, straight into the traffic. Safety markings should be considered at the road junction and consideration given to making the path safer for all users.

140621.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Cllrs Cadbury, Lovell, Zawadzka & McNally)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

9.1 New applications to be considered at this meeting

- 9.1.1 21/00812/HOU – Staplake Mount Barn, Staplake Lane, Starcross
Replace existing windows and French door with sliding door in existing orangery

Proposal: To accept the Planning Committee's recommendation that no objections are raised.

It was noted that TDC has already granted conditional planning permission.

9.1.2 21/01171/AGR – Mowlish Farm, Kenton
Agricultural livestock building

Proposal: To accept the Planning Committee's recommendation that no objections are raised.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Planning Committee's recommendation that no objections are raised.

9.2 **Decisions:**
None

9.3 **Action List Report**
There were no outstanding actions requiring action.

9.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**
It was noted that the consultation period for the Local Plan Review opens on 14 June and runs for 8 weeks until 8 August. The proposal will be formally considered by this Council in July's meeting.

140621.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Allen and Redmond)

Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)

10.1 **Action List Report**
Updating the PSPO re dogs on the sportsfield—Cllr Rastall proposed a meeting of the Committee to discuss.

10.2 **General Report/Questions & Answers**
None

140621.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS
None

140621.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS
The Chairman informed members that he was trying to source some photographs for the website. Cllr McNally thought he had some which could be used.

140621.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS
Members were happy to proceed with the idea of solar panels on the Pavilion roof. The Chairman would put together a proposal for next month.

140621.14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Members received an email from a resident regarding litter picking in the village. The Chairman advised that he had responded by advising that the Parish Council could assist financially and had suggested that some costs are presented to the Council for consideration. He had advised that it might be unsafe to recycle other people's waste at this time. Members agreed with this response.

14.2 An email has been received requesting use of the Pavilion by a pre-school group for family time. Members agreed to giving them a key to use the toilets but not the kitchen at present. The group hopes to spend most of their time outside.

140621.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 12 July 2021 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.40pm.

SIGNED:
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 12 July 2021

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 June 2021

Summary of Bank Balances at 13 June 2021	
Current (C)	£26,409.84
Pavilion Trading (P)	£16,422.88
Allocated Reserves (A)	£51,655.71
Total	£94,488.03

Income: 17 May – 13 June 2021		
VAT reclaim (Q4, 2020-21)	£1,505.73	C
Harrys Kitchen (trading in Pavilion car park)	£10	P
Pavilion hire (elections)	£80	P
Teignbridge District Council (Local Restrictions Support Grant)	£2,096	P
Bank interest (allocated reserves account)	£0.40	A

Payments for approval			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements	£514.28	C
R Grave	Cleaning & repairing of Pavilion walls	£82.50	P
T Greenslade	Key fob/unfob & cleaning	£140	P

Direct Debits: 17 May – 13 June 2021			
Post Office (9/6/21)	Pavilion telephone and internet	£18	P
Opus (21/05/21)	Pavilion electricity	£39.03	P
Opus (26/05/21)	Pavilion gas	£31.01	P
Biffa (24/5/21)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£38.35	P
Natwest (17/05/21)	Bankline fees	£24.40	C