



STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in
Starcross Pavilion, Starcross, on Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.45pm**

Present:

Cllr Hopper (Chairman), Burrows, Cadbury, Chase, Debenham, Gardner, Lovell and Rastall

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), PCSO Adrian Overieu and one member of the public

131117.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Chadwick
- County/District Cllr Connett
- PC Rob Harvey

131117.02 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public were invited to voice matters of concern or opinion on subjects pertaining to Starcross.

There were no comments from members of the public.

131117.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 October 2017.

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

131117.04 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 member would have been aware of such before the meeting.

Cllr Rastall declared an interest in item 131117.11.3. There were no requests for dispensation.

131117.05 ACTION REPORT

A copy of the report detailing outstanding resolutions requiring action was circulated to and noted by members. The Chairman asked that each Committee Chairman deals with items relevant to their Committee within their Chair's Report.

131117.06 CRIME REPORT

Reported crimes from 02/10/17 – 13/11/17

Starcross (6 crimes)

- Public Order offence – Occupants of vehicle, possibly looking for scrap metal etc, were verbally threatening towards the victim who challenged them. Victim unable to record the vehicle registration at the time. No leads. NFA
- Harassment (Domestic) – Unwanted contact from female offender. Victim later withdrew his complaint. NFA.
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – Secure and unattended car. Entry forced and vehicle stolen. No leads. Vehicle circulated on PNC.
- Common Assault – Minor road rage incident with an elderly female offender. NFA.

- Theft of Motor Vehicle – Transit van secure and unattended, parked in a car park. Stolen by unknown means. No leads. Vehicle circulated on PNC.
- Theft (other) – x3 ducks stolen from rear garden. Victim did not believe a fox was responsible. No leads. NFA.

Cockwood (0 crimes)

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Advice was sought by members about the recent issues involving youths in the car park which had been reported to police by a resident on 29 October. PCSO Overieu informed members that he was not aware of any further incidents since this date. He also advised that no crimes had been committed. Whilst he would continue to patrol the area when he was able, he reminded members of the police's limited resources and that communities need to work together with the police to tackle such issues. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council is looking at ways to tackle the issues. However, the Parish Council also has limited resources – all members are unpaid volunteers and all of its finances are raised through the precept.

Cllr Debenham, Chair of the Community Committee, read a report which she had drafted. It was agreed the report should be sent to the Starcross Newsletter with copy to PC Harvey.

Nuisance Behaviour

In the last few months there has been a rise in the number of incidents of nuisance behaviour coming to our attention. These include:

- Destruction of a memorial tree in the Sports Field
- Damage to a tree in the Sports Field
- Lifting paving stones in the Sports Field
- Damage to sports equipment in the Sports Field
- Revving of car and motor bike engines and loud music late at night in the Sports Field car park
- Climbing over the fence in the Sports Field car park into neighbouring property
- Climbing onto the shed roof in the Sports Field
- Advertising sign destroyed in the Sports Field
- Loud music and shouting late at night in the Playing Field
- Sign damaged in the TDC car park
- Gate damaged and forced entry to The Strand Gardens, damage to turf caused by car driving across it (TDC property)

Where perpetrators have been challenged by members of the public, this has been met by verbal disrespect on the part of the perpetrators.

Much of this behaviour is low level nuisance. However, there is a significant cost to every householder in our community. Not only is there the cost of putting right the damage, but also the cost of trying to prevent such activities, for example, by employing security services. The cost of this comes directly from the Parish Council precept, and is paid for by every householder in the community. Money spent on dealing with the consequences of bad behaviour cannot be spent on improving community services and amenities.

As well as the financial cost, the significant amount of time spent by Parish Councillors in dealing with complaints from residents when such nuisances occur on community property means that there is less time to focus on improving services and amenities. We would much rather be spending time working on ways to improve our facilities than be sorting out the consequences of bad behaviour.

We are very keen to ensure that this problem does not escalate further, and would ask all residents to report to the police any incidents of criminal behaviour and damage they see. We would also ask all householders who may be aware that members of their household might be tempted to join in such behaviour to help them to become more aware of the consequences of their actions.

The Parish Council will be continuing to work closely with the police on this matter

131117.07 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
No report.

131117.08 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
(Cllrs Hopper, Debenham, Burrows and the Clerk)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Hopper)

8.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report for 10 October - 12 November and were asked to approve the payments listed (copy attached).

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

8.2 **Action List Report**

There were no outstanding matters requiring action.

8.3 **General Report/Questions & Answers**

None.

131117.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Cllrs Cadbury, Burrows, Debenham and Lovell)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Cadbury)

9.1 **New applications:**

9.1.1 17/02637/FUL – 10 Warboro Terrace, New Road, Starcross
New hardstanding and new access

AGREED BY A MAJORITY of members that there were no objections to this application (1 abstention).

9.1.2 17/02632/FUL – 9 Royal Way, Starcross
Two storey extension and conversion of integral garage into a study

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that there were no objections to this application. However, members wished to make the observation that the car parking spaces for this property will be reduced from two to one and that this property is on a flood plain.

9.2 **Decisions:**

9.2.1 17/01889/FUL – The Surgery, Church Street, Starcross
Extension to existing consulting room

NOTED by members that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.3 **Planning Committee minutes**

Members present received the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2017.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to approve, sign and adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2 November 2017.

9.4 **Williams Field development**

Members received an update on the Williams Field development and considered a letter drafted by the Planning Committee to Teign Housing (with copy to Teignbridge District Council's Planning department), regarding this development in response to an email from Tony Sharland dated 1 November 2017.

Proposer: Cllr Cadbury; Seconder Cllr Burrows

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the letter as proposed is sent to Teign Housing.

9.5 **Action List Report**

There were no outstanding matters requiring action.

9.6 General Report/Questions & Answers

None.

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COMMUNITY

(Cllrs Debenham, Burrows, Cadbury, Chase and Gardner)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Debenham)

10.1 **Proposal:** To purchase from M&D Hire a one ton dumpy bag of topsoil at a cost of £45 + VAT to recharge the built planter in the Millennium Garden, in order to facilitate replanting with donated evergreen shrubs

Proposer: Cllr Debenham; Seconder: Cllr Lovell

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY by members to purchase a one ton dumpy bag of topsoil as proposed. To be funded from the 'Repairs and Renewals' budget.

10.2. **Proposal:** In the light of new information, to revise the decision taken at the last Parish Council meeting and adopt position A on the previously circulated plan for the siting of the Devon Air Ambulance lighting mast

Proposer: Cllr Burrows; Seconder: Cllr Debenham

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY by members to accept the proposal as presented.

10.3 To accept the gift of a Christmas tree, to be erected near the War Memorial from the Christmas Tree Group

Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Debenham

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY by members that the gift of the Christmas tree is accepted.

10.4 **Action List Report**

Cllr Debenham updated members on the following matters:

- DAA Lighting Mast - a planning application will be submitted by the clerk to Teignbridge District Council this week. The costs of submitting the application will be reimbursed to the Parish Council by Exeter Lions Club which is funding the cost of the lighting mast.
- Old Orchard, Generals Lane – no further action has been taken by Powderham Estate. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not continue to pursue this with the Estate.
- The Chairman advised that he had written to Andrew Ardley, DCC, for an update on the highways plans. A response was awaited.

10.5 **General Report/Question & Answers**

Members received a suggestion from Kenton Parish Council that a meeting is convened between both Parish Councils to discuss and explore possible solutions to the issues arising from Lockdown and other Powderham events. A meeting was agreed.

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RECREATION

(Cllrs Rastall, Chase, Gardner and Hopper)

Committee Chair Report – Cllr Rastall

11.1 **Proposal:** To hire a security company to patrol the Pavilion car park and to consider a quotation from Marsh Barton Security Services, Exeter, who will patrol the car park 4 x per week at £12.00 + VAT per visit

Proposer: Cllr Rastall

Members discussed at length the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal after which it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the item is deferred for two months to allow members to carry out further research.

- 11.2 **Proposal:** To purchase a sign for the Pavilion car park consisting of 1 aluminium panel 750mm x 1000mm (portrait) at a cost of £285.00 +VAT (includes digital print on anti graffiti laminate and basic artwork
Proposer: Cllr Rastall

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the item is deferred for two months to allow members to carry out further research.

- 11.3 **Proposal:** To appoint Richard Grave as Fire Officer for the Pavilion to carry out the duties as specified in the Fire Safety Log Book as Richard's quote of 2 November for £44.00 per quarter i.e. £76 per annum

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY by members to appoint Richard Grave as Fire Officer for the Pavilion as proposed. This would be funded as follows:

13 November 2017 to 31 March 2018 = £60 from unallocated expenditure
1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 = £176 from precept

- 11.4 **Action List Report**
There were no outstanding matters requiring action.
- 11.5 **General Report/Questions & Answers**
None.

131117.12 YOUTH CLUB

Committee Chair Report
(Cllrs Chadwick, Rastall, Hopper and Lovell)

- 12.1 **Action List Report**
There were no outstanding matters requiring action.
- 12.2 **General Report/Questions & Answers**
None.

131117.13 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS

131117.14 CORRESPONDENCE
None.

131117.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 11 December 2017 commencing at 7.45pm in The Starcross Pavilion, Generals Lane, Starcross.

SIGNED:

Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 11 December 2017

Note: In cases where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda or the Minutes, this document will be available EITHER on the Parish Council website www.starcrosspc.org.uk or on request from:- The Clerk to the Council, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot TQ12 6YE. 01626 330311

Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 13 November 2017

Summary of Bank Balances at 12 November	
Current	£11,246.88
Pavilion Trading	£8,075.89
Allocated Reserves	£33,067.22
Total	£52,389.99

Income: 10 October – 12 November		
Pavilion hire	£1,768	P
Allotment rent	£285.80	C
Rural Aid grant	£701.69	C

Payments for approval			
Payroll	Salaries	£934.78	C
HMRC	PAYE (October)	£97.00	C
T Greenslade	Cleaning/security (October) + DCC meetings (x4)	£184+ £60	P
Devon County Council	Vetting checks (RD)	£53.60	C
St Pauls Church	Contribution to grass cutting	£75	C
SWCAA	Insurance and membership	£199.50	C
Gaslec	Repairs to outside light and cooker and hood	£186.00	P
R Grave	Repair to broken guttering	£16.00	P
Safetyshop	Recycling boxes	£165.53	C
M & D Hire	Sportsfield grass cutting	£1,240.48	C

Direct Debits: 10 October – 12 November			
Post Office (18/10/17)	Telephone & broadband	£19.99	P
Opus (21/10/17)	Pavilion electricity	£68.53	P
Opus (26/10/17)	Pavilion gas	£32.98	P
TDC (28/10/17)	Litter picking	£136.50	C
Natwest	Bankline fees (October)	£28.50	C
HMRC	VAT	£274.31	P