



# **STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.40pm**

**Present:**

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

**Also present:**

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County/District Cllr Connett (from 8.30pm) 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 questions from members of the public.

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**081121.01 APOLOGIES**

- Cllr Lovell

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**081121.02 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.

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**081121.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021.

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

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**081121.04 ACTION REPORT**

The Chairman listed items on the action list including: the website, the corner of Bonhay Road which will be on the report for the cycle path, the Starcross Garage development and shellfishing. These items will be addressed by the relevant Committee Chairman and/or District/Cllr Connet.

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**081121.05 CRIME REPORT**

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the period 1 – 31 October 2021 for Starcross and Kenton. 5 crimes were reported and 18 incidents recorded.

Members also received a copy of the latest newsletter/gazette compiled by PC Orchard.

PC Orchard also sent a report on the activities of the Community Speedwatch team. Over 7 sessions in Starcross/Cockwood, 160 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit.

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## 081121.06 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Connett reported that the provisional TPO has been made on the oak tree. This will last for 6 months and is likely to be made permanent.

The application for Brickyard Lane has been withdrawn.

He advised that he had met with Cllr Hopper and a resident to discuss the safety of the style at the end of Swan Road which leads down on to New Road. TDC, which owns the style and the green space there, have done some pruning back to make it more visible. A risk assessment has been made and from that TDC will consult with Highways about what might be needed to be done including some additional signage. Another thing which became apparent during the conversation was that quite a number of the children on the contract school bus from Dawlish are getting off at Staplake Lane and walking up New Road. He therefore asked DCC whether they can have a new bus stop at Brunel. However, it has transpired that going to school there are 6 children getting on the bus at Staplake Lane but in the evening many more are getting off at Staplake Lane and walking up New Road. DCC will therefore be writing to parents to ask their children to get off at their designated bus stops.

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## 081121.07 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase and Zawadzka)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 11 October – 7 November 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.

### Committee Chair Report:

- 7.2 Proposal: To increase Tom Greenslade's cleaning rate from £8 to £10 per hour and increase the individual fobbing to £2.50 per time  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to increase Tom Greenslade's rate as proposed.

- 7.3 Proposal: To consider a draft budget for 2022/23 for final approval in December's Parish Council meeting  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper;*

The Chairman advised that he had not yet had chance to finalise this but he hoped to bring it to the December meeting. The clerk advised that the deadline for submission to TDC is 1 February 2022.

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

- 7.5 **General Report/Question & Answers**  
None.

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## 081121.08 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE

(Cllrs Chase, Williamson and Allen)

### Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

- 8.1 Proposal: To accept the recommendation of Steve Swift to pollard the oak tree in the play park to approximately 10m to match the adjacent tree and to ask that he carries out the work as a matter of urgency at the quoted cost of £2850 + VAT (cost includes removal of material from the site and pedestrian safety barriers)  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Williamson*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the recommendation of Steve Swift as proposed and to carry out the work as a matter of urgency at the quoted cost of £2850 + VAT.

## 8.2 Action Report

There were no outstanding actions requiring action.

## 8.3 General Report/Question & Answers

Members received an update regarding the play park. Unfortunately, the two larger funding applications have been unsuccessful. However, the Committee is still incredibly keen to move forward with the project and has decided to look at a slightly less ambitious plan for now but one that will include an opportunity to build on and expand in the future. The cost of materials is constantly increasing and they do not feel that waiting any longer will be beneficial.

Due to the budget being slightly less, they have decided to look at what would give the most play value for the money. They have also learnt a lot through the funding applications and aiming their funding at more specific groups/ideas is more likely to lead to success. Therefore, they have decided that as much as they would all like the nest swing for its inclusivity and visual impact, they will have to put it on hold for now.

They are going to spend the next month looking at securing quotes and also seeking extra funding from Teignbridge District Council and exploring a few other ideas. If they are unsuccessful, they may need to ask the Parish Council to contribute a little extra from the precept in order to get the project completed.

They will be looking primarily at two ideas:

1. A trim trail linking the existing equipment and adding much needed play value and challenge with the option of adding on as and when more funds become available.
2. A single larger piece of climbing equipment as a main use of funding and any remaining money to be spent on the start of a trim trail that can be improved and extended in the future.

They have spoken to their preferred contractor from previous consultations and quotes and they would be able to start the project in early February if we were to make an order with them soon.

They have also started looking at the idea of a gate running alongside the pathway which would improve the safety of the play area and discourage dogs from entering the grass. They will be re quoting this as a separate item from next year's precept but feel it would work well with the overall park improvements project.

Members were encouraged to send their thoughts to the Parks, Gardens and Flood Defence Committee so that firm proposals can be put together and presented at the next meeting.

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(Cllrs Cadbury, Lovell, Zawadzka & McNally)

### Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

#### 9.1 New applications

- 9.1.1 21/02275/ADV – Oak Meadow Golf Course, New Road, Starcross  
Restoration of advertising sign (previously under 19/00510/ADV)  
Proposal: To accept the Planning Committee's recommendation that an objection be raised  
*Proposer: Cllr Cadbury; Seconder: Cllr Allen*

**AGREED BY A MAJORITY** of members to accept the Planning Committee's recommendation that an objection is raised.

- 9.1.2 21/02410/FUL – Mowlish Farm, Kenton  
Provision of two polytunnels for mushroom production

Proposal: To offer no comment  
*Proposer: Cllr Cadbury; Seconder: Cllr McNally*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to offer no comment.

- 9.2 **For Information**  
E2/48/08 – Brickyard Lane, Starcross  
Members noted that a new tree preservation order took effect provisionally on 28 October. Comments, if any, to be received by 7 December 2021 and in accordance with the information laid out in Regulations 5 & 6.
- 9.3 **Decisions:**  
None
- 9.4 **Action List Report**  
There were no outstanding actions requiring action.
- 9.5 **General Report/Question & Answers**  
None
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**081121.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD**  
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Pegg and Redmond)

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

- 10.1 Action List Report  
There were no outstanding resolutions requiring action.
- 10.2 General Report/Questions & Answers  
Cllr Rastall advised that bookings were coming in and weekends, in particular, were becoming very busy. The car park is having to be taped into sections to ensure there is adequate parking for anyone who has hired the Pavilion and also for the footballers. Westbank are using the Pavilion twice a week and this seems to be working well so far.
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**081121.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

The Working Party has surveyed the cycle route and will report next month.

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**081121.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- 12.1 Proposal: To agree with the contents of the attached paper regarding the threatened charging changes for the two Starcross car parks  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper*

The Chairman advised that the meeting with the Parking Services Manager has been postponed and is likely to take place w/c 22 November.

The Chairman requested that the above proposal is dropped and members consider the following proposal instead:

*To consider the proposal put to us by TDC to review the car parking charges*

He advised that the Council would not be voting on anything this evening but would just debate the subject and try and come to some conclusion about what residents would prefer.

Cllr Connett summarised the position and advised that TDC is moving towards year-round charging and a consistent charging policy. TDC recognise that the two car parks are primarily used for different purposes: Strand car park is used primarily by tourists, visitors and users of the Exe Estuary Cycle Path whereas New Road is used primarily by residents for short-term business in the village. TDC has been contacted by some residents to increase enforcement action. A mix of pay and display and the issuing of residents' permits could be explored depending on what residents would like.

Members debated the issue at length; the main issues were the cost of residents parking permits and how they would be issued.

Councillors noted that no indication of the level of charges for either pay-as-you-go or permits has been indicated by TDC. Nor were any details regarding the number of permits, whether there would be a limit, or if a ration for residents would be available. Therefore it was not possible for Council to agree a response. Council agreed to write further to TDC stating that:

*Given that it is very likely that a scale of charging will be introduced in the Strand and New Road car parks, it was agreed that the Parish Council will request further details on pricing structures and methods for further consideration at the December meeting.*

- 12.2 Cllr Allen advised that there are currently 7 children in the school with COVID. She also advised that the headteacher is retiring and will leave just before the February half term.

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**081121.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS**  
None

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**081121.14 CORRESPONDENCE**  
The clerk advised that invitations to the Parish and Town Councils Highways Conference have been circulated should anyone wish to attend.

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**081121.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 13 December 2021 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.40pm.

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SIGNED:  
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 13 December 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](mailto:starcrosspcclerk@gmail.com)*

## **Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 8 November 2021**

<b>Summary of Bank Balances at 7 November 2021</b>	
Current (C)	£32,138.76
Pavilion Trading (P)	£13,659.99
Allocated Reserves (A)	£51,657.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£97,456.63</b>

<b>Income: 11 October – 7 November 2021</b>		
Starcross Growers (peppercorn rent - allotments shed)	£1	C
Estuaries Multi Academy Trust (school's contribution to sports field maintenance)	£600	C
TDC – CIL	£687.61	C
HMRC (Reclaimed VAT April-Sept 2021)	£2832.85	C
Ecclesiastical (additional claim for noticeboard)	£125.08	C
Pavilion hire	£368	P
Pavilion car park traders	£20	P
Bank interest (Allocated Reserves - Oct)	£0.41	A

<b>Payments for approval</b>			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (Oct)	£501.82	C
RBL	Poppy wreath (reimbursed to the clerk)	£18	C
S Swift	Tree survey on oak tree in park - £240 Pollarding large oak in park - £1320	£1560	C
M & D Hire	Remove noticeboard, dispose of it and resite new board	£234	C
C Collings	Sports field hedge cutting	£342	C
J Hopper	Expenses relating to warning for tree work and providing car parking for bookings	£50.39	C
Garage Doors South West Ltd	10% deposit for new door on sports field store	£134.50	C
T Greenslade	Pavilion cleaning, fobbing and cleaning materials (Oct)	£215.04	P

<b>Direct Debits: 11 October – 7 November 2021</b>			
Natwest (15/10/21)	Bankline fees	£22.40	C
Shell Energy Broadband (11/10/21)	Telephone and broadband – Pavilion	£18.00	P
Opus (21/10/21)	Pavilion electricity	£79.63	P
Biffa (25/10/21)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£38.35	P
Opus (26/10/21)	Pavilion gas	£22.20	P

<b>Clerk (Oct)</b>	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
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£501.82</b>