



Starcross
Parish Council

STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr Hopper (Chairman), Allen, Cadbury, Chase, Lovell, Pegg, Rastall and Zawadzka

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

Tricia Greenslade asked for permission to put up the village Christmas tree on the Strand. This would be gifted to the Parish Council by Steve Swift. As in previous years, the Parish Council accepted the gift of the tree and agreed that it could be erected on the Strand.

141122.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr McNally
- Cllr Williamson
- District/County Cllr Connett

141122.02 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.

141122.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

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

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

141122.04 ACTION REPORT

The Chairman had circulated the action report to members which included the following items:

Website - Chairman will update

Starcross Garage - Chairman has written to TDC direct about the ongoing issues

Cycle path - the Chairman suggested that this could be looked at as part of the levelling up document and could incorporate the whole network of paths. Cllr Chase advised that a resident had contacted her about how dreadful the dropped driveways are and where the pavements slope. It is very difficult for mobility scooters as the pavements aren't wide enough in places. Other areas, including Brickyard Lane, are similarly very awkward with potholes and other obstacles making it difficult for wheelchairs and pushchairs etc. After a brief discussion, Cllrs Lovell, Chase and Zawadzka offered to look at this.

Defibrillator - Cllr Williamson is in discussion with the electrician to arrange for it to be installed. She will then ensure it is registered on all relevant pages and put an article together for Starcross News thanking those who contributed towards the costs. Some form of open training session is also planned will be advertised via the newsletter and the Parish Council's website.

Playpark repairs - will be addressed in Parks and Gardens report

141122.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the month of October 2022 for Starcross and Kenton. 9 crimes were reported and 13 incidents.

Members asked for clarification on 'public safety' incidents and what this includes. The clerk will write to PC Orchard.

Members also received and noted the monthly Community Speedwatch report and rural monthly theme posters in relation to farm machinery and livestock theft.

141122.06 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting.

141122.07 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Zawadzka and Williamson)

7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 11 October – 14 November 2022 and were asked to approve the payments listed (copy attached).

Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the payments listed are made.

7.2 Members noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2022. Clerk's salary will be backdated accordingly.

7.3 **Action List Report**

There were no outstanding actions.

7.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**

The Chairman advised that he had started to put together some figures for next year's precept request and asked members for their budget suggestions.

141122.08 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE

(Cllrs Chase, Williamson, Allen, McNally and Rastall)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

8.1 Proposal: To have a stand at the SAFT Tree day on 11 December 2022 to consult on the development of a wildlife area in Bonhay Big Park

Proposer: Cllr Chase; Seconder: Cllr Allen

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to have a stand at the SAFT Tree day, as proposed.

8.2 **Action Report**

There were no outstanding matters requiring action.

8.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**

Members received a verbal report from the Committee. In summary:

The equipment in the play area is safe with the exception of the swing. Cllr McNally will be repairing this. The Committee are reluctant to spend any more money on

equipment at the moment until the spate of vandalism which has recently occurred wanes.

The boat park is clean and tidy.

The replanting on the Strand will be done for free.

A quote of £250 has been given to clear the bank adjoining Bakers Yard (to see what is there) and a further quote will be required to remove what is there, turn the soil over and improve the drainage.

Cllr Chase has spoken to Simon at Teign Housing and he has confirmed it is Teign Housing's responsibility to clear the dyke. The Parish Council can report this weekly to Teign Housing.

141122.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Cllrs Cadbury, Lovell, Zawadzka & McNally)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

9.1 **New applications/appeals**
None

9.2 **Decisions:**
22/01285/HOU – The Oaks, Staplake Road, Starcross
Extension of existing garage

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

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

9.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**
None

141122.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Allen and Redmond)

Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)

10.1 **Action List Report**
There were no actions requiring action.

10.2 **General Report/Questions & Answers**
The foodbank started on 8 November and runs twice a week in the Pavilion (Tuesdays and Thursdays). It is being run by Westbank and seems to have been received well.

141122.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

The Chairman advised that the new website is live but is lacking data; he asked if members could try and encourage people/groups to advertise their clubs etc. The circulation of news to subscribers is also being looked at.

141122.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS

Cllr Lovell commented that the war memorial looked dirty and offered to clean it.

141122.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS

None

141122.14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

141122.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 12 December 2022 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.40pm.

SIGNED:
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 12 December 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 November 2022

Summary of Bank Balances at 14 November 2022	
Current (C)	£35,429.09
Pavilion Trading (P)	£8,655.55
Allocated Reserves (A)	£37,957.55
Total	£82,042.19

Income: 12 October – 14 November 2022		
Pavilion hire	£189.40	P
Starcross Growers	£410	P
Ivy Education Trust (school contribution to sportsfield maintenance)	£600	C

Payments for approval			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (October + backdated pay)	£784.92	C
HMRC (PAYE)	PAYE	£1.60	C
RBL	Poppy wreath	£20	C
Plant Tech	Sportsfield and Playpark maintenance (October + November)	£1866.24	C
HMRC	Pavilion VAT	£199.01	P
T Greenslade	Pavilion cleaning, fobbing (October) + boat park cleaning	£207.50	P
Tamar Security	Annual maintenance of fire alarm system	£275.94	P

Direct Debits: 11 October – 14 November 2022			
Natwest (17/10)	Bankline fees	£24.00	C
Opus (21/10)	Pavilion electricity	£81.38	P
Biffa (23/10)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£45.79	P
Opus (26/10)	Pavilion gas	£17.03	P
Octopus Energy (14/10)	Pavilion energy	£284.49	P
Shell Energy (9/11)	Broadband/telephone	£19.10	P

Clerk (October)	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£727.85	£1.60	£726.25	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£30.60
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£14.40
TOTAL				£784.92

