



Starcross  
Parish Council

# STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Monday 12 December 2022 at 7.40pm

**Present:**

Cllr Hopper (Chairman), Allen, Cadbury, Chase, McNally and Rastall

**Also present:**

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

## RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

There were no comments.

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**121222.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Lovell
- Cllr Pegg
- Cllr Williamson
- Cllr Zawadzka
- District/County Cllr Connett
- PC Orchard & PCSO Bunce
- Freda Eyre (applicant to be co-opted at item 2)

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**121222.02 CASUAL VACANCY**

Members received an application from Freda Eyre to fill the casual vacancy. Unable to attend the meeting, it was agreed to co-opt her in her absence and that her declaration of acceptance of office would be signed at the next meeting.

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**121222.03 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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**121222.04 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022.

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

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**121222.05 ACTION REPORT**

The Chair had circulated the action report and asked Committee Chairs to address any outstanding actions in their respective reports.

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**121222.06 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT**

PC Orchard advised that he was not in a position to provide a regular monthly crime report at the moment as the force is transitioning to a new IT system. He did, however, circulate a Community Speedwatch report; there were 4 sessions during November and 57 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit. He also circulated the monthly gazette.

Cllr McNally advised that someone from the dissolved Exminster speedwatch team has now joined the Starcross team.

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**121222.07 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting.

The Chairman advised that he would follow up on the Untidy Land Notice in respect of Starcross Garage.

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**121222.08 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Zawadzka and Williamson)

- 8.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 15 November – 12 December 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.

- 8.2 Proposal: To agree a revision of the Committees previously circulated  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to agree a revision of the Committees, as proposed.

- 8.3 Proposal: To accept the draft precept for 2023-24 as circulated  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the proposed budget for 2023-24. The cash to be requested from TDC would therefore be £43,884.

ACTION: Clerk to send precept request to TDC

- 8.4 Proposal: That the storage shed on the allotments be sold to the Allotments Association for £1  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the storage shed on the allotments be sold to the Allotments Association for £1.

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

- 8.6 **General Report/Question & Answers**  
None
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**121122.09 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE**  
(Cllrs Chase, Williamson, Allen, McNally and Rastall)

**Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)**

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

- 9.2 **General Report/Question & Answers**  
Cllr Chase advised that the plants, shrubs and bulbs have now all been planted along the Strand and Millennium Garden and she thanked Cllr Allen and other volunteers for

their help with this. Two knowledgeable volunteers have also been recruited to help with the rewilding section. The Committee has not yet had time to look at the bench and determine whether or not it is salvageable. The bolts on the swings have been tightened; the Chair thanked Geoff Pitts and Julie Brown for their assistance with this.

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**121222.10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**  
(Cllrs Cadbury, Lovell, Zawadzka & McNally)

**Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)**

**10.1 New applications/appeals**

10.1.1 22/02229/ADV – The Strand, Starcross

Replace existing double-sided internally illuminated 6-sheet Bus Shelter advertising displays with double-sided digital displays. Replacement digital displays will portray static advertising images that change every 10 seconds

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that no comment is made.

The Chairman advised that he has spoken to Fernbank, the owners of the shelter, and suggested that they consider using the piece of land behind the shelter and moving the whole shelter back to improve visibility when exiting the Fishing and Cruising Club car park. It would also help to tidy up that area. They would be happy to consider this.

**10.2 Decisions:**  
None

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

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

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**121222.11 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD**  
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Allen and Redmond)

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

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

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

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**121222.12 WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

The Chairman advised that information about local groups and clubs still needs to be added to the website. The Clerk advised that she had received some sign-up requests for the newsletter.

The Council thanked the Christmas Tree Group for putting up and decorating this year's tree.

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**121222.13 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Members discussed TDC's proposals to improve the safety of Swan Steps (paper circulated prior to the meeting).

It was agreed that an open question should be published in the Starcross Newsletter asking whether people use the steps. This will help to determine the scale of any necessary improvements.

In the meantime, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to TDC advising that members are not keen on creating a footpath on the inside of the sports field leading to the Generals Lane pedestrian entrance but would be happy to explore other ideas.

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**121222.14 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS**

Cllr Chase advised that she is currently trying to make enquiries about pavement repairs.

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**121222.15 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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**121222.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 9 January 2023 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.40pm.

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SIGNED:  
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 9 January 2023

*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 – 12 December 2022

<b>Summary of Bank Balances at 12 December 2022</b>	
Current (C)	£33,824.14
Pavilion Trading (P)	£8,244.56
Allocated Reserves (A)	£37,957.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,026.25</b>

<b>Income: 15 November – 12 December 2022</b>		
Pavilion hire	£208.40	P
HT Dons	£1463	P

<b>Payments for approval</b>			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (October + backdated pay)	£495.02	C
HMRC (PAYE)	PAYE	£64.60	C
Plant Tech	Sportsfield and Playpark maintenance (December)	£311.04	C
E Chase	Plants for The Strand	£129.87	C
T Greenslade	Pavilion cleaning, fobbing (November) + supplies	£192.95	P
Bramshaw Heating & Plumbing	Repair of fire alarm fault	£78	P
Source for Business	Pavilion water	£88.29	P

<b>Direct Debits: 15 November – 11 December 2022</b>			
Natwest (15/11)	Bankline fees	£23.60	C
Opus (17/11)	Pavilion gas	£3.96	P
Opus (21/11)	Pavilion electricity	£31.70	P
Biffa (21/11)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£45.79	P
Octopus Energy (14/11)	Pavilion energy	£76.66	P
Octopus Energy (9/12)	Pavilion energy	£219.06	P

<b>Clerk (November)</b>	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£516.25	£64.60	£451.65	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£15.30
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£14.40
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£495.02</b>

