



Starcross  
Parish Council

# STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Monday 6 February 2023 at 7.40pm

**Present:**

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

**Also present:**

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

## RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

There were no comments.

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**060223.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr McNally
- Cllr Chase

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**060223.02 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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**060223.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 January 2023.

**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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**060223.04 ACTION REPORT**

The Chairman listed the items on the action report:

Starcross Garage

Awaiting a response from TDC.

Cycle Path

The Chairman and Cllr Pegg will meet to discuss.

Swan Road Steps

No response has been received from TDC.

Pavements

Cllr Chase was not present.

Defibrillator

Cllr Williamson was not present.

Playpark bench

Cllr Pegg has looked at the bench. It was agreed to see if the graffiti will come off before looking further whether it would be cost effective to repair it.

## Levelling Up

Still continuing to look at this document.

## Certificate

Cllr McNally was not present.

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### **060223.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT**

No crime report. A copy of the monthly gazette was circulated to members.

Members were informed that the Community Speedwatch Team were currently unable to operate due to issues with insurance.

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### **060223.06 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Connett was not present.

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### **060223.07 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE (Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Pegg and Rastall)**

- 7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 10 January – 6 February 2023 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 Proposal: That future Parish Council meetings will be held on the second TUESDAY of each month, excluding August, commencing at 7.30pm  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that future Parish Council meetings will be held on the second TUESDAY of each month, excluding August, commencing at 7.30pm.

ACTION: Add to Website News

- 7.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**  
None
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### **060223.08 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE (Cllrs Chase, Williamson, McNally and Allen)**

#### **Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)**

#### **8.1 General Report/Question & Answers**

Cllr Allen reported that the shrubs that were planted in December are all growing. Everywhere is looking tidy. The contractor has been asked not to trim the Millennium Gardens where crocuses have been planted.

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### **060223.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury, Lovell & Zawadzka)**

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

#### **9.1 New applications/appeals**

- 9.1.1 22/02289/FUL – Land at Ngr 297273 81384, Staplake Lane, Starcross  
Single storey storage shed

Proposal: That no objections are raised  
*Proposer: Cllr Pegg; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to raise no objections.

9.1.2 23/00007/FUL & 23/00008/LBC – Brickhouse Farm Barn, Mamhead  
Conversion of storage barn and horse engine house to wedding/function venue  
including new access track, associated parking and landscaping

This was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting on 14 March  
pending further information.

9.2 **Decisions:**

9.2.1 23/00125/CLDP – 11 Longfield Estate, Starcross  
Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed extension of rear porch

Members noted that TDC has determined that the works described would have  
been lawful under the relevant legislation.

9.3 Proposal: To consider the draft Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-40  
(*deadline for comments is 13 March at noon*)

Some concerns were raised such as the long-term problems caused by increased  
housing in the Dawlish area and the subsequent increase in traffic through Starcross.  
It was agreed that, as the deadline for comments was before the next Parish Council  
meeting, the Chairman would draft a response for approval for members by email.

9.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**

None

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**060223.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD**

(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, McNally and Williamson)

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

10.1 Proposal: To accept a quotation of £270 + VAT from All Doors South West to service  
the doors and shutters in the Pavilion  
*Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Lovell*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation from All Doors South West to  
service the doors and shutters in the Pavilion.

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**060223.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

None

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**060123.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS**

12.1 Proposal: To approve a letter to South West Water sharing concerns about the sewage  
drainage system in Starcross  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury*

Cllr Eyre explained that Well Street has its own sewer drain issues which have not  
resulted in flooding. At times of low/no rainfall, the drains at Well Street back up as  
there is insufficient water to flush through the drains. Last summer, this happened so  
often that this drain is now checked by South West Water every two weeks. She  
therefore proposed an amendment to the draft letter (amendment in italics):

Question 1:

How many times have engineers visited Starcross to resolve problems *with the waste  
water system leading to actual or potential flooding* since October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 at a)  
Generals Lane pumping station b) Bonhay Road pumping station c) residential  
properties?

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the letter to South West Water, as circulated,  
with the proposed amendment.

ACTION: Add to Website News

- 12.2 Proposal: To approve the Allotments Association/Growers Group new Standing Orders  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper: Seconder: Cllr Cadbury*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the Allotments Association/Growers Group new Standing Orders

ACTION: Cllr Hopper to write to Allotments Association

- 12.3 Proposal: To agree the following meeting dates for the remainder of 2023:

14 March, 11 April, 16 May\*, 13 June, 11 July, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December  
*(\* third Tuesday of the month due to Parish Council elections and the legal requirement to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council after the 9<sup>th</sup> May)*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to agree the proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2023.

- 12.4 Cllr Eyre reported that an application has been made to the Tidy Teignbridge Local Area Clean-Up Fund 2023/24 for a grant of £1800 to tidy up and replant the circle at the bottom of Bonhay Road. There was also a brief discussion about posters to help prevent litter and dog fouling.

- 12.5 Cllr Lovell advised that she is still looking into the cleaning of the war memorial.

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**060223.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS**  
None

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**060223.14 CORRESPONDENCE**  
None

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**060223.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm.

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SIGNED:  
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 14 March 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 – 6 February 2023**

| <b>Summary of Bank Balances at 6 February 2023</b> |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Current (C)  | £31,506.33        |
| Pavilion Trading (P)                               | £8,230.14         |
| Allocated Reserves (A)                             | £38,030.08        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>£77,766.55</b> |

| <b>Income: 10 January – 6 February 2023</b> |          |   |
|---|----------|---|
| Football pitch hire                         | £480     | C |
| Pavilion hire                               | £1336.40 | P |

| <b>Payments for approval</b> |   |         |   |
|------------------------------|---|---------|---|
| Clerk                        | Salary & disbursements (January)  | £551.02 | C |
| HMRC (PAYE)                  | PAYE  | £8.60   | C |
| St Pauls Church              | Contribution towards grass cutting in the churchyard (sum already agreed in budget) | £600    | C |
| T Greenslade                 | Pavilion cleaning, fobbing and supplies (January)                                   | £184.75 | P |
| Tamar Security               | Call out to investigate and rectify issue with fire alarm                           | £146.70 | P |
| S Rastall                    | 3 x strip lights for Pavilion   | £18.00  | P |

| <b>Direct Debits 10 January – 6 February 2023</b> |   |        |   |
|---|---|--------|---|
| Natwest (16/1)                                    | Bankline fees                               | £23.20 | C |
| Biffa (23/1)                                      | Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection) | £66.24 | P |
| Shell Energy Broadband (16/1)                     | Pavilion telephone and broadband            | £19.10 | P |

| <b>Clerk (January)</b>  | Salary  | Tax   | Net     | Disbursements  |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------|
| Salary                  | £516.25 | £8.60 | £507.65 |                |
| 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>£551.02</b> |