



Starcross
Parish Council

STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Hopper (Chairman), Allen, Cadbury, Chase, Coupe, Eyre, Lovell, McNally, Pegg and Williamson

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and four members of the public

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

A resident advised that a screw has come out of the gate at the play park making the latch loose.

110624.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies from:

- Cllr Rastall
- District Cllr Taylor

110624.02 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.

110624.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2024.

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

110624.04 ACTION REPORT

Members noted the action report which had been circulated to them in advance of the meeting.

Well Street Cottages

In May's meeting it was reported that no interior work had started. Cllr Pegg to update members at item 9.

Bonhay Play Park

An order for a new bench and base was agreed in May's meeting. It was confirmed that a purchase order has been sent; the supplier has offered an oak bench rather than a soft wood bench for the same price.

Bus Shelters

The Council received notification from DCC that a new crossing is to be installed. Cllr Hopper has requested that the boxes containing the equipment be resited to allow for a new shelter. A response from Highways is awaited.

110624.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT

Crime

During the period 1 – 31 May, there were five crimes recorded (1 x fraud, 1 x burglary, 1 x drugs, 1 x common assault, 1 road related offence). Domestic related crimes are excluded from this report. It was agreed that the Chair would write to PCSO Bunce to find out why domestic related crimes are excluded from the crime reports.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr McNally reported that there have been 4 sessions; 100 vehicles were detected speeding through the village. Both signs are currently operational and will be swapped around again in the next couple of weeks.

110624.06 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No reports.

110624.07 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE (Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Pegg and Rastall)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** - members received and noted the financial report 14 May – 10 June 2024 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: To increase Tom Greenslade's hourly rate to £11.44 per hour to take effect from 1 August 2024. The rate to be applied to daily and occasional duties undertaken relating to the Pavilion and Sportsfield

Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to increase Tom Greenslade's hourly rate to £11.44, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to apply

FUNDING: Precept - Cleaning

- 7.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**

A Finance & Governance meeting was held last week to agree the process for making grant applications. It was agreed that major grant applications should go through the Finance & Governance Committee first to prevent duplication.

110624.08 PARKS & GARDENS (Cllrs Chase, Williamson, McNally and Allen)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

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

There is an unknown weed growing at the far end of the play park; advice is being sought to establish what it is with a view to eradicating it if is harmful. Cllr Chase is still waiting for replacement equipment fixings. Other than these matters, safety checks have been completed and everything is tidy.

It was agreed that some work was needed at the dinghy park (numbering the bays, fixing the rack etc). The Chair and Cllr Chase will agree a plan of action outside the meeting.

110624.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & Lovell)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

9.1 **New applications/appeals**
None

9.2 **Decisions:**
None

9.3 **Other/General Report/Question & Answers**
Well Street Cottages – the owner is seeking a quote for new windows. There have been four large, acrid bonfires in the garden which nearby residents have been very unhappy about. It was agreed to write to TDC for an update.

110624.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, McNally and Williamson)

10.1 Proposal: To re-render and paint the base of the Pavilion building at £166.56 per sq metre. Detailed measurements and total cost to follow.
Proposer: Cllr Hopper;

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to defer this item pending further product research and costs.

10.2 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper £39.65 for items purchased for the Pavilion Café
Proposer: Cllr McNally; Seconder: Cllr Eyre

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to reimburse Cllr Hopper £39.65, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to refund
FUNDING: Precept

Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)

10.3 General Report/Questions & Answers
None

110624.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

11.1 Proposal: To repair, replace damaged bricks and clean the walls surrounding the circular planter and the Sercombe Garden bed as needed at a cost of £200 as quoted from Plant Tech (details circulated to members).
Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder: Cllr Chase

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the quotation from Plant Tech for £200 to repair, replace, damaged bricks and clean the walls surrounding the circular planter and the Sercombe Garden bed

FUNDING: Precept (repair/maintenance work as agreed at the F&G Committee meeting)

ACTION: Clerk to raise PO

110624.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS
None

110624.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS
None

110624.14 RESIDENTS' CORRESPONDENCE

Members received and noted correspondence from residents which had been circulated to them before the meeting.

110624.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 July 2024** in the Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm.

SIGNED:
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 9 July 2024

Note: Where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda, this document will be available on request from the Clerk by emailing starcrossp for cclerk@gmail.com

Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 11 June 2024

Summary of Bank Balances at 10 June 2024	
Current (C)	£22,486.20
Pavilion Trading (P)	£9,160.61
Allocated Reserves (A)	£59,579.44
Total	£91,226.25

Income: 14 May – 10 June 2024		
Pavilion hire	£432	P
Pavilion café	£180.10	P
Bank interest (31 May)	£73.28	A

Payments for approval			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (May)	£597.02	C
Teignbridge District Council	Emptying of dog/litter bins and litter picking 2024-25	£5280	C
Exe Estuary Management Partnership	Contribution for 2024/25	£279	C
Turtle Engineering Ltd	Defibrillator pads and batteries	£126	C
E Chase	Reimbursement for fencing work at the play park	£70	C
Plant Tech	Grass cutting and maintenance (May)	£1113.12	C
Tamar Security	Dual technology detector replacement	£50.75	P
Source for Business	Pavilion water	£194.59	P
MAT Electrics	PA Testing (24 items)	£73.92	P
J Hopper	Reimbursement for items purchased for Pavilion Café	£39.65	P
T Greenslade	Pavilion - cleaning, fobbing & supplies (May)	£257.54	P

Direct Debits: 14 May – 10 June 2024			
Bankline (15/5)	Banking fees	£24.50	C
Shell Energy (14/5)	Pavilion telephone & broadband	£23.70	P
Biffa (28/5)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£30.53	P

Clerk (May)	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£551.25	£0	£551.25	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£15.30
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£16.80
TOTAL				£597.02