

10 Members of the public were present

Present: Mr R Tully (Chairman), Miss E Bridge, Miss P Ellis, Mr P. Fenwick, Mrs R. Garner Mr H Rawlings and Mr J Robinson.

1 Apologies – Mrs C Hunt, Mr I Jones and District Cllr Rose Rowe

2 Police Report – From a report received Cllr Robinson advised that criminal damage had occurred in Coombe House Lane where a male offender had attempted to force open a window of a caravan and remove a wind break. Whilst PCSO Paula Frain was on routine foot patrol in Stoke Gabriel village she came across a break in progress on Tuesday 17th September at 1030hrs (AM) when person or persons were heard inside the Gabriel Court Hotel. Unfortunately the offender/ offenders got out of a very high upstairs window on the road side of the property. Extra Police Officers along with the Police dog were called but unfortunately the dog was unable to pick up a track due to the weather and foot and vehicle traffic affecting the scent. It was unknown if or where any vehicle was parked as no vehicle was parked at the hotel itself. Please can Paula ask anyone with any information to call 101 and quote the crime number JS/13/1141 which she has passed to CID who is dealing.

3 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting on 12 August 2013

Taken as read and signed by the Chairman,

4 Matters arising from the Minutes – None

5 Chairman's Report – The Chairman had nothing to report other than the items on the agenda

6 Reports from County & District Councillors – From an e-mail received Cllr Rowe reported that there was very little to report and the main work at present was on the finances and budgets for 2014/2015 and beyond of both councils.

7 Reports from sub-Committees Cllr Fenwick advised that final landscaping work is being carried out Rowe's Meadow as conditions are suitable for planting. Where seeded areas have not taken then turf will be used. Dead trees will be replaced. A new proposal is close with respect to the area which was transferred, Regarding the Section 106 agreement applications have been received from the Football & Cricket Clubs, the Boating Association and Scouts. The total amount requested against the £43k of the '106' is £72K. Cllrs Robinson and Fenwick intend to meet with Ross Kennerly as early as possible to review and check the validity of the applications with a view to proposing alternatives to the PC preferably at the next meeting. The Cavanna Steering Group met with representatives of Cavanna on 10th September for an introductory meeting during which the consultation process was detailed. There will be 3 workshops although this process is itself flexible supported by 6 steering group meetings. The first event will take place on Thursday 24th October in the Village Hall. 2-5:30 followed by workshops. This is detailed in the Village magazine although wider publicity will take place to encourage as much participation as possible. Cavanna are committed to a significant level of consultation and we were encouraged by the meeting. Minutes will appear on the web-site which will up & running shortly. Regarding the Neighbourhood Planning Forum there had been 16 questions received from members of the Parish Plan Group Members following the open forum Responses have been received from the 3 presenters and circulated. The key points are a neighbourhood plan has statutory weight and must be considered in making planning decisions, SHDC can give make no commitment with respect to allocation of houses to Stoke Gabriel in the new Local Plan, SHDC are unable currently to demonstrate a district-wide five year supply of housing land and therefore, according to the NPPF housing policies should not be considered to be up-to-date and the presumption in favour of sustainable development therefore applies. We are as vulnerable as every other Parish in the South Hams and a NP takes 12-18 months which fits with the timescale for the local Plan. Only seven Parishes have started the process to date. Producing a NP at the same time as a LP has distinct advantages of avoiding duplication of information collection, community engagement, and influencing content of each more easily, no Limit to the number of Neighbourhood Plans which SHDC can support, the Housing needs survey is out of date, should we do we do another and there is a cost to producing a NP1 around £17 – 20 K with grant. The Call for sites for the LP has gone live. There is no need for an applicant to own the land in proposing sites. Cllr Fenwick proposed that the Council solicit opinion from the Parish, using a mail drop and e-mail

chain as to whether there is interest and support from Parishioners to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and actively participate in the large amount of work needed to follow the defined process to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. We need a broad range of skills and participation to make this effective. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Tully and Cllr Fenwick would submit a detailed brief for approval. Cllr Garner advised that to allay any confusion regarding the status of the Parish Plan Group it would now be referred to as the Community Group. Cllr Rawlings advised that due to work pressures there was no further progress with the web site although a number of volunteers have responded to his advert calling for help. They will be adding content over the next few months.

8 Planning The following planning applications had been considered at meetings held on 16th September 2013 at which the following councillors were present: Tully, Hunt, Ellis, Robinson, and Bridge and on 30th September 2013 at which the following councillors were present: Tully, Ellis, Robinson, and Bridge.

1. Marians Maples, Vicarage Close – Erection of single dwelling **No Objection but request that the dwelling is in line with existing dwellings in Vicarage Close**
2. The Burrows, Flood Street – Create flat dormer to rear **Objection neighbour impact consider obscure glass**
3. Gabriel Court Hotel, Stoke Hill – Renewal of planning consent demolition and construction **No objection**
4. The Lodge, Duncannon Lane – Extension to rear **No objection**
5. Tamberly, Duncannon Lane – Alterations to roof **No objection**
6. Old Orchard Barn, Maddicks Orchard – Replace garage doors **No objection**

Planning Applications Granted by SHDC –

1. Ramslade Caravan Club Site – Increase storage area and pitches
2. The Lodge, Duncannon Lane – Extension to rear of dwelling
3. 3 Rows Farm Barns, Aish Road – Revision of planning application additional fascia
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Planning Applications refused by SHDC –

1. Riverways, Mill Hill – Demolition and erection of dwelling

Applications Withdrawn – Gabriel Court Hotel – Demolition of Cottage and construction of a new dwelling

Appeals Received by SHDC – None

Ongoing Applications – Cllr Robinson advised that a site survey would be carried out on Thursday 3rd October regarding the change of use of land behind Rows Meadow to a burial site.

9 Items raised on behalf of the Clerk – Cllr Robinson advised that Bob the Bus had been successful with their lottery bid and requested agreement for their Co-ordinator to make a presentation at the October meeting. This was agreed. Confirmation to the Wassail group to use the village orchard in January was agreed. A meeting between Cllrs Tully and Robinson and the landlord of the Castle Inn had been held regarding the signs and lights outside and ongoing parking problems. As these issues had not been addressed it was agreed that a further meeting be arranged. A meeting at Follaton House had been arranged to discuss the possible winter closure of the public toilets. It was agreed that a way to ensure that they are kept open should be sought.

10 Hoyle Copse No report received.

11 Highway and Hedgerow Matters – Cllr Robinson advised that he had attended a meeting with Lisa Edmonds and John Hodgson of Devon Highways regarding various issues. Before walking around the village discussions took place regarding policies and funding. Lisa advised that the basic cost of advertising changes to Highway regulations had increased from £ 1400.00 to £ 3,000.00. Devon County Highways have no additional funding within their budgets. Bus Stop area outside Stoke Gabriel Stores. The PC had, in principle, already agreed to reduce the size of the bus stop area and incorporate a “loading/unloading” bay on the lower end of the existing bus stop. Highways are still happy to arrange this and Roz Holmes, from the shop, was asked to prepare a map showing measurements and spacing for this project. From a request from

some resident's consideration was given to remove the yellow lines from the entrance to The Barnhay. This would give an additional two to three parking spaces. The downside would be a possible restriction to those residents at Stoke Gabriel Cottage and Downings Close being able to use their driveways. Careful consideration should be given and agreement sought from those residents. The present yellow lines in Mill Hill are for summer time only. Highways would make this an all year restriction. At the Vicarage Road junction with New Road extensive damage had occurred to the stone wall outside Warley Close caused by oversize lorries. Highways advised that they could not pay for any signs or bollards. Highways would agree to the placing of a reflective sign on the wall by the owner. It was also agreed that this Council could have a sign made and erected stating that it was unsafe for large lorries and caravans to enter the village. This sign should be erected somewhere close the Rydon Close. A quote of £ 78.60 had been received from SWH Ltd who make the official signs for DCC and it was agreed by all to order this. From the floor Trevor Sedgbeer agreed to site the sign. Agreement was given to painting a white line at the junction of Vicarage Road/Flood Street and Hoile Lane. Regarding parking at the entrance to Flood Street from Paignton Road a suggestion was made by Highways that yellow lines are laid from the junction to 1 Flood Street (the old Top Shop!) and opposite at Summer Stitches. To offset the loss of parking three additional parking bays could be installed in Paignton Road just below and opposite Chapel Court, outside numbers 1, 2 Paignton Road. This would also create traffic calming. It was agreed that this could be considered. Longcombe Cross. Highways will discuss the parking and access problems with Berry Pomperoy Parish Council. Cllr Rowe may be able to assist. Regarding the lorry parked in the field entrance this is technically advertising which requires planning permission. The issue of parking on the verge in Paignton Road was discussed and Highways will check to ascertain if it is their land. If not then SHDC should be consulted. A white line will be painted at the junction of Broadpath and Stoke Hill. Over a period of time the 20MPH limit will be monitored and various white circles with "20mph" will be painted on the roads. Regarding the 30MPH around the rest of the Parish Highways will confirm if the existing signage is legal. If not they will arrange to erect suitable signs. If it is legal then the police will be informed accordingly. Originally the cost of advertising and arranging new highway regulations was to be £ 14000.00. This Council agreed to pay £ 700.00 and Cllr Pennington £ 700.00. Cllr Pennington has now retired as a County Cllr and the cost has doubled. All highway alterations can and should be included in one go thus keeping the cost of £ 3,000.00. Cllr Robinson suggested that this Council pay £ 1500.00 and request that County Cllr Rowe considers assisting with the balance. Cllr Garner thanked Cllr Robinson for his hard work in connection with the highways issues. Cllr Fenwick proposed that the Council should consider purchasing "poop scoop dispensers" which can be obtained from an independent company. They would cost £ 91.00 each with a box of 1000 bags costing £ 25.00. It was agreed to seek advice from SHDC and report at the next meeting. From a point raised by Cllr Rawlings the Church House Inn car park arrangements were discussed. It was generally agreed that this Council should not become involved and the landowners should make their own arrangements. Cllr Bridge advised that Byter Mill Lane could be permanently closed due to land slippage. Cllr Bridge raised concern over the footpath entrance on the Aish Road into Rowes Meadow. It was agreed to discuss this further with both Devon Highways and Linden Homes. Cllr Ellis advised that horses were being ridden on the Rowes Meadow footpath and the path between Flood Street and Vicarage Grove. It was agreed to consider signs and a note in the Parish Magazine.

. 12 **Matters raised by Councillors** – None

13 **Accounts -** To agree the following payments

It was proposed by Cllr Fenwick and seconded by Cllr Garner to make these payments

R.I. Jones – New gate post	£ 66.00
Stoke Gabriel Carnival – Donation towards lighting	£ 500.00
CPRE – Annual subscription	£ 29.00
Alan Wood – Fit new sign board	£ 25.00
J. Robinson – August/September Expenses	£ 46.29
South Hams District Council – New litter bin Memorial gardens	£ 449.72
T & J Builders – Various works around the village	£ 468.36

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm
October 2013

Date of next Meeting- Monday 28th

R.J. Tully, Chairman

