

10 Members of the public were present

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

In Attendance District Cllr Rose Rowe

1 Apologies – Mrs R. Garner

2 Police Report – From a report received Cllr Robinson advised that PCSO Paula Frain asks that if residents in Stoke Gabriel are victims of criminal damage please call 101 and report it. She often hears second/ third hand reports of damage in the village but residents need to report this and call at the time to report the damage and not wait to see an officer in the village as the police lose valuable investigation time by waiting. If damage is not reported and ignored then the police will not know it is going on so please call 101 to report or 999 if you see it occurring and damage taking place there and then at the time. Cllr Jones advised that a building in Millers Lane was unsafe. It was agreed to write to SHDC.

3 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting on 30th September 2013

Taken as read and signed by the Chairman,

4 Matters arising from the Minutes – None

5 Chairman's Report – Prior to the formal meeting representatives from “Bob the Bus” thanked the Parish for its support with the lottery bid. It was reported that the bid had been successful and a new bus had been ordered with delivery in late April 2014. Discussion took regarding a possible dedicated Tuesday service from the village to Totnes running all day during the summer months. Further discussions will take place in the near future. Cllr Tully thanked David Edwards, Secretary and Lionel Harper Treasurer for attending the meeting.

6 Reports from County & District Councillors – Cllr Rowe reported that the District Council could not continue running the front line services on the present SSA grant from Central Government and would undergo a radical review with their partners at West Devon. There is an anticipated staff cut of approximately 25% of internal staff. All staff will have to re-apply for their jobs and work will be more IT based. No out working staff will be affected. The Boundary review has been completed and there will be 31 District Cllrs from May 2015. This Parish will be part of the Dartmouth Ward with Townstal and Kingswear with three District Cllrs. The District Council tried to keep Stoke Gabriel in with Berry Pomeroy, Littlehempston and Marldon but the Commission declined to listen. Regarding County Council matters the finances are being looked at for next year looking at Homes for Children, the elderly and library vans. The library in this Parish is well used and would not be affected. The Public enquiry regarding White Cleave quarry was dismissed but it is likely that a further application would be submitted.

7 Reports from sub-Committees Cllr Fenwick advised he and Cllr Robinson meet with SHDC, Highways & Linden following concerns regarding the safety of the footpath exit opposite Crownley Lane. DCC will write to Linden proposing differently coloured strips on the road to indicate the accesses. The hedge has already been cut back by Roger Baron and the visibility much improved. It was agreed to write to Mr Baron thanking him for his work. Pedestrian signs are also being considered. SHDC do not support fixed goalposts on the kick about area. The solution will probably be a removable goalpost which we may have to fund. In any case this should not be installed before the spring to allow the area to establish itself. Cavanna Homes held their first community event on Thursday 24th October. It was very well attended both during the day with more than 100 attendees and in the evening discussion sessions which were very lively. The Steering Group will meet in mid-November to discuss the records of the inputs which will then be loaded onto the web-site. This also provides background information and a ‘have your say’ tab. There are still a few changes to make to the draft document intended to solicit opinion on the desirability and support for a Neighbourhood plan. This is to be dropped as agreed at the last meeting, to all households in the Parish. This will be ready prior to the next meeting. Cllr Fenwick is continuing to research potential costs which are likely to be in the order of £17K for a neighbourhood plans. However this estimate appears to ‘value’ voluntary work and there are grants available from Locality to support this. The Management Plan for the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty protected landscape is being reviewed to develop a revised plan for 2014-19. The consultation finishes on the 17th November. The Chairman wished that thanks to Cllrs Fenwick and Robinson is recorded for the arranging of

the Cavanna consultation day. Cllr Rawlings advised that he had a number of editors who were assisting with the input onto the new web site and anticipated that it would be finalised fairly soon.

8 Planning The following planning applications had been considered at a meeting held on 28th October 2013 at which the following councillors were present: Hunt, Ellis, Robinson, and Bridge.

1. The Gabriel Court Hotel - Renewal of lapsed planning application **No objection but original stone wall must be retained.**
2. Dolphins, Vicarage Close – Erection of a double garage **Objection. Neighbourly impact**

Planning Applications Granted by SHDC –

1. The Burrows, Flood Street – Flat dormer to rear of property
2. Marians maples, Vicarage Road – Outline permission for single dwelling and garage

Planning Applications refused by SHDC – None

Applications Withdrawn – None

Appeals Received by SHDC – None

Ongoing Applications – Cllr Robinson advised that the site survey had been carried out and the report was forthcoming regarding the change of use of land behind Rows Meadow to a burial site.

9 Items raised on behalf of the Clerk – Regarding the meeting between Cllrs Tully and Robinson and the landlord of the Castle Inn regarding the signs and lights outside and ongoing parking problems it was agreed that a further meeting should be arranged. A thank you letter received from the Carnival Committee thanking the Council for the donation towards the Christmas lights was read out. The monthly Devon Senior Voice magazine was passed to Cllr Ellis. Regarding the Section 106 agreement he and Cllr Robinson had met with Ross Kennerly to review the applications which he agreed were all valid. We await written confirmation of his recommendations which will be discussed at the next meeting.

10 Hoyle Copse - Cllr Jones reported that advantage was taken of the fine weather to mow the wild flower meadow in the Copse and to dry the hay, bale and remove. Cllr Jones was pleased to have seen a buzzard swoop down and fly off with a large snake. The gate at the Aish Road entrance had rotted and has now been replaced with a socketed steel post. The welcome sign would be repaired in due course. Lynne Kenderdine, the Country Wildlife Site Officer of the Devon Wildlife Trust had spent a day carrying out a detailed wildlife survey of the site prior to preparing a report and recommendations for the future of the Copse. Lynne has agreed to present her report at the November Council meeting. The Copse gang will recommence work at the end of October. In the Village orchard it was noted that a large branch on an apple tree had fallen due to the weight of apples and blocked a path. This has now been removed. More ivy has been cleared from the stone boundary walls and assistance was given with the clearance work in the Church graveyard.

11 Highway and Hedgerow Matters – Cllr Ellis advised that the bench at Orchard Close required repair. The dead tree in Broadpath had not been removed and DCC would be advised. Cllr Ellis thanked Trevor Sedgbeer for the work carried out around the War Memorial garden. Cllr Tully advised that the large pothole at Waddeton was due to a water leak. Cllr Robinson reported that he and Cllr Fenwick had recently walked the village with the new District Dog warden. The SHDC dog control orders had been updated and posters had been displayed around the village. The full report would be in the November issue of the Parish magazine. Cllr Robinson also reported that the new restriction sign had been erected at Rydon Cross. The issue of parking on the verge in Paignton Road outside Landmark was discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs Rowe and Robinson visit the premises and discuss the issue with the owners. Cllr Bridge raised the issue concerning Byter Mill Lane. It was agreed to raise this again with DCC Highways.

. 12 Matters raised by Councillors – Cllr Ellis requested agreement to order a Parish wreath for the remembrance day parade. This was agreed and also to pay for the wreath on delivery.

13 Accounts - To agree the following payments

It was proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Jones to make these payments

Village Hall Committee – Hall hire	£ 28.00
Blacksnow Web Design – Web hosting 2013/2014	£ 47.94
Plandsape – September cutting and flower beds	£ 342.03
J. Robinson – October Expenses	£ 39.17
MOJ Shared Services – Blue tit boxes	£ 78.05
T & J Builders – Erect new sign and general clearance in village	£ 245.00

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next Meeting- Monday 25th November 2013