

12 Members of the public were present

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

In Attendance: County/District Cllr Rose Rowe

1 Apologies – Mr P. Fenwick and Mr H Rawlings

2 To elect Chairman and Vice Chair –

It was proposed by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Hunt that Cllr Tully be re-elected as Chairman. This proposal was carried unanimously. It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Tully that Cllr Hunt be re-elected as Vice Chair. This proposal was carried. Cllr Tully thanked the Councillors for their support and for the honour of being Chairman for another year.

3 To elect members of sub committees and Lead Cllrs

Cllr Tully proposed that the present members of the planning subcommittee be re-elected on block. This was agreed. The members would be Cllrs Hunt, Ellis, Bridge and Robinson. It was also agreed that lead Cllrs would continue in their present roles.

4 Police Report – No report received. Cllr Robinson advised that the football club had recently been broken into and lead had been stolen from a property on Paignton Road.

5 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting on 29th April 2013

Taken as read and signed by the Chairman,

6 Matters arising from the Minutes – None

7 Chairman's Report – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first Parish Council meeting of the new Council year. Cllr Tully then spoke regarding the ten minutes session. He advised the public cannot take part in the proceedings of the Council but this Council encouraged the public to take an interest in Council affairs and therefore included an item at the beginning of the meeting to allow members of the public to bring to the attention of the Council any issues or problems which are not already listed on the agenda that they feel the Council ought to be made aware of. The 10 minute session does not form part of the meeting and is not minuted. If however an issue raised is considered to be of a particular importance the Chairman can request that either the point is discussed at the next meeting under the appropriate agenda item or raised by a Councillor at the present meeting again under the appropriate agenda item. The standing orders adopted by this Council state that no member of the public will be allowed to speak during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman to answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. If a member of the public or a Councillor wishes to speak on a subject which is not included in the agenda the Chairman will suspend the standing orders and instruct that minutes are not recorded and does not require a response or debate. The Chairman further advised that many Councils do not allow members of the public to speak at all at their meetings and the above does not change the view of this Council. This Council has adopted its own standing orders together with those laid down by NALC and the Chairman asked that those attending the meetings respect this.

8 Reports from County & District Councillors – The Chairman congratulated Cllr Rowe on being elected as County Cllr for our area. Cllr Rowe advised that she had attended an induction day on Monday 13th May and would sit on the farm estates, corporate and peoples committees. She would also report on the Torbay Hospital Trust and Totnes School Foundation. Regarding District affairs the Annual meeting was held on 9th May at which Cllr Bryan Carson became Chairman and Cllr Hitchens vice Chair. The number of members on the Development Management Committee has been reduced to 12 and the new Chairman is Cllr Steer. The Scrutiny Panel has now encouraged younger members. There will also be a cut in the number of Full Council meetings with a reduction from six to four each year. There had been two motions regarding the Local Government Boundary Review Commission and Cllr Rowe then introduced the leader of the District Council Cllr John Tucker to explain the Council's responses. Cllr Tucker advised that a letter from the Boundary Review Commission had been received last September when they were advised that the Commission had made their decision and requested responses and consultation. The Council voted in September to adopt this decision. The Council agreed that they required at least 30 members and had no

choice but to reduce despite the strong views of 25 Parish Councils. There had been two recommendations regarding the re warding process which was outside the Government guidelines and it had been proposed that Stoke Gabriel join up with Kingswear. The Boundary Commission were now requesting responses to the proposed boundary changes and Cllr Tucker suggested that we as a Council should submit our suggestions. The Chairman thanked Cllr Tucker for his time and advising us of the District Council's views.

Reports from Sub-Committees From a report received from Cllr Fenwick Cllr Robinson advised that regarding Rowe's Meadow there were still difficulties with South Hams responses. As requested he had provided Cllr Rowe with details of outstanding issues particularly with Ross Kennerly. Regarding Cavanna Cllr Robinson, in his capacity as Acting Clerk, had advised Cavanna that our steering committee members have now been finalised. We had a holding response from Des Dunlop of D2 Planning on May 1st and nothing since. The ball is in their court. Cllr Robinson and Cllr Fenwick have arranged a meeting with a senior manager of the Community Council of Devon to discuss 'Neighbourhood Plans' – 29th May. We will revisit in July. Thanks go to Richard Harris for his document on Neighbourhood Plans which all Councillors have for review. Renewable Energy Consultation – All Councillors have this. Cllr Fenwick proposed that this is sent to SHDC – thanks to the low-e group for their support on this. Cllr Garner reported that The Parish Plan group had held its second open meeting. The viability and value of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed in some depth. They also looked at the discussion document that Richard Harris has produced as a design guide for residential development in the village. The document had been produced to inspire people to think about issues in preparation for the official Cavanna Forums and to make sure no specific areas were left out. The Parish Plan group would like to make this available for anyone who is interested to look at and comment upon, and we will be putting posters up with this information. Paper copies of the report will be available for anyone who cannot access a computer. In advance of the updated Parish Plan website, a village vision website is available to hold information and discussions forums. The next Parish Plan open meeting to look further at the discussion document for the Paignton Road Site will be on Monday 10th June at 9.15am in the Baptist Chapel meeting rooms. We would be discussing the following questions: i) What are the benefits of a NP for Stoke Gabriel? ii) What is the relevance of an NP? iii) Is it worthwhile to produce an NP? In response to the PC's request for greater accessibility for everyone, there will also be an evening meeting - details TBC. The PP group has compiled a list of Community Assets for the PC to discuss and formalize. We suggest that any Community Asset must be low maintenance and not adversely affect any current owners. Community Assets must be realistically chosen in terms of expense/funding and running/maintenance. The group recommends Hoyle Copse/the Orchard, the school playing fields, both allotment sites, the village hall, the Baptist Chapel and meeting rooms, the public toilets and the paved area at Rydon Cross. No businesses were included (shops, pub, tea rooms, PO etc) since this could cause difficulty for the current owners should they need to sell, and we would ideally wish them all to continue as thriving businesses rather than community run co-operatives. If a business closed with no buyer, the community could still look into raising funds, but it would be better for all if we could encourage local support for all the shops, pubs, and eateries now. Discussion took place regarding the list of Community Assets and it was agreed that the list would be formalised after the owners were consulted and the form submitted

9 Planning The following planning application had been considered at a meeting held on 20th May 2013 at which the following councillors were present: Hunt, Ellis, Robinson, and Bridge.

1. Amberley, Vicarage Road – Alterations and extensions No objection

Planning Applications Granted by SHDC –

1) 9 Andrews Park, Rowes Meadow – Erection of hardwood conservatory

Planning Applications refused by SHDC – None

Applications Withdrawn – None. Appeals Received by SHDC – None

Ongoing Applications – Cllr Robinson advised that the application regarding Lower Broadpath would be heard at the District Development Committee meeting on Wednesday despite objections being received at the way site inspection meeting had been conducted. Cllr Robinson advised that good progress was being made regarding the purchase of land for the burial site and thanked the owner for his agreement and assistance. A pre planning application number 52/1164/13 was now lodged with the Council for change of use

10 Items raised on behalf of the Clerk – Cllr Robinson advised that there was a meeting on 22nd May at the Civic Hall, Totnes concerning transport in and around Totnes. He also advised that the Tuesday Bob the Bus service was stopping due to lack of use. Discussion took place and Cllrs were surprised that there had been very little advertising of this service and the fact that it had run during the winter months and would now cease when holiday makers were present in the village. It was agreed to write a letter expressing our concerns.

11 Hoyle Copse Cllr. Jones advised that no work had been carried out in the Copse other than clearing and spaying nettles in the area of new planting near Lindon Homes and the entrance from Path Field. The Devon Wildlife Trust representative, Lynn Kenderine had to postpone her next visit and would now visit on 7th August with an aim to help prepare a management plan for the future care and development of the Copse. Some work had been carried out removing ivy from the churchyard boundary wall in the village orchard. The carved wooden welcome sign to Hoyle Copse had not yet been repaired but will soon be back in position. Cllr Jones proposed that as the Stoke Gabriel in Bloom group no longer existed the present firm who cut the verges and orchard be asked to spray weeds on roads and footpath edges, prune trees and shrubs around the bus shelter and the wall at Rydon Acres and prune and tidy up the shrubs at the entrance to Pound Field. This was agreed. It was also agreed to add a small gate from the new access road to the southern edge of the Copse.

12 Highway and Hedgerow Matters – Cllr Hunt advised that although they were in Torbay the potholes at Whitehill and Coombe House Lane were dangerous. Cllr Jones reported that the sign post in Aish to Fleet Mill Lane was falling over. Cllr Bridge reported that the safety barriers at Rowes Meadow leading onto Aish Road were missing. Cllr Robinson advised that permanent barriers would soon be in place but he and Trevor Sedgbeer would replace the temporary barriers. She also was concerned that nothing had happened about the proposed parking bay outside the village stores. Cllr Robinson that this issue was still ongoing and Cllr Rowe agreed to speak with Devon Highways. Cllr Ellis advised that there were potholes in School Hill and cracks were appearing at Byter Mill Lane at Claypark. She also expressed concern over the speeding in the village. Cllr Robinson advised that the present speed restriction signs were legal and the police had been out recently with a speed trap.

13 Matters raised by Councillors – Cllr Tully advised that the sign in Flood Street to Vicarage Road had not been replaced. Trevor Sedgbeer from the floor agreed to attend to this. Cllr Hunt advised that travellers were again present at Churston Common and outside the Sunshine Café. Cllr Jones asked for agreement to register with Parish on line which would provide details of maps of the village at a cost of £ 20.00 registration fee and £ 20 per year. This was agreed. Cllr Bridge requested conformation that football posts would be erected in the Rowes Meadow play area and the trees recently planted would be removed. Cllr Robinson advised that this was the case.

14 Accounts

Cllr Robinson advised that £ 93.65 had been received from the Stoke Gabriel in Bloom Group and that the Parish account books were with the internal auditor.

To agree the following payments

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

Plandscape – April grass cutting	£ 105.85
South Hams District Council – Play area inspection	£ 120.00
R.J. Holmes – New businesses advertising sign	£ 21.85

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th June 2013