

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**Held on 10th July 2023 at 7.00pm at the Stoke Gifford Retirement Village.**

Present: - Cllrs Anthony Hyde (AH) (Chair), Andrew Badger (AB), Bethan Candlin (BC), Srinivasa Boinapally (SB), Anil Mishra (AM), Nirav Mithani (NM).

Interim Clerk – Graham Smith (Clerk),

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Prasanna Ramarathnam (PR), Ward Cllr Ayrden Pocock (AP) (SGC).

2. Evacuation Procedures

(AH) described evacuation procedures in detail.

3. Declaration of Interests

(AH) declared that he is a councillor at Stoke Gifford Parish Council for any relevant items.

4. Public Participation

Two members of the public attended. No questions were raised.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated with the agenda papers and Cllrs agreed that they were an accurate representation of the meeting. (BC) proposed to adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 12th June, (SB) seconded and all Cllrs agreed.

23.010 Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 22th June 2023 were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chair (AH).

6. South Gloucestershire Council

(Clerk) informed Cllrs that (AP) was unable to attend and read a report on his behalf.

(AP) reported that he shared the public's frustration regarding the disruption to waste collection due to a strike by SUEZ workers which is likely to extend to 3rd September, and has been pushing hard to find ways to reduce the impact.

As the staff are not employed by South Glos Council they cannot get involved with any ongoing negotiations. However, the council is working with the staff SUEZ has available to provide the best level of service possible under these difficult circumstances: SUEZ have recruited agency staff, which should allow them to keep on top of black bin collections. These have been prioritised so that residents can dispose of waste such as sanitary products, pet waste, nappy sacks and medical waste. For recycling, Sort It Centres in Yate, Mangotsfield and Thornbury are available, and arrangements have been made for extra deposit points at several sites across the area whilst working with SUEZ on more options for food waste. Details are available on the council's website.

(AP) is currently working to get a recycling drop off point placed somewhere in the ward as there is added waste management issues due to the large number of HMOs within the Parish due to students currently moving in and out of their accommodation.

The sole focus is reporting overspill and possible health hazards in the ward because of the strikes and daily walk throughs are carried out throughout photographing incidents to send on to the waste management department and street care.

(AP) apologises if he hasn't been able to put as much time into other issues recently and will endeavour to deal with any case work back log as soon as possible but don't hesitate to contact if there are any urgent queries.

As a local resident in Stoke Park (AP) is acutely aware of how difficult this situation is for everyone and believes that it is not acceptable that SUEZ have allowed this dispute to get to this point and will continue to encourage both parties to come to the table and show willingness to negotiate and compromise.

(SB) raised an issue with adding an additional collection point and will contact (AP) / SGC to implement.

7. Financial Matters

(Clerk) reported that (AM) had been elected Chair of the Finance Committee who updated Cllrs of the meeting of 26th June as detailed in the distributed minutes. (NM) asked for clarification relating to the budget process and procedures relating to establishing a level of precept.

8. Membership of External Organisations

(Clerk) highlighted budget lines for subscriptions and requested councillors consider Parish Council membership of external organisations.

- NALC / ALCA (Clerk) briefed Cllrs of the benefits of joining the organisation/s. (AM) proposed and (BC) seconded all Cllrs agreed the Council should be a member to receive the benefits.

23.011 Resolved: The council purchase membership of NALC / ALCA

- To join CPRE (Campaign for Rural England). Councillors considered the rural areas within the parish and agreed that support should be given toward the organisation and to receive the benefits it brings when applicable. It was felt the subscription was a minimal amount. (NM) proposed joining CPRE (AB) seconded, and all Cllrs unanimously agreed.

23.012 Resolved: The council purchase membership of CPRE

- (Clerk) advised that the subscription for SLCC can be considered later when a permanent clerk is confirmed however an approval in principle should be considered to maintain the budget. (BC) proposed that the budget to join SLCC to be maintained, (SB) seconded and all Cllrs agreed unanimously.

23.013 Resolved: To maintain SLCC subs in the budget to be considered at a future date.

9. Financial Matters – Budget Review & Resolution

(Clerk) had previously distributed the 2023/24 budget (Resolution F23003) of the Finance Committee meeting dated 26th June for full Council review and approval. (AB) proposed that the budget as approved by the finance committee be accepted, (SB) seconded and all Cllrs unanimously approved.

23.014 Resolved: 2023/24 Budget as presented is approved by Full Council.

10. Planning

SGC Planning have approved a certificate of lawfulness for P23/01649/CLP - 4 Home Leas Close Stoke Gifford. (Installation of rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion). Which is in agreement with the Parish Council's consultee comment.

11. Authorisation of Payments

11.1 Payments authorised 10th July 2023 by (AH) & (AB)

Details	Ref.	£
Clerking Charges & Expenses	B/P 001	1,147.80
Room Hire	B/P 002	90.00
Total Receipts		£1,237.80

11.2 Recent Receipts July 2023

Details	Ref.	£
None	N/A	0
Total Receipts		£0

23.015 Resolved: That payments presented to the PC meeting on 10th July 2023 were accepted.

12. Correspondence

(Clerk) informed Cllrs that he had received an email from a resident concerning the coopting process which clerk replied to. A further email had been received requesting to be considered for nomination and (Clerk) replied inviting recipient to meet Cllrs and give a five-minute presentation under "Public Participation". This person did not show.

Councillors considered that in light of this that applications should be collected, and to consider a specific closing date for co-option applications. (AH) proposed that a closing date of 30th September be set for the current councillor vacancy. (SB) seconded and all councillors agreed.

23.016 Resolved: A closing date of 30th September is set for applications from residents to be co-opted as Councillor.

13. Website

(Clerk) confirmed that he would upload previously approved minutes and update Cllr section of the website with the photos and email addresses and requested each Cllr provide a narrative.

F23071-01 To populate website with items discussed.

Action to (Clerk)

14. To Consider Matters the Chair Considers Urgent

(AH) requested that public leave the meeting for Cllrs to informally discuss a matter arising which is considered confidential.

Meeting Closed 20.53PM

The next Council Meeting - 14th August 2023. (Stoke Gifford Retirement Village)