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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL-PURPOSE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 8th December 2020 via Zoom platform

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

N/A due to meeting being held via Zoom platform.

Attendees are reminded to either switch off or make silent their mobile phones.

PRESENT:

Cllrs D Addison [Chair], K Cranney, M Brown, E Brown, B Allinson, D Pembury, P Reich, A Shore and S Waters.
In attendance was J Rendell [Parish Clerk] and two local residents.

1	Welcome and apologies for absence. The Chair, Councillor Dave Addison welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors, Jenny James, and Matt Lavis.	
2	To receive notification of any member's personal or prejudicial interest. Councillor Ernie Brown declared his membership of the South Gloucestershire Council Planning Committee. Councillor Dave Addison declared he was Chair of the Stoke Gifford Trust Committee. Councillor Keith Cranney advised he was a member of the South Gloucestershire Council Regulatory Committee and Councillor for Bradley Stoke Town Council.	
3	Applications for Dispensations by Councillors. None.	

<p>4</p>	<p>PUBLIC SESSION [3-5 MINUTES PER PERSON WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PER SESSION] – Two residents were in attendance.</p> <p>A local resident who lives adjacent to Gipsy Patch bridge asked local councillors for an update on the continuing works being carried out on the bridge. The resident has had conflicting messages when asked about the start date for the works being carried out to the road and the removal and replanting of trees.</p> <p>Councillor Ernie Brown informed the local resident the works to the road will be carried out with an opening start scheduled for July 2021.</p> <p>Another local resident mentioned that she had a discussion with a contractor who said the gradual slope in the road will start halfway between Station Road and Gifford Crescent. The concern is the gradient will be too severe.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Brown confirmed a large number of trees are now being replanted which is positive news.</p> <p>After further discussion, the local residents were confused with the plans and found them difficult to understand especially in relation to works and start / end dates.</p> <p>Councillor Ernie Brown will contact Rob Walsh from SGC and ask for some up-to-date information and plans and make it accessible to Parish Council and local residents.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>To approve the minutes of the last Finance & General-Purpose meeting dated Tuesday 14th July 2020 and discuss any matters arising.</p> <p>The minutes dated Tuesday 14th July 2020 were agreed as an accurate record proposed by Councillor Ernie Brown, seconded by Councillor Andrew Shore, unanimously carried.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>To note the expenditure and general accounts for November 2020.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled financial correspondence for November 2020 which included payments totalling £93,269.31 for the Co-operative general account, with a cash book balance of £178,999.03.</p> <p>Expenditure for the Stokes Youth Centre was £1,445.93 with a cash book balance of £6,733.07.</p> <p>Council noted the expenditure and bank balances for all accounts for November 2020 which were unanimously approved and proposed by Councillor Keith Cranney, seconded by Councillor Mike Brown.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>To receive recommendations from the budget working group in relation to the precept demand and budget for 2021/22.</p> <p>Councillor Dave Addison informed members the budget working group have met to review current budgets and expenditure, and to discuss the Budget and Precept Demand for 2021/22.</p> <p>A paper was subsequently presented to the committee which made recommendations</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>for a Precept Demand of £445,000 equating to a 2.5% increase.</p> <p>The paper highlighted several areas where budgets have been increased and income levels addressed.</p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council have advised that indicative Band D have increased from 5823 to 5881.</p> <p>The revised Band D cost would be £75.67 which is an increase of £1.82 per annum from the current financial year equating to 15p per month.</p> <p>A budget of £507,100 expenditure was recommended with income of £508,500.</p> <p>The Precept and Budget for 2021/22 was then duly approved proposed by Councillor Ernie Brown, seconded by Councillor Keith Cranney unanimously carried.</p>	
8	<p>To receive recommendations from Parish Council Committees relating to expenditure across the Parish of Stoke Gifford.</p> <p>None.</p>	
9	<p>Update on Highbrook Community Centre Harry Stoke</p> <p>The Chair Dave Addison informed members that South Gloucestershire Council are waiting on Crest to arrange a meeting date for the new year.</p>	
10	<p>Parish Councillor vacancy update - University Ward</p> <p>Councillor Ernie Brown informed members the Parish had received three applications for the University Ward vacancy.</p> <p>Following interview process and discussions with the applicants, Councillor Ernie Brown proposed that Council co-opt Mr Trevor Jones due to his many years of experience at local Council level in particular representing Cheswick Village and University Ward. He has excellent links with SGC funding streams and understands the Parish finances, seconded by Councillor Mike Brown unanimously carried.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>To receive Planning applications from South Gloucestershire Council</p> <p>a) <u>P20/23850/F - 9 Smithcourt Drive Little Stoke South Gloucestershire BS34 8LZ.</u> <i>Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions to form additional living accommodation</i></p> <p>Councillor Andrew Shore proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Brian Allinson, unanimously carried.</p> <p>b) <u>P20/23826/F - 9 Somerset Crescent Stoke Gifford South Gloucestershire BS34 8PP.</u> <i>Demolition of existing rear extension. Erection of single storey side and rear extension and raised decking area to form additional living accommodation</i></p>	

<p>Councillor David Pembury proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Keith Cranney, unanimously carried.</p> <p>c) <u>P20/23845/F - 72 Hambrook Lane Stoke Gifford South Gloucestershire BS34 8QF.</u> <i>Erection of single storey rear and side wrap extension to provide additional living accommodation and installation of front porch</i></p> <p>Councillor Keith Cranney proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Pauline Reich, unanimously carried.</p> <p>d) <u>P20/23048/F – 62 Bakers Ground, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8GF.</u> <i>Erection of two storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation</i></p> <p>Councillor Keith Cranney proposed no objection, on the grounds the scale of the design is checked, seconded by Councillor Brian Allinson, unanimously carried.</p>	

Meeting closed 20:30.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

D Addison (Chair)
On behalf of Stoke Gifford Parish Council