



# STOKE GIFFORD

PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & LEISURE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 13:00 via zoom.

#### EMERGENCY PROCEDURE:

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

#### PRESENT:

Cllrs M Brown [Chair], E Brown K Cranney, P Reich and S Waters.

In attendance was C Kenyon [Head Groundsman], J Rendell [Parish Clerk] and two local residents.

1	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence.</b>  The Chair, Councillor Mike Brown welcomed all present to the online virtual meeting and prosed to move agenda item 10 to after 5, seconded by Councillor Pauline Reich, carried.  Apologies were received from Councillor Jenny James.	<b>ACTION</b>
2	<b>To receive notification of any member's personal or prejudicial interest.</b>  Councillor Ernie Brown declared he is on South Gloucestershire Planning Committee and Stoke Gifford Trust Committee. Councillor Keith Cranney advised he is a member of the SGC Regulatory Committee.	
3	<b>Applications for Dispensations by Councillors.</b>  None.	

<p>4.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION [3-5 MINUTES PER PERSON WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PER SESSION] – 2 residents were in attendance.</b></p> <p>A local resident continues to be concerned about the usage of the VOI scooters being used around the Parish. Under aged users and at times two passengers per scooter have been witnessed and when used on the road are very dangerous. Councillor Keith Cranney was pleased to see the police in the local area recently monitoring the scooter usage. Parish Clerk, John Rendell informed members that the Parish has contacted VOI scooters and added the recreational spaces in the Parish to the black spot areas which means the scooters cannot be used causing nuisance to park users.</p> <p>A local resident mentioned the slow progress being made by workers on the Gypsy Patch bridge project. Councillor Ernie Brown highlighted the Gypsy Patch Liaison meeting being held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April and also the Community Engagement Forum where issues and concerns can also be raised.</p> <p>A resident has noticed that local youths have been congregating in a wooded area by the stream by Little Stoke Playing Fields. Sadly, they have damaged trees, cut down hedgerows and have been starting small fires. Parish Clerk, John Rendell has informed the local Beat Team and sent photographs of the damage caused. The groundsman who found the damage over the weekend over the weekend have also reported it to 101.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>To approve the last Recreation &amp; Leisure minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</b></p> <p>Councillor Ernie Brown proposed acceptance of the minutes of the last Recreation &amp; Leisure Committee meeting, held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, seconded by Councillor Pauline Reich, carried.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>New Road Play Area consultation and design.</b></p> <p>Parish Clerk, John Rendell confirmed the public consultation has been carried out in line with SGC funding recommendations. SGC have recently confirmed the funds will be transferred into the Parish Council account in due course. The Parish Clerk is in contact with companies looking at the design and build.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Head Groundsman’s report on Parks &amp; Open Spaces.</b></p> <p>Head Groundsman Colin Kenyon presented members with an update.</p> <p>The grounds team are now approaching the busy grass cutting season although it’s been a fairly slow start due to the dry and cold weather.</p> <p>There are still a few issues in the parks; one at the bottom of the slide in Meade Park, which is periodic as the grass wears away, and the zip wires need to be checked for tension. The Parish Clerk will arrange for the jobs to be carried out before the</p>	

	<p>annual playground inspection in August.</p> <p>There is a small area on the BMX track where the tarmac has cracked. This needs to be checked by the installation company. Parish Clerk, John Rendell will make contact with Clark &amp; Kent Contractors.</p> <p>Two of the bark pits at Little Stoke Park and North Road are deteriorating with rot and will need updating soon. This work will be carried out in-house before the annual inspection.</p> <p>We still continue to collect large amounts of litter around the recreational spaces and take a full vans worth to Yate Sort-It Centre every week which allows us to manage our general waste and recycling reasonably well.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Update on COVID-19 guidelines for Premises, Grounds, Parks &amp; Open Spaces.</b></p> <p>Parish Clerk informed members the doors to the Community Hall are now open to more groups and organisations and we now have some regular groups back on site adhering to the site policies and with restricted numbers.</p> <p>These numbers will increase again slightly after 17<sup>th</sup> May following Government guidelines and it is hoped full numbers can resume at the end of lockdown on 21<sup>st</sup> June.</p> <p>Grass football pitches are being used at weekends during April and the 3G is being well used most days.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Review of the Parish Council Parks and Open Spaces Policy.</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk will present the Parks and Open Spaces Policy with the rest of the Parish Councils policies at the Full Council meeting in May.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Request for Grant Aid from Little Stoke Garden Society and agreement</b></p> <p>Councillor Ernie Brown informed members that the current agreement between the Parish Council and Little Stoke Garden Society is out of date and in need of modernising. We will continue to work with the Chairman on the agreement.</p> <p>Parish Councillors believe that although the Parish Council currently pay for the water bills, the Garden Society should be paying this directly.</p> <p>At a recent site visit it was acknowledged the pathway running through the allotments is very uneven and in need of levelling and replacement of tiles where necessary. This area is currently under the remit of the Parish Council. It was agreed at the site meeting that Councillor Ernie Brown would look into potential funding for the materials for this work and will liaise with the Chairman.</p> <p>It was agreed on site that once this work is carried out the Garden Society would take ownership of this area.</p> <p>The Parish Council responsibilities on the allotment site will be for the building on the entrance to the site and the grassed area running along the back of the house gardens.</p>	

	<p>Before discussing the grant aid application received, Councillors have asked to see the financial accounts and then a decision can be made on the £1,050 grant aid request that will go towards additional water butts.</p> <p>The Chair of Council and the Parish Clerk will liaise with the Chairman of the LS Garden Society and draw up an agreement.</p>	
11.	<p><b>To receive quarterly youth provision report – January to March 2021</b></p> <p>Parish Clerk, John Rendell presented a report covering January to March 2021. The report was circulated to members of the public and Councillors in the supporting documents.</p>	
12.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Parish Clerk has received correspondence from a resident looking to run a car boot sale at Little Stoke Playing Fields this summer and have asked members if they were keen on holding this event.</p> <p>The Chair, Councillor Mike Brown said that as this event takes place each year it is generally well received by the local residents and it would be good to see this event continuing back on-site following lockdown. The recommended dates to run is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>The company that installed the 3G football court have been on site recently repairing a small rip in the surface. Whilst on site they carried out a service and have recommended to apply 3 tonne of SBR infill rubber to the existing surface to bring back the levels into tolerance at a cost of £2,320 + VAT. The 3G facility is now approximately nine years old and we have had no works carried out to date. It was noted the 3G pitch is an excellent addition to the Parish Council and the Chair Councillor, Mike Brown proposed the company who installed the 3G facility S&amp;C SLATTER carry out these works for the cost provided, seconded by Councillor Keith Cranney proposal carried.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Next meeting date</b></p> <p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021</p>	

Meeting closed 14:20

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

M Brown (Chair)

On behalf of Stoke Gifford Parish Council

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