



# STOKE GIFFORD

PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & LEISURE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### EMERGENCY PROCEDURE:

*In the event of a fire all those present should leave the building calmly, breaking a fire alarm panel on the way out, and assemble on the far side of the car park at the assembly point.*

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

#### PRESENT:

Cllrs M Brown [Chair], S Bandcroft, A Shore (standing in for Cllr E Brown), P Reich and A Hyde.

In attendance were C Kenyon [Head Groundsman], J Rendell [Parish Clerk], three SGPC staff and three local residents.

| 1. | <b>Welcome and apologies for absence.</b><br><br>The Chair, Councillor Mike Brown welcomed all present to the meeting.<br><br>The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Andrew Shore is present and standing in for Councillor Ernie Brown. Proposed by Councillor Mike Brown, seconded by Councillor Tony Hyde, unanimously agreed. Councillor Andrew Shore joined the meeting.<br><br>The Clerk has received apologies from Councillors Ernie Brown and Brian Allinson. | <b>ACTION</b> |
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| 2. | <b>To receive notification of any member's personal or prejudicial interest.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Councillor Sue Bandcroft advised she is the Chair of Friends of Forty Acres.</li><li>▪ Councillor Tony Hyde declared he is Secretary of Stoke Gifford Retirement Village, Residents Association, member of the Extra Care Charitable Trust.</li></ul>  |               |
| 3. | <b>To approve the last Recreation &amp; Leisure minutes dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</b><br><br>Councillor Pauline Reich proposed acceptance of the minutes of the last  |               |

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|           | <p>Recreation &amp; Leisure Committee meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023, seconded by Councillor Sue Bandcroft, carried.</p>   |                                 |
| <p>4.</p> | <p><b>PUBLIC SESSION [3-5 MINUTES PER PERSON WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PER SESSION]</b> – three residents were in attendance.</p> <p>It has been noted the underneath of Meade Park Tower is regularly used by local youths and the lower section has been heavily defaced with graffiti. The Parish Clerk confirmed parish council operatives monitor this equipment on a daily basis and paint over all obscene graffiti. It was agreed the Parish Council will paint the lower section of the tower with a darker shade of varnish that will hopefully cover the majority of graffiti.</p> <p>SGC Streetcare operatives have been cutting and strimming the highway verges in the parish leaving large clumps of grass offcuts covering many roads and pathways. Head Groundsman confirmed due to recent wet conditions the second cut of the year was delayed hence why there is so much grass debris. The Parish Clerk will monitor the area and hope that by the next cut the verges will be looking in far better condition.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Brown complimented the parish ground staff as all parish council owned facilities are looking in excellent condition.</p> <p>A local resident thanked the parish council for installing the New Road play area. The equipment is an excellent additional to the area, is extremely well used and appreciated by many.</p> | <p>Caretaker cover graffiti</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p><b>Update from Head Groundsman.</b></p> <p><b>Parks</b><br/>The parks generally are in good order although we have areas we would like to finish such as the triangular area in Royal Park but this has been held up by the heavy rain of the last few weeks and not being able to gain access to the site. This has also had an effect on the grass cutting with the grass being left longer than we would normally like it due to the state of the ground conditions but a dry week ahead should help.</p> <p>We have been given a planter on Hatchet Road. It's currently full of daffodils and tulips but any idea for some summer plants would be welcome.</p> <p>The football season is drawing to a close, and although we have a busy couple of weeks ahead it should be finished by the 6th May and then we prepare for the annual Stoke Lane tournament in June.</p> <p><b>Trees</b><br/>There is a lot for the council to think about going forward regarding replanting etc but with Andy and Martyn trained to small tree felling level we have taken on lots of tree work ourselves which should be an asset in the next few years.</p> <p><b>Play areas</b><br/>There are always lots of odd jobs to do here with the major works at the Trust ground being started fairly soon although we have removed the item to be replaced on safety grounds.</p>               |                                 |

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|     | <p><b>Staff</b><br/>All good here Martyn and Andy hopefully in for the long haul and will be here when I leave which is not that far away. With that in mind would the council consider taking on a trainee in 24/25 in preparation for that.</p> <p><b>Changing rooms</b><br/>The old block is getting worse with toilets loose in the floor and leaking. Are we going to do anything about them?</p>   |                         |
| 6.  | <p><b>Update on Grounds team, Tree maintenance and summer schedule.</b></p> <p>Ground staff Andy Slade and Martyn Rendell informed members that many hedgerows have been cut back and dead trees removed around the parish.</p> <p>The summer schedule has now kicked in where grass cutting will take up the majority of our time, however the team plan to continue to remove all smaller dead trees around the parish council recreational spaces as and when required. The more urgent dead trees that have been overhanging public pathways have been removed.</p>            |                         |
| 7.  | <p><b>Update on Local Nature Action Plan (SGC)</b></p> <p>As part of the Local Nature Action Plan more than 50 trees were planted at the Trust ground. Many volunteers were present on the day to help with the planting and the day was a great success. Plans are in place to install wild flowers within the newly installed triangular area at Royal Park.</p> <p>Local volunteer Tim Hewer and his team are doing an excellent job in building bat/hedgehog boxes and bird nesting boxes. Once the locations are confirmed all these will be installed within the parish.</p> | Sue update              |
| 8.  | <p><b>Update on replacement climbing frame at North Road</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk confirmed the new climbing frame is programmed to be installed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Council staff are pleased to see this replacement as the old item was very worn and not fit for purpose. The install will start at 07:30 and will take one day.</p>   | New equipment installed |
| 9.  | <p><b>Community Litter Picking group. Next get-together Wednesday 19th April.</b></p> <p>Councillor Mike Brown informed the meeting the next scheduled Community Litter Picking group will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. There are many hotspot areas within the Parish that require litter picking and urges as many local volunteers to be present for the very worthy cause. Litter pickers and hoops will be available.</p>  |                         |
| 10. | <p><b>Wildlife project. Funding approved by SGC on the Stoke Brook.</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk has received confirmation from SGC that funding has been received to enhance a stretch of the Stoke Brook going through the Forty Acres site. The monies received is from SGC resilient climate fund for 2023. This is a key objective from the South Glos Nature Recovery Network.</p> <p>This approach is working on other sections of the Frome and its tributaries. The work will take place through 2023 and the parish council is welcome to get in-</p>                     |                         |

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|     | volved. This is very welcome news.   |  |
| 11. | <b>Any other business relevant to this committee.</b><br><br>The date for the Foodies Licensing hearing is on Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April. The Parish Clerk hopes to hear the result by the end of the week and will inform Parish Council and local residents as soon as possible. Information will be uploaded to the parish website and all twelve notice boards around the parish. |  |
| 12. | <b>Date of next meeting.</b><br><br>18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.  |  |

Meeting closed 15:00

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

M Brown (Chair)  
On behalf of Stoke Gifford Parish Council