

**MINUTES OF STOKE CLIMSLAND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2019 IN STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT:** Sarah Ross – Chairman (SR), Martin Howlett (MH), Philip Barriball (PB), Caroline Vulliamy (CV)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ren Jackaman – Parish Clerk (RJ), Cllr Neil Burden (NB), 17 members of the public

**SCAPM 19/4/1 Apologies for Absence:**

Nigel Cooper – Vice Chairman (NJC), David Crawley (DC), Stuart Cazaly (SC), James Coumbe (JC), Jerry Forbes (JF), Shirley Bruna (SB), SCCP School.

**SCAPM 19/4/2 Chairman's Welcome:** Sarah Ross gave a general welcome to all present and thanked them for attending.

**SCAMP 19/4/3 Chairman's Report:**

Sarah Ross reported that, in the last twelve months, the parish council have considered c.40 planning applications, several councillors and the clerk have undertaken training in planning, which has helped. Not many of the applications have been challenged and the council have had a lot of help from Sarah Mason of CALC. There has been nothing from Scott Mann this year. Stoke Climsland Parish Council are working with Linkinhorne and South Hill Councils and Launceston and Caradon Community Network Panels to deal with speeding in Bray Shop and speed cameras will be installed shortly.

PB commented that the Parish Council get more planning applications which involve extensions rather than new builds; NB remarked that this is a general trend.

**SCAPM 19/4/4 County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Burden requested that his report be deferred until after all the community reports had been delivered.

**SCAPM 19/4/5 Open Session and reports from Club/Societies:**

- Stoke Climsland Parish Church

Annabelle King - curate:

Our initial role is to support people in the church community and their faith. This is demonstrated in our weekly worship, and also with specific services, such as our monthly afternoon service, aimed at senior members, who value a gentle service followed by tea and cake.

We have for years been building relationships with families in the area, through our weekly Adult & Toddler group, Messy Church which is held monthly in the Old School, Family Service monthly in church and 'Open the Book', a weekly assembly in the primary school, when a group of church members take and enacted Bible story to the whole school, which has always been welcomed by staff and pupils alike.

We work with other churches in our group, Callington, South Hill, Linkinhorne and Upton Cross, as well as working with the Methodists who are holding a mission week, this week in the Circuit of which Venterdon Methodist is a part.

We have a much wider remit than that, for example, to support people in the community, regardless of their views on faith. On a local level, this is demonstrated by the pop-up café, held every week in this hall. On a wider level, our faith leads us to social action which takes the form of supporting the homeless and rough

sleepers, through the work of St. Petroc's in Bodmin, the Night Shelter, Shekinah day centre and the 'Soup Run' in Plymouth. We also have a church member who is a Street Pastor, engaging with both the night clubbing community and rough sleepers at the same time.

On an international level we support children in the developing world with their education through the work of the charity Compassion.

We have a large churchyard to maintain and we are very grateful to the Parish Council for their support. However, the maintenance work is carried out by a team of volunteers, many of whom have given their time quietly for many years; a contribution which, I fear, is often unappreciated.

We are currently seeking grant funding to maintain the integrity of the church building whilst equipping it for worship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century but grants now seem to be in short supply. We continue in our quest.

As well as that, our running costs are £750 per week, which equates to £39K per year. We aim not to be a church that is always asking for money but try to encourage our church family to tithe their income, 5% to the church and 5% to charities or causes of their choice, however, not everyone subscribes to this principle and we must accept that.

Finally, I'd like to welcome everyone to visit the church at any time (it's always open during daylight hours) if you'd like some time for quiet reflection, and particularly between 30<sup>th</sup> May and the 9<sup>th</sup> June, when prayer stations will be around the church. Also, on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, which is designated 'Day of Prayer' all are welcome to come and see Messy Church which on this occasion will be held in the church. Thank you for your continued support.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: MH: regarding the request for the storage unit, it is not the case that the PC don't want to help but the Local Government Act does not allow us to give money to religious bodies. The PC donates towards churchyard maintenance because it is also the de facto Burial Board.

- Duchy College

Jamie Crisp, Head of Campus:

Cornwall College Group has campuses across the region. We are having regular meetings with the PC to encourage engagement with the parish. We have recently secured funding from the Department of Education of £33 million, part of that has meant a review and rationalisation of structure and curriculum. Engagement takes place on a daily basis between Truro and Penwith college to make sure young people are getting the education and facilities they expect.

The next few years are going to be very exciting. Stoke Climsland campus is very close to securing the future farm, all funding is in place with a proportion coming from the Cornwall College Group, Cornwall Council and European research and development funding. Planning will come though in the near future. The design will be futuristic, with a smaller footprint to that of the moment. It will accommodate 260-265 dairy cattle, with the ability to build the herd. Plans have been seen by HRH Prince of Wales who has given feedback. The new dairy unit allows FE students to use as a dairy and facilitates strong research work.

Learner numbers at Stoke Climsland are c.1200 made up of FE courses, animal care and equine and foundation learning, military and early years. There are also 270 work-based learners. The old-style framework is now moving to new standards.

Four advice days have happened and they are ahead of the projected numbers by 75 learners, this number will probably grow.

Duchy Stoke Climsland will be the jewel in the crown. Working closely with Cornwall Council and Local Enterprise Programme (there is a round table meeting next month), some business enterprises will be brought in. There has been a lack of Local Enterprise Programme funding over the last few years.

Synoptic exams are currently happening for equine and animal courses. Exchange programmes with Holland have taken place. The football team are doing very well. They continue to host the primary school's cross-country events and the pop-up café is a great benefit. Duchy College Newsletter is issued monthly and should be circulated locally. Lots of learners go on into industry (60% uptake so far).

#### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Annabelle King, have you been adversely affected by Callywith College? JC this is primarily an A level Centre, so not so much but has affected schools a lot. There is a need to work very strongly with other colleges to make sure they are not competing with each other.

NB is Stoke site safe from closure? JC there is no likelihood of it being rationalised for economic reasons.

Is the Future Farm about sustainability. JC the build is looking at sustainability, a multitude of directions are possible.

- Old School Community Project

Ruth Nevill:

John Wilmut has already sent a letter on behalf of the Old School to thank the Parish Council for its donation. I would like to add my personal thanks also. The Old School News is a valuable community asset and remains an important means of promoting what the whole parish and beyond has to offer to residents and visitors alike.

The new and improved Audi-Visual equipment is proving very popular Not only has it enhanced the experience of the Film Club, but it is increasingly being utilised for training events – Police, Parkinson's Disease and Life Support Training to name but a few and for meetings.

The Library is going from strength to strength and is growing in popularity with both young and old alike. A regular programme of music and activities attracts Preschool and Primary school children into the Old School. It's now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and we have lent well over 500 books.

Our amazing volunteers number 80-100 and we couldn't do without them! This year we provided a Sunday lunch to show our appreciation – to 94 of them!

The popular Jazz Club has been revived and is proving to be very popular with the last 3 events selling out.

Being a volunteer of any sort is hard work, but equally rewarding. If you would like any more information, I would be very happy to answer any queries. Thank you,

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

- Stoke Climsland Sports and Social Club

Tim Lightfoot Chairman:

It has been a fantastic year. The club has 200 members and is completely run by volunteers. It is open four nights a week, closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday's unless a function is on. There are often quiz, music and food nights.

The club concentrates on outside bars for revenue and food nights for the same. The bank balance is healthy, more buoyant than in last 40 years and sports teams are doing very well. The WI use it as a meeting place when the hall is booked.

A lot of people have assumed that it can be used as a meeting place by non-members, which is against the rules. They will always try to help.

The first Friday in June is fish and chip night.

#### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

PB the trees cut down at edge of sports field, what happened?

TL They were obstructing the footpath

- Luckett Social Club

Ian Salisbury – Secretary:

It has been an action-packed year, 2018 was the centenary and Duck Day was a huge success. In July there was a skittles night at Deer Park Farm, which brought in over 20 teams, those two events form the majority of fundraising which allows entertainment during winter months; snooker euchre leagues, quizzes, Halloween, Burn's Night, Curry Night, darts night and the darts match against Stoke Club. In May there is a car treasure hunt and Duck Day will be on 15<sup>th</sup> June, skittles on the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

- Luckett Village Association

Martin Howlett:

It's been a quiet year; the one big plan is for the AED fundraising. A Fundraising sub-committee has been formed to help raise money. The intention is to make use of the phone kiosk for this purpose. They are looking to raise £3K for rental, installation and refurbishment costs. If Luckett can do it then other villages can do it. Very important for local villages to look towards that. The latest programme of events is to be published shortly. There is a planned talent evening on 12<sup>th</sup> October in parish hall.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

#### Parish Hall

Brian Lupton:

It has been a normal year; all the usual events have continued. The only unusual event has been the Princes Foundation grant which was awarded to Stoke Climsland Parish Hall as part of HRH Prince of Wales 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. The award was confirmed in Autumn 2018. A survey was commissioned of local views, followed by a workshop. Surveys have taken place as preliminary works. Very soon there will be an update and plans are beginning to be formed. At the same time an application was made for the building to be listed, it is now Grade II listed. The lease with Duchy of Cornwall is being re-invigorated. As part of this the Parish Hall

Committee is now a CIO registered with the Charity Commission. At the next AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> May this will be explained in more detail.

#### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Jamie Crisp: Princes Trust also spent a day at the college to examine facilities which could be used by community, they wanted to establish that there would be no negative impact.

Anabelle King: will you continue to update in Old School News? Yes

Martin Howlett: in setting up, the CIO is now covered by five trustees of which two are parish councillors (SR as sitting Chair and MH as PC rep).

- Parish Archive

Caroline Vulliamy:

The archive has been on the go for many years and it continues to grow. The major task is to file in a rational way. People use it for genealogical research.

Recently, the archive has worked with other heritage organisations in the parish; in the summer they helped to make a film funded by Cornwall Archives Network. This film is currently being made with local children, following the route of mid-1800s children to school and work on the mine. It will be used in schools to remind children of what it was like. During filming, they used the miners' cottages on Lockett hill. The door will be refurbished after the filming is finished. Some scenes will take place at the Old School.

A fortnight ago Heritage Schools (part of Heritage England) paid several schools in the area to have a day where children were taught how to use archival materials. They learnt about the historic buildings in the village. Caroline is particularly grateful to the two regular volunteers on Wednesday as best time to visit the archive.

#### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

How does one access the archive? CV phone the Old School and make an appointment or turn up on a Wednesday

- Stoke Climsland Post Office and Shop

Sue Watts – Post Mistress:

It's the 180<sup>th</sup> year of trading in 2019 and the 14<sup>th</sup> year that she has been running the post office. The last two months has seen solid trading, very well supported by the village and parish and by ongoing successes of the primary school, ballet school and Duchy College students. Staff have said they're much better behaved this year.

Post Office transaction issues in other Post Offices have had a knock-on effect and Post Offices are being gentler and more supportive. Transactions are in flux and they have taken on a huge amount of banking, especially deposits. It is much more likely that you will be in a queue for banking nowadays, but it brings lots of footfall into the store.

For the first time in 14 years there is no threat to post office futures at a national level. They are supported and recognised as a community Office, which gives protected status. Stoke Climsland is one of only 850 nationwide to have this status and it enabled a grant in 2015.

The shop has felt the impact of a changing village demographic; there are lots less traditional village customers, houses have changed hands to holiday or not fully occupied or commuter homes. Whereas ten years ago the same people always came in, that is less obvious now. There is a lot of passing through in lunchtimes and evenings.

We are all very reliant on each other, support comes from lots of different areas. It is easy to assume that it will always be there but we mustn't rely on other people to support village organisations. Use us or lose us. Support the village by using facilities. Small businesses face challenges as legislation changes and bureaucracy increases. Thanks to everyone for supporting us.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

- Stoke Climsland Scouts

Ailsa Weaver - Group Leader:

There are currently c.96 in scouts aged 6-18; four leaders, some older members doing leadership training. Last year the Explorers and Scouts went to Norfolk Jamboree (NorJam), 50 went and had a brilliant time. All of the sections have been camping, Beavers and Cubs included. Three Explorers went to Nepal last Autumn and had an amazing trip.

The Stoke Climsland Scouts have very recently improved the access to the Scout Hut for people with mobility issues, this was possible due to a Community Chest grant via Cllr Neil Burden.

In January, the Beavers went to Dupath Farm and learnt about sheep and new born lambs, also potato cropping and machinery. They also went to a Beavers Jamboree in Bodmin.

The Cubs have completed stage 2 of the Navigators Badge and learnt about Greek symbols; they have also spent the night at Tamar Trails.

Scouts have camped at Drummers Lodge in St. Austell under changeable weather. They have also polished emergency aid skills and played a game of blind football to learn about blindness. Explorers learnt how to make catapults and an assault course, they also learnt how to weave willow.

They have entered a team for coast to coast. Two Explorers are taking part in District Activity Days in May. The District Fun Day and renewal of promises on the 18<sup>th</sup> May organised by Stoke Climsland for the district.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

- Stoke Climsland WI

Sharon Selleck – President:

Our WI is now in its 100<sup>th</sup> year but we were not registered with the Federation until a year later, so they consider us to be 100 next year. We have 32 members some coming from Saltash and Plymouth.

We have just released out new programme of speakers, who cover a wide range of topics from local farmer Tim Lightfoot coming to speak about local farming to a talk on Nancy Astor in February 2020.

We have a large age range of ladies who all get on well and learn from one another. It is a great place to learn new skills and make friends and there is fun and laughter at all our meetings

Our monthly meetings take place in this hall every second Tuesday of the month and we have a speaker who talks or demonstrates for about an hour and then we enjoy homemade cakes and a social time, finished off with WI reports.

As well as our regular groups, we have two spin off groups. Every couple of months we have a cookery demonstration in the Old School organised by Brigitte Cox and a craft workshop in the Social Club on a monthly basis.

In remembrance of WWI our September talk was on the War memorial. Deri Parsons, told us the story of each man, which was very moving. We have also learnt how to make sausages with David Headon and had a talk from Street Pastor, Barbara Bennett; at which a donation of toiletries and a collection of £150 was made to the Shekinah Mission.

Every Christmas we host a free Christmas afternoon tea for the local senior citizens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December and this year about 70 people came. We would like to thank the Parish Council for the kind donation of £100 which helped us to fund this event.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

- Stoke Climsland Show

Sarah Ross - Secretary of Show Committee:

The annual show is continuing and doing very well. The schedule is at printers and next year will be revamped. Each year the classes are changed. The Old School News carried top tips last month for exhibitors. Fundraising for the show this year is an Antiques Roadshow on 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Old School and a Pizza Day (date tbc) at Ruth Nevill's. The Show is on the first Saturday in August, and registration Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks to the Post Office for holding the schedules and Tim Lightfoot for housing the chairs. Volunteers are needed on 1<sup>st</sup> August at 6pm to help with setting up. There will be outside stalls, the bar from the Social Club, music and food and a barn dance in evening, jazz during the day. There will be teas in the Parish Hall during the day.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: none

- Ducklings Pre-School

John Stevens - Committee member:

Over the past few years Ducklings has been progressing to a more stable and sustainable position. With the change of charitable status and prevailing changes in the provision of state funded childcare, Ducklings has adjusted to recognise and accommodate change.

We have not been required to make any major changes in terms of the overall running of the pre-school.

Ducklings is run by skilled and well qualified staff, looking after the welfare and educational needs of children. It is the main pre-school to feed into Stoke Climsland County Primary School. It is a busy playschool.

The group occupy the Methodist chapel and rent two allotment plots from the Parish Council. Over the last year, the main project has been to upgrade fencing to make it rabbit proof. The roof blew off the shed, so they now have a summer house. There is a multitude of play equipment there.

Ducklings if of benefit to whole community. The keyword is consolidation. The financial position has gone from an extended 'hand to mouth' period, to a much more secure position. Staff retention is very good. The children really engage in the two or three years they spend at Ducklings. The pre-school is of great benefit as a community-based organisation. They are now in a position where they can start planning for the future and developing in a more sustainable way. They make a modest surplus each year. The increase in funding hours for pre-school children is eroded by the living wage going up and is a very competitive environment. They have benefited from Parish Council work to secure the fencing. Last year they used money from Tesco bags for life. Thanks to Community of supporting them.

#### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Annabelle King: is there any building on SCCPC site?

PB planners did not support this because of traffic flow and the idea is now abandoned. It was reliant on a lot of grant funding.

JS Ducklings is not looking at being on the same site as the school for the moment. Ducklings also run the after-school club for primary school and help out at the show. Thanks to Duchy, children went up to the farm and had a great day.

#### **County Councillor's Report: (deferred from SCAPM 19/4/4)**

- What a lovely set of reports, all very encouraging. NCDC once did a survey of local community activities, Stoke Climsland came on top and South Petherwin came bottom. Vibrancy has continued and enthusiasm is something to be proud of. We are very fortunate to live in such a community. (MH commented that the Prince's Foundation recognises this and the Community Facilities Group helps to coordinate efforts).
- Electoral boundaries are very confusing, so here is some clarification. Cornwall Council has 123 divisions and at the time of devolution made promises via the boundary commission to reduce this number. It is now down to 87 and the news division for this parish is called Altarnun and Stoke Climsland, it stretches from Kit Hill to Jamaica Inn and is much bigger than the old division.
- Parliamentary division is still pending, 650 MPs are reducing to 600. If this happens, Stoke Climsland will move to SE Cornwall from North Cornwall.
- The Community Governance Review gives an opportunity for every parish to make representations if they want to change their boundaries. This is supposed to happen every few years. The deadline for representations has been extended to July.
- Cornwall Council voted to declare a Climate Emergency in January, practical application needs to happen and they will be reporting in the autumn. We are in a throwaway generation. Cornwall Council are putting in LED street lighting where they can. Every Friday 600 children demonstrate about Climate Change at County Hall.
- Children in care numbers are rising. There are fewer foster carers, and it is very costly to the council. Home tutoring is becoming a worry and has risen to over 1000 in Cornwall.



- Cornwall Council have introduced foundation living wage to make this happen the council has to subsidise company contracts to several £million per annum.
- Planning teams have changed to old district council regions.
- The hatching on the road outside the school is now finished.
- Planning enforcement needs improving.
- Cornwall Council needs to address affordable housing as at present, they are not meeting needs.
- Cornwall Stadium is drifting on, there are no funds and no sponsors.
- Next April there will be major changes in refuse collection including weekly recycling, wheelie bins and food waste collection.
- Highways budget for members was £8K, now that the Community Network Panels control this, it is set at £200K for four years. With the help of the CNPs, vehicle activated signs for Bray Shop have been designed and will be installed at cost of £17K. The cost is shared between Linkinhorne, South Hill and Stoke Climsland parish allowances.
- Members now get an annual community fund of £2K which can be applied for.

#### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

MH highlighted traffic issues with Gunnislake bridge closure and the lack of coordination between DCC and CC.

NB says the Dorothy Kirk has made lost of proactive efforts to little avail.

Sarah Ross closed the meeting at 8:55 pm

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