

STOKE GABRIEL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Approved Minutes of the meeting held in the village hall on Friday 17th January 2020

Attendance: Peter Fenwick (PF), Cllr Julian Williams (JW), Richard Harris, Tom Morris, Pat Fletcher, George Ord, Andy Houghton.

10 minute session. – Nothing Raised

1. Apologies: Cathy Mittler, Chris Roach, Mike Webster, Nick Chisholm Batten

2. Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2019 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Still outstanding

- PF actions regarding uploading documents on web-site & cost – PF showed the structure of drop downs to show 'draft content' of the plan on the website. – **Action** -will discuss with PR
 - Heritage & Historical – in progress with Neil Millward – Neil has confirmed he is working on this
 - **JLP Policies – Action** - Strategic JLP policies to be referred to in NP – RH & AH to review & make recommendations for inclusion- Outstanding
- ## **4/5. PLAN WRITING & JANUARY EVENT**

4. PLAN WRITING

- Policies continue to be drafted. Any draft documents will be shown at the upcoming event

5. JANUARY 25TH OPEN EVENT

Maps and feedback documents were shown and reviewed. After discussion it was agreed to modify the Green Space feedback document to allow proposals for alternative uses for the 'proposed green spaces' to be accommodated. The format was reviewed with finalization and set up scheduled for the evening of Friday 24th Jan.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- Adrian Parnell presented the aspirations of the Village group looking to pursue the creation of a shared cycle footpath from Aish to Totnes. His summary is covered in the Appendix.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- Open Event Saturday 25th January
- Group Meeting Friday 21st February , 6:30pm in the Village Hall.

Appendix.

Further to the discussions at the Stoke Gabriel Neighbourhood Planning meeting on January 17th.

A small group of village residents who are concerned about the limited transport access to our administrative centre in Totnes are keen to develop a safe walking and cycling route avoiding the busy and dangerous A385. A number of routes have been considered but at present the most viable route is from Aish via Fleet Mill to Bridgetown. This is a category 12 road owned by Devon highways and in the past has been adequately surfaced but erosion has rendered it extremely challenging. A mixed use path would be used by some commuters and by leisure cyclists and walkers. It could bring tourists into Stoke Gabriel without the need for more car parking and could reduce congestion on local roads.

At present cycling and walking routes to Torbay from Stoke Gabriel are much safer than using the A385 to Totnes'. The ultimate objective of the plan would be to enhance the route to Torbay thereby enabling a safe walking and cycling route from Torbay to Totnes at which point the NCN2 and NCN28 can be accessed.

With the present government concerns over the need to encourage exercise to combat obesity and type 2 diabetes and the move to reducing reliance on fossil fuel based transport, the time may be opportune for the village to obtain funds for a project that will benefit many local people.

If I can provide you with any further information please let me know.