

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the electors of Stoke Fleming Parish,
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 7pm

Present Parish Councillors: Jenny Farmer (Chairman), Katie Franks (Vice Chairman), Carole Bretherton, Struan Coupar; Martin Judd; Mark Malley, Mary Newman, Nick Wood and Charles Wreford-Brown. Parish Clerk: S Tweed.
Guest: Dr Sarah Wollaston MP.
County Councillor Julian Brazil, District Councillor Richard Foss.
Bill Atkinson, Hilary Atkinson, Mike Avery, Peter Barker, Revd. John Bell, John Bretherton, Tatiana Cant, Pam Davies, Simon Dowden, Annette Elliott, Nicko Franks, Kim Fricker, George Garfield, Barbara Goddard, Rosemary Hales, David Harris, Peter Hunkin, Catriona Kemp, Rick Kemp, Geraldine Latham, Laura Malley, Joan Mason, Sir Geoffrey Newman, Bob Norman, Jenny Norman, Juliet Lambert, Robin Shiffner, Rosemary Shiffner, Sarah Simnett, Alan Stockbridge Susi Stockbridge, Heather Stramik, Graham Tweed, Mike Whitton, Sally Whitton, Jean Wildwood.

1. **Apologies**

Mr P Bailey, Mrs P Bailey, Mrs J Brock, Mr M Simons, Mr T Mason.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 120th Annual Parish Meeting.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2013, were circulated. Cllr Carole Bretherton proposed, Mr Rick Kemp seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report**

A copy of Cllr Farmer's report is attached to the minutes*.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Struan Coupar handed out copies of the Stoke Fleming Neighbourhood Plan explanatory leaflet. He explained that the leaflet was being delivered to every household in the Parish via the Stoke Fleming Magazine. He highlighted two key messages – that a Neighbourhood Plan is needed and that as many people as possible are needed to be involved in creating the Plan. He explained that with a Plan the community would have more control over what happens in the Parish, although our Plan has to fit in with SHDC plans and guidelines. The Plan will have to have the support of the local community and will only go ahead if a majority in the Parish vote for it. He advised that an initial public meeting would be held on 21st May to take the process forward and it was hoped that as many parishioners as possible would attend and get involved. He concluded by stressing that the Parish cannot afford not to have a Plan.

6. **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Julian Brazil's report is attached to the minutes*. He added that he was delighted that the Parish were aiming to create a Neighbourhood Plan, which would dovetail with Plans at higher levels so that parishioners would have a say in the future of their Parish.

7. District Councillor's Report

A copy of Cllr Richard Foss' report is attached to the minutes*. Cllr Foss added that the elections in 2015 would involve only 31 of the current 40 District Cllrs. SHDC staff would be reduced in future and more information provided online. Telephone callers would be dealt with by one person who would find out the answer to the query rather than the caller being passed on to others. He advised that no grants from central Government were expected from 2020, if not before, and therefore they have been looking at other ways of increasing income. A Business/Income Support Department has been set up so that they can avoid cutting services and increasing charges like parking fees.

8. Friends of St Peter's Church Report

A copy of Rick Kemp's report is attached to the minutes*.

9. Stoke Fleming Community Primary School Report

A copy of Sarah Simnett's report is attached to the minutes*.

10. Village Hall Management Committee Report

A copy of Bob Norman's report is attached to the minutes*.

11. Stoke Fleming Magazine Report

A copy of Joan Mason's report is attached to the minutes*. Mrs Mason stressed that the Magazine is totally independent, not a Church magazine. It is dependent on contributions from the public, but normally only between 1/3rd and 1/4 of the envelopes distributed for contributions are returned.

12. Stoke Fleming Library Report

No report was available.

13. SODS Report

No report was available.

14. Little SODS Report

A copy of Annette Elliott's report is attached to the minutes*.

15. Stoke Fleming Scarecrow Day

A copy of Annette Elliott's report is attached to the minutes*.

Following an interval for refreshments, Dr Sarah Wollaston addressed the meeting and answered questions, detailed in the attached Appendix*.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, thanked Sarah Wollaston MP for taking the time to come to talk and answer questions which had been much appreciated by all. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

* Copies of the Minutes, together with attached reports and Appendix are held by the Parish Clerk and in Stoke Fleming Library for public inspection.