

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors. Katie Franks (Chairman) Nick Wood
Struan Coupar Charles Wreford-Brown
Paul Bond David Harris
District Councillor Richard Foss
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Debbie Holloway - SHDC
Parish Clerk Marion Foster

2420. APOLOGIES

Councillors Martin Judd, Mary Newman and Mark Malley

2421. MINUTES

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th January 2015, had been circulated and read. Cllr Wood proposed and Cllr Coupar seconded that the minutes be accepted. Cllr Coupar proposed and Cllr Wood seconded that the Planning Meeting Minutes of 27th January be accepted. All were in agreement and both the minutes and the planning meeting minutes were signed as a true record.

2422. MATTERS ARISING

None

2423. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2424. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public present

2425. LOCAL ALLOCATION POLICY – AFFORDABLE HOMES – Debbie Holloway gave a presentation on the SHDC proposal under the Local Lettings Plan to add the extra criteria of priority for emergency service volunteers. The proposal was being put forward in coastal areas to allow Coast Guard Volunteers to move up in the criteria for affordable homes, one problem being the necessity of a paid contract to qualify, which proves difficult for volunteers. Local people would remain first in the criteria but it would allow some flexibility for these volunteers to be considered before it is opened up to the wider community. Debbie agreed to circulate some example policies for Councillors to consider. Councillors agreed to discuss this at their next meeting. The Chairman thanked Debbie for attending the meeting.

2426. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Brazil confirmed that subsidies on local buses were being reviewed which was likely to affect the No. 93 through Stoke Fleming. Grit bins will be filled this year, so any bins needing filling should be reported, it may be that next winter would be the last time they will be filled by DCC.

Cllr Wreford-Brown reported that Blatchmore Lane was in a seriously bad state of repair following the installation of cables under the road by the Solar Farm company, with parts of the road sinking dramatically. Cllr Brazil promised to follow this up. He also promised to request an update from the Legal Department with regard to the Lay-by at Bugford.

2427. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Foss reported that Budgets were currently under discussion, but savings were working and they may be back in profit next year. The Planning Department was still struggling, mainly due to lack of staff. With regard to the Public Toilets near the Church, 2 leaks had been established and estimates on the costs were awaited, and he promised to follow this up again.

2428. CONDUCT OF PARISH BUSINESS

Councillors considered further proposals to reduce the amount of emails and items on the Agenda, plus the amount of Councillors needed at Planning Site Meetings. Standing Orders may need to be reviewed, although it was also suggested that site meetings could be at weekends or evenings to assist those working Councillors. The PC would review this again at the next meeting with hopefully a full Council.

2429. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Coupar confirmed progress was being made, but difficult to always keep things simple. An estimate for the 12/16 page survey production, distribution and return was £3,000.00 and he would like to apply for a grant from the Locality Fund for this amount, leaving a further £5,000 available to cover later consultation. A public meeting would need to be arranged to present the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Wreford-Brown proposed and was seconded by Cllr Wood that a grant application be put forward for £3,000.00, all were in agreement. The Website would soon be available to view on line.

2430. PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) Playing Field Accident (Mrs Foster): The Chairman had completed a reply to the Solicitors Document Schedule request and gathered together various Club Contracts. Councillors agreed that the Football Contract should be reviewed and a decision made on the future of the 5 a side football posts.

A further report had been received regarding an Ambulance getting stuck on the Playing Field after a Football Match and needing to be pulled out with a tractor, with subsequent repairs needing to be made by individual Councillors.

b) Other incidents reported within the village included motorbikes racing in the School playground and damaging the School poly-tunnel, and a car having been broken into in Blackpool Valley, both incidents having been reported to the Police.

2431. P3 -FOOTPATHS

Cllr Wood confirmed that he had received all but one of the Footpath reports.

2432. FOOTPATH 1

Following discussion together with a report from Cllr Wreford-Brown that had been circulated with the Agenda on his visit to observe Footpath 1, the majority of the Councillors agreed the following reply to Mr McFadden. "In reply to your letter we, the Stoke Fleming Parish Council, feel that the Footpath P1 should be left dormant in view of the exit being so dangerous."

**2433. PLANNING
APPLICATIONS**

Development site at SX 8329 5110, Bugford TQ6 0LT. 51/0026/15/F – Demolition of former workshop and erection of new dwelling and detached garage. Resubmission of 51/0701/14/F.

Capton, Dartmouth. 18/0048/15/F - Erection of wind turbine (50kw) with 24.6 metre hub height, 34.2 metre tip height

DECISIONS

Tanamerah, Bugford, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LT. 51/1743/14/VAR – Removal of condition 6 of application 51/0913/99/F to remove agricultural occupancy restriction – REFUSED

ENFORCEMENT CASES The current enforcement list update.

2434. FINANCE**a) BANK BALANCES**

Santander	£13,501.34	Statement dated 6 th January 2015
Lloyds Bank	£12,736.25	Actual Balance at 4/2/15

b) RECEIPTS

	£
Locality Grant (NP + Fountain)	1250.00
Flower Tub payments	174.00
Tribal Clash	600.00
Dartmouth Club de Petanque	200.00
Football Club	43.21

Cllr Wood proposed and Cllr Wreford-Brown seconded that the following cheques be approved for signature, all were in agreement

c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

Nick Roberts	45.00	Shelter cleaning
Tammy Hall	34.66	Toilet Block cleaning
Post Office Ltd (South West Water)	99.36	Water Quarter Account
Post Office Ltd (EDF)	64.45	Electric Quarter Account
Stainless Design Services	195.60	Drinking Fountain
Ms M Foster	367.29	Clerk Salary + expenses

d) PRECEPT & BUDGET 2015/16

Report from Budget/Finance Meeting 22nd January 2015 – Agreement reached to increase Band D rate by 50 pence, i.e. up to 25.81p, resulting in a Precept of £13,945.00 – Precept request completed and forwarded to SHDC by 31/1/15

Cllr Wreford-Brown proposed and Cllr Wood seconded that the revised 2015/16 Budget be approved, with full agreement.

2435. DIARY DATES

11 th February 2015	Super Cluster Meeting – Follaton House, 6.30pm – Cllr Franks to attend
12 th February 2015	Affordable Housing – Village Hall
18 th February 2015	NP Core Group
18 th February 2015	Coleridge Meeting – Cllr Franks & Wood to attend
25 th February 2015	NP Steering Group, 7pm
15 th April 2015	Annual Parish Meeting, 7pm Village Hall
7 th May 2015	General/County/Parish Council Elections
14 th May 2015	Annual Meeting, 7pm Village Hall

2436. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/CIRCULATING

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday, 4th March 2015** in the Village Hall at **7pm**.