

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Katie Franks (Chairman) Mary Newman (Vice Chairman)
Hazel Smith David Harris
Martin Judd Struan Coupar
Paul Bond Nick Wood
County Councillor Julian Brazil
District Councillor Michael Hicks
Parish Clerk Marion Foster
One member of the Public

320. APOLOGIES

Cllr Wreford-Brown

321. MINUTES

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st February 2017, had been circulated and Councillors requested clarification on two of the minuted items, the Clerk would amend and re-submit at the April meeting. Cllr Wood proposed and Cllr Newman seconded that the Site Planning Meeting Minutes of 1st February 2017 be accepted. Cllr Harris proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that the Site Planning Meeting Minutes of 16th February 2017 be accepted. All were in agreement and both planning minutes were signed as a true record.

322. MATTERS ARISING

Due to a mix up on dates the Chairman had missed the Chamonix meeting, but it had been reported that Chamonix has resigned and the Well Park Place residents had taken on the Director's role. With reference to the reflectors on the bollards on School Road, the Chairman had been informed that a lamp would be erected to illuminate the ramp, therefore reflectors should be unnecessary.

323. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 331 - Cllrs Newman and Harris

324. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Clarification of guidelines with regard to members of the public speaking at Parish Council Public Meetings. The Chairman re-stated for the record that public question time is not an arena with anonymity, parish council meetings are public meetings, can be recorded and are open to all. Those members of the public who wish to speak at this point of the meeting need to realise that no-one has anonymity. If they have private matters to bring to the attention of the Parish Council they need to speak with Councillors separate from the meeting.

325. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Vice Chairman of the Stoke Fleming Village Hall Committee addressed the meeting with a request for funds towards the Solicitors fees covering three months work to agree a new four year lease with Libraries Unlimited. The new lease should be signed within the next couple of weeks hopefully with agreement that Libraries Unlimited will contribute 5% of the running costs of the hall. Village Hall's funds had covered the recent spend of £4,000 on a new fire alarm system together with new doors for the hall and the Friends of Stoke Fleming Library had made a contribution. The Committee asked if the Parish Council would donate funds towards an estimated account from the Solicitors of £1,020.00.

As a request for Library funding was listed on the Agenda under Finance, Councillors would discuss the request at that time.

Difficulties with parking especially when Football matches clashed with events in the Hall were highlighted, perhaps Football players/supporters might park on the Playing field when parking was limited. After further discussion Councillors agreed that players/supporters should continue to park in Venn Lane when the Village Hall parking was unavailable.

326. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Devon County Council had agreed a 5% increase in Council Tax, 3% of which ring-fenced for Adult Social Care.

Councillors raised the question again of the Blackpool Hill manhole covers, mentioning that 3 accidents had taken place down this stretch of road. Cllr Brazil had been informed by Highways that an enquiry was still on-going following the fatal accident of a cyclist last year. Highlighting the dangers by spray-painting round the manhole covers was put forward as a suggestion.

A drain in School Road was reported, it appeared to be in the wrong place and following rain children were being forced to walk into the road to circle a large puddle at the junction beside the new hump in the road. Cllr Brazil would report to Highways. As mentioned in February, bollards along Slapton Line were discussed, Cllr Brazil believed the bollards were the responsibility of the Whitley Trust.

327. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks had taken the concerns over the Planning Department from Stoke Fleming PC back to the SHDC Director, although he had since been informed that Patrick Wymer from Planning was giving a seminar at Stoke Fleming on 20th March for Councillors from several Parish Councils. The Chairman confirmed that contact had been received from District Cllr John Tucker with regard to setting up this event. The meeting agreed that an Agenda for the seminar should be drawn up by the Parish Councillors from those Parish Councils attending, and suggestions would be submitted to the Chairman to be forwarded to Mr Wymer. Wildlife Corridor and Well Park Place - Cllr Hicks had arranged a meeting with a resident of Well Park Place and an Enforcement Officer on site following the PC meeting in February. This meeting took place although Cllr Hicks was not present due to illness. He had been informed by the Enforcement Officer that issues had changed and an enquiry was made to the Land Registry Office to establish the ownership of the Corridor. Bloor Homes are the land-owners, they have been informed of the situation and will report back to SHDC, hopefully by the next meeting.

The Joint Local Plan is being considered on the 2nd March 2017.

328. COMMUNITY

(a) Reported problems - none

(b) Police Report - none

(c) Skip in Village - Costs. The meeting discussed this idea further, having received some quotes and restrictions as to what could be placed in the skip, i.e. no white goods, tyres, paint, etc. All agreed that a Councillor/volunteer would need to oversee the skip and it would only be in place for a day at the most. The meeting agreed to organise this in Summer, May or June 2017.

(d) Website Marketing - the meeting agreed the need for someone to take on the advertising within the website, perhaps place an advert for a volunteer in the magazine. Councillors requested that this be listed on the April Agenda for further discussion.

329. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Reported problems - none

(b) Street cleaning definitive map query - the meeting agreed to put in a request to SHDC for Chapel Lane to be swept by the new small street sweeper.

(c) P3 Footpath Volunteer - Cllr Bond confirmed that he was about to walk all the parish footpaths and complete the Annual survey.

330. MAINTENANCE

(a) Reported Problems - the catch on the Parish Notice Board opposite the shop had broken and the Clerk would contact Keith Ellis to repair as soon as possible.

For information, the flood prevention repairs, i.e. altering the grill near the hotel, were going well.

(b) South West Water - changes from 1 April 2017, SFPC had received a letter confirming that business customers will be able to choose who they buy water and wastewater services from 1/4/17.

331. PLANNING: APPLICATIONS

Sanders, Old Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PY 0276/17/TPO Works to trees

Old Pound House, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0NU 0152/17/TCA Works to trees

Broome Cottage, Chapel Lane, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PA 0487/17/HHO Householder application for rear kitchen extension

For Information: Land at Stoke Fleming Telephone Exchange, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QZ 0364/17/PAT Prior notification for proposed telecommunications development for 15m lattice mast, 3 antennas, 2 dishes and associated cabinets

For Information: Blatchmore Barn, Blatchmore Lane, Bugford 0554/17/PDM Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3)

For Information: Cross Park Barn, Ash Cross, Ash, TQ6 0LR 0461/17/PDM Notification for Prior Approval for Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated operational development

DECISIONS

The Green Dragon, Church Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PX 2804/16/FUL Addition of kitchen extractor fan - Conditional Approval

The Green Dragon, Church Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PX 2805/16/LBC Listed building consent for addition of kitchen extractor fan - Conditional Approval

Hillfield Village, Hillfield, TQ6 0LX 4037/16/FUL Erection of new unit of accommodation - Conditional Approval

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

332. FINANCE

a) **BANK BALANCES**

Santander	£13,609.85	Statement dated 6 th February 2017
Lloyds Bank	£17,086.84	Balance at 24/02/17

b) **RECEIPTS**

Dittisham PC	80.00	TAP repayment - weed-spraying
Mr Elgar	25.00	Hire of playing Field (May 2017)
Stoke Fleming Football Club	423.32	Annual Rent + 4 Utility invoices

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

c) **ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**

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Nick Roberts	47.50	Shelter cleaning
Barry Morris	40.00	Website Administration
Ms M Foster	344.20	Clerk Salary
Hannah Abraham	34.00	Toilet Block cleaning
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	123.00	Room Hire PC + NP & Affiliation Fee

d) **REQUESTS FOR FUNDS**

The meeting agreed the following requests:

Stoke Fleming Library - via Stoke Fleming Village Hall for the conveyance of the Lease Renewal with Libraries Unlimited - £500.00

Citizens Advice South Hams - £100.00

Devon Link Up - none

333. DATES

SHDC Planning Seminar	20th March	6.30 pm SF Village Hall
Scarecrow Festival	2nd April	
Neighbourhood Plan Open Meeting	10th April	3 - 8pm SF Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting	26th April	7pm SF Village Hall, RH room
Parish Council Annual Meeting	3rd May	7pm SF Village Hall, RH room

334. REPORT FROM MEETINGS

Townstal Community Partnership - the Chairman reported that under the Health, discussion surrounded the proposal that the 1st Responder Ambulance may go from Dartmouth, with a request for all local villages to join with the TCP in objecting.

335. PARISH CLERK

Parish Clerk Letter of resignation, the Chairman expressed her sadness at the receipt of the Clerk's resignation and thanked her for her work. The recruitment process was under-way, an advert in the March parish magazine and the DALC website, with a closing date of 22nd March. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should be involved in the application process to employ a new Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on 5th April 2017, in the Village Hall at 7.00pm