

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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M I N U T E S

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.00 pm remotely in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Councillors Struan Coupar David Harris John Belli
 Phil Elliott Hazel Smith Marion Holmes
 Jojo Szota

District Councillor Helen Reeve, County Councillor Julian Brazil, Parish Clerk and a member of the public.

182. APOLOGIES - Jack Handley

The Chairman apologised to the PC for the short notice of the Annual Parish Council Meeting due to a change in advice from DALC and that the Annual Parish Meeting is delayed until June to allow enough time to arrange with community groups and publish notice.

183. APPOINTMENTS:

- a) All Cllrs voted in favour to re-appoint Struan Coupar as Chairman.
- b) All Cllrs voted in favour to appoint Marion Holmes as Vice Chairman as Cllr Smith advised that she was stepping down from the role.
- c) All Cllrs voted in favour to retain their existing portfolio work positions.
- d) The Council voted in favour of Cllr Coupar continuing as Village Hall Management Committee member.
- e) All Clls voted in favour of remaining as Trustees of the Village Playing Field Charity.

184. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous remote meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 7th April 2021 had been circulated and read. Cllr Szota proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from April 2021 were also read and approved, proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Harris. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

185. MATTERS ARISING – None

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – The Chairman declared an interest in item 197C – refund of the PC Annual Zoom Licence fee.

187. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised concerns over the lack of roadside weed maintenance and amount of debris at the side of the roads and that this was not meeting the expectations of residents or visitors regarding a well-kept village. Cllr Brazil advised that DCC were responsible for maintaining the main county highways and that due to Government cuts, the county lengthsmen had very high workloads across all of Devon. DCC are therefore encouraging all PC's to join the DCC Road Warden scheme and work with local contractors

and volunteers to undertake local highways work and to cover costs in the precept. Cllr J Brazil offered to put the parish in touch with Blackawton who were successfully operating the scheme. Cllr Smith raised concerns over volunteers working on the highways and said that the Road and Snow warden schemes were already being considered. The Clerk offered to share how Slapton PC were operating the DCC Road Warden Scheme and would forward the information to Cllr Harris and Cllr Elliott to consider.

The Chairman reported receipt of several complaints from parishioners regarding broken and full dog bins in the play park and playing field and suggested that a co-ordinated approach to maintenance matters across SCC, SHDC and the PC was the best approach.

The Chairman conveyed thanks to DCC for the recent pothole and buddlehole work around the parish.

188. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil said it had been a quiet month due to the elections and the period of purdah. DCC had held their full Annual Council Meeting and voted unanimously to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and climate change policy in order to gain leverage on this matter in Westminster. Covid-19: South Hams continues to have very low levels of Covid and the switch of the vaccination rollout programme from St Boniface Centre to Follaton House in Totnes was working well. May 17th was an important date for the re-opening of pubs and cafes.

189. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve reported that if any parishioners or Cllrs had not received their new recycling boxes this should now be reported via the SHDC website so that matter could be logged and rectified and also raised with Cllr Reeve to help monitor the rollout.

Cllr Reeve reported that the new SHDC Localities Officers would soon start work in the parish.

The Chairman raised again the issue of the damaged and full waste bins in the play park and playing field. Cllr Reeve offered to follow up with SHDC waste dept on the bin matters.

The Chairman asked what SHDC's climate change planning policy was for new build homes heating systems in the light of Government policy to favour a switch away from gas and oil to air and heat source pumps, given the 400 houses being built at Little Cotton. Cllr J Brazil advised that the National Planning Policy Framework included a clause for local development plans to ask how carbon emissions will be reduced. The Joint Local Plan is also due for review with a focus on building carbon zero houses using solar panels and ground source heat pumps. A renewable energy heating scheme is due by March 2022.

190. GOVERNANCE

a) All Cllrs voted to approve / adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

b) All Cllrs voted to approve / adopt the PC Risk Register.

c) AGAR Part 3, 2020-21

a. The Chairman approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement.

b. The Chairman approved and signed the 2020-21 Accounting Statement.

191. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Proposed new car park report - The Chairman reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week with the landowner to discuss the proposed car park. An update will be provided at the next meeting. Cllr Belli reported that he had been approached by several parishioners for an update. Cllr Elliott reported that the Sub-committee is hopeful of a contribution to help fund the car park from local developers and the Chairman will discuss this matter further with Cllr Reeve.

(b) **Bird Walk Signs** - Matter to be carried as Cllr Handley not present.

192. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) New speed signs

Cllr Smith reported DCC Highways had approved the following: All proposed camera locations (except location 1 on Blackpool Hill), supplier/product specification and speed sign wording. Highways have said the camera should be installed on its own posts and not on lampposts. Cllr Smith is progressing agreement to an alternative location 1 and receipt of an installation quote from DCC Highways.

193. MAINTENANCE

(a) CCTV – Cllr Belli reported that the Village Hall Committee were in principle in favour of extending their services to open and close the toilets at the Pavilion building at the same time as opening and closing the Village Hall to prevent the need for night-time monitoring of the toilet block. Cllr Belli to discuss further with the Village Hall Committee at the next meeting and report back.

(b) The Inn Theatre Company summer show – The Chairman proposed a discounted hire price for the village playing field and pavilion block to support the show. The tariff was approved unanimously but the PC.

(c) Reported rotten tree stumps in the play area. Cllr Elliot reported that to repair the playground would be £900 (incl. materials and labour). Cllr Reeve to discuss alternative quote with SHDC.

194. CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr Belli and Cllr Szota reported that 16 parishioners had offered support in forming a community climate change committee. A face-to-face meeting is next to be scheduled to scope out projects relevant to the needs of the parish. Cllr Reeve reported that DCC had allocated £3K per Cllr to help parishes with local initiatives based on a business case. Cllr Reeve reported that the Sustainable South Hams events had been well attended and a database of ideas is now available to help attendees share ideas.

195. ACTIONS REGISTER

The Clerk will update the register as discussed and agreed by the PC.

196. PLANNING:

Cllr Holmes reported a quiet month with just one planning application remaining outstanding ref: 1102/21/PDM Ash Cross Barn. Cllr Holmes requested an urgent meeting with a minimum of four Cllrs to discuss all papers received in relation to the application in order for form an agreed response by the SHDC deadline of 7th April 2021.

APPLICATIONS

1058/21/HHO East Down Barn, TQ9 7AW

Householder application for demolition of existing garage/outbuilding and erection of new.

0695/21/VAR Acorn Cottage , Hillfield TQ6 0LT

Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 51/0748/15/F.

3779/20/TPO Melverly, Ravensbourne Lane. TQ6 0QR

T1: Ash - Fell; tree is showing signs of dieback. T2: Beech - Crown lift to 6m from ground level on West side; tree overhanging neighbouring property. T3: Turkey Oak - Crown lift to 7m from ground level on West side by removal of boughs highlighted yellow on photograph; tree encroaching on neighbouring garden.

0848/21/FUL Barn At Sx 859 498, Venn, Dartmouth. TQ6 OLE

Replacement dwelling following Class Q approval (resubmission of 3827/19/FUL)

1091/21/TCA Old Pound House, Dartmouth Road TQ6 0NU

T1: Bay - Crown reduction by 3 metres; T2: Ash - Crown raise to 4 metres from ground level

0752/21/HHO Greenswood Barn, Ash TQ6 0LR

Householder application for erection of greenhouse and installation of solar panels

DECISIONS

4065/20/HHO Southfield House New Road Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR

Householder application for front porch. Conditional Approval.

Tree Preservation Order Number 1029

Site: Seacliffe, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming, SX861479

Confirmed by the South Hams District Council, subject to the modifications indicated by updated plan to show new location of tree, on the 8th day of April 2021, pursuant to Minute Number C.134/01.

0318/21/ARC Coombe Chalet Shady Lane, TQ6 OPD

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 and 4 for planning application 0057/20/FUL. Discharge of condition approved.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update.

197. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE

Lloyds Bank	£ 19,565.83	Balance at 23 April 2021
Savings account	£ 12,376.17	Balance at 23 April 2021

b) RECEIPTS

	£	
Precept – 1 st instalment	£11,130.50	12 April 2021
Interest Savings Account	£0.11	9 April 2021

c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

BACS payments:

	£	
Louise Soothill-Ward	£358.40	Clerks' salary – April 2021
Louise Soothill-Ward	£19.95	Mileage allowance/Expenses (Book of condolence)
Barry Morris	£50.00	Website administration April 2021
Laurenjade Ahearn	£50.00	April bus shelters x 6 cleaning
Laurenjade Ahearn	£330.00	Easter Bus Shelter Painting.
Mr Struan Coupar	£143.88	Zoom Subscription Licence refund
South West Water	£ 20.69	Water supply Feb– 22 April 2021

d). Playing Field and Pavilion 2021 –The Chairman proposed an annual hire tariff review based on RPI inflation rates. For discussion next meeting.

198. FURTHER BUSINESS

a). June PC meeting – Carried until next week.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:

Wednesday 2nd June 2021. (Normally at 7.00pm but the time may be subject to variation while Covid restrictions remain).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35pm.