

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 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	Ruth Adams	David Harris
	Phil Elliott	Hazel Smith	Marion Holmes
	Jack Handley	John Belli	Jojo Szota

District Councillor Helen Reeve
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Samantha Dennis, Charlie Pritchard-Williams (members of the public)

108. APOLOGIES

Judy Talbot, Parish Clerk

109. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Remote Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 4th November 2020 had been circulated and read. Cllr Adams proposed and Cllr Harris seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from November 2020 were also read and approved, proposed by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Smith. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

110. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the November meeting had noted the resignation of the Parish Clerk and thanked her for her hard work and commitment over the last four years. The process of recruiting a new Clerk had begun. There have been a number of enquiries but to date only one application has been received, from a person who is Clerk to a local parish council. The closing date for applications is Friday 4th December.

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

112. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

113. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil again confirmed that DCC is the main coordinator for any Covid-related responses and queries. The number of cases in the area is roughly the same as in Cornwall, and there are hopes that the county might be moved to Tier 1 when the system is reviewed. The small number of ICUs, with limited capacity, and the corresponding risk that the NHS might be overwhelmed is the main reason for Devon being in Tier 2.

DCC is due to hold a full council meeting tomorrow and will discuss measures to address the high rate of turnover among social workers, who are leaving to go to authorities that offer better terms and conditions. This has meant that children are not getting the continuity of support that they need.

Cllr Brazil asked about progress in ascertaining the location used for the traffic survey mentioned at last month's meeting. A discussion ensued on an accident at the bus stop opposite the Village Hall and it was agreed the possibility of re-siting it should be examined.

114. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve said that the planning application for the new health hub had been approved earlier in the day.

The new waste collection service has continued to experience problems due to staff being in self-isolation. If collections are missed householders should take bins in again as they will not be emptied for a further two weeks.

115. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Sub-committee report

Cllr Coupar advised that work to improve the Bird Walk began on Monday. The old fencing has been removed and re-grading has begun. The absence of the fence has given an unexpectedly rural look to the footpath; however, new fencing is required for security reasons. He warned that expenditure on the Bird Walk would result in a substantial drain on council resources amounting to around £10,000 in the short term, despite the drawdown of s106 monies and other grants, until VAT is recovered and other contributions are received.

116. COMMUNITY

(a) Emergency Plan

Councillors Belli and Szota reported on progress over the revision of the parish Emergency Plan. A first draft has been circulated. They will discuss the proposed structure of the Plan with the Chairman and Vice Chairman before proceeding further.

(b) Christmas

Councillors discussed local initiatives to support those in need over the Christmas period. The application to Western Power Distribution for a £1,500 grant with which to assist those was unsuccessful as the fund was greatly oversubscribed and we had not learned of its existence until shortly before the closing date for applications. The Community Kitchen group will receive some support, and the Covid Response Group has been asked to provide details of its known and anticipated requirements by category, in particular differentiating between those in need and measures simply to spread good cheer over the festive season. Councillors agreed in principle to make donations from parish funds.

117. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Speed signs

Cllr Smith has asked for details of the exact location and time of day that traffic speed recordings were taken, as that may have had a significant effect on the readings recorded. A response from Highways is awaited.

(b) Potholes

The worst potholes in the parish have been identified and reported. A few have been repaired but the majority have not so far received attention.

(c) Parish paths

The annual survey is almost complete.

(d) Maps

Six copies of the revised map of parish roads public rights of way have been received. One copy will be given to each portfolio group.

118. MAINTENANCE

(a) Toilets – CCTV

A report is awaited.

(b) Coastguard training

The Coastguard have requested permission to use the helicopter night landing lights on one evening each month to enable training to be carried on out of door during the Covid pandemic. Councillors approved the request. Cllr Handley will draft a letter to be sent to the owners of neighbouring properties in advance, explaining the need.

119. ACTIONS REGISTER

The actions register is updated monthly. Councillors were asked to review items for which they are responsible and notify the Clerk of any progress.

120. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

3310/20/FUL 1-3 Rose Cottages, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming

Creation of off-road parking

3343/20/FUL Seacliffe, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PJ

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new replacement dwelling and associated landscaping. Councillors had received reports and meetings had taken place with the applicant, neighbours and the architect, as a result of which new visual material had been received, which had been useful. After discussion the council agreed by six votes to two, with one abstention, to support the application.

3442/20/TCA Whiteladies, New Road, Stoke Fleming

Works to a tree in a conservation area: light to garden. Removal of 1x branch at 8m from ground and 1x branch at 15m from ground on north side to increase light and reduce risk of damage to building. T2: Monterey Pine – Removal of limb at 6m from ground on South West side and small branches at 10m from ground on South West side to reduce risk of damage to conservatory.

3474/20/HHO Jubilee House, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR

Householder application for alterations to fenestration and provision of covered Veranda (resubmission of 2668/20/HHO). Councillors will visit again to review.

3375/20/TPO The Shippen, Bugford, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LT

T1: Maple - Reduction of 3x branches at 6m from ground level on North West side by 4m and reduction of 1x branch at 5m from ground level on North West side by 3m. Tree is overhanging neighbouring property and causing damp and rot to decking and garden furniture.

3519/20/VAR Higher Ash Farm, Ash, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LR

Application for variation of condition 2 of Planning consent 1589/20/FUL.

DECISIONS

2545/19/FUL Land at Venn Lane, Norton, Stoke Fleming

Retrospective application for change of use of land to provide site for the Stagecoach bus depot and highway improvements. Refusal 30/10/20.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

121. FINANCE

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Adams seconded that the following payments be approved for signature. All were in agreement.

a)	BANK BALANCE		
	Lloyds Bank	£20,571.93	Balance at 26 th November 2020
	Savings account	£12,375.66	Balance at 26 th November 2020
b)	RECEIPTS	£	
	HMRC	149.78	VAT return
c)	ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID	£	
	BACS payments:		
	Barry Morris	50.00	Website administration
	Miss J Talbot	385.40	Clerk salary
	Laurenjade Ahearn	50.00	Bus shelter cleaning/maintenance
	Keith Ellis	1,182.00	Painting pavilion/repairs
	Terry Hallett's Gardening Services	1,022.00	Gardening maintenance
	Veaseys Printers	194.00	Walking leaflets
	EDF Energy	14.00	Electricity bill
	Saunders Signs Dartmouth	95.00	Bird Walk notices

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:
Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 7pm