

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd October
Village Hall at 7.00 pm**

Present : Councillors	Struan Coupar	Hazel Smith	David Harris
	Marion Holmes	Jay Gascoigne	Ruth Adams

District Councillor Helen Reeve
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Phil Elliott
Parish Clerk

757. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Wood and Martin.

758. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2019 had been circulated and read. Cllr Harris proposed and Cllr Adams seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from 5th September 2019 were also read and approved with Cllr Smith proposing and Cllr Holmes seconding. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

759. MATTERS ARISING

None.

760. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harris under 772 (c).

761. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

762. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILLOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Phil Elliott introduced himself to the Parish Council and stated that he had been on the Parish Council previously for seventeen years. As he was the only applicant within the specified time period as advertised, he was duly co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy.

Cllr Holmes proposed that Cllr Smith should stand as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Adams. Cllr Smith accepted but stated that she would stand down from the Planning portfolio. Cllr Holmes offered to take up this role alongside Cllr Adams.

763. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil mentioned the ongoing broadband works along Venn Lane and the recent problems with the contractor. He also agreed to attend a forthcoming site meeting with Gigaclear regarding the planned roadworks in November and associated A379 road closures. He stated that the works will have to be carried out so it would best to focus on mitigating the traffic diversion caused by these closures and try to negotiate and liaise closely with Gigaclear in reducing the disruption.

Cllr Brazil also mentioned that Stagecoach will make their own arrangements in this matter and will most likely run a shuttle service at each end of the diversion.

Devon County Council have recently announced a Climate Emergency and will be putting into place an action plan in the near future. A Citizens' Assembly will be formed to invite various experts in the field along with interested parties.

A new recycling scheme will soon offer different options to carry out more recycling.

Cllr Brazil recently received a speeding complaint from a local parishioner. The County Council are happy to check the average speed of traffic through the village and if it is considered above the speed limit then the Parish Council may wish to look into installing a VAS (vehicle-activated sign) at approximately £3,000.

764. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve added that she hoped Parish Councils will also contribute towards the climate change action plan. She mentioned that everyone needs to be more vigilant when recycling as putting the wrong items in for recycling causes contamination and therefore more cost to the District Council.

Cllr Reeve informed Councillors that there will be new enforcement officers appointed soon to help with the current caseload. It was agreed that Deer Park is now secured, and it is awaiting demolition. Planners have expressed dissatisfaction with the current temporary location for which Stagecoach has submitted retrospective planning permission.

Cllr Reeve discussed a recent safety community meeting at which it was said we all need to be more aware and vigilant regarding the drugs problem in our towns especially with regard to private houses and some existing uses for drug dealing.

The leisure centres throughout the South Hams are now working on a cashless basis but will accept cards and pre-bookings.

Cllr Reeve also mentioned her Locality Fund which may be of use to local parishes.

765. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Sub-committee report

The Sub-committee met on 5th September.

The School footpath is now not viable as Cavanna omitted to enshrine the proposed right of access from the Rectory field to Hockey Fields in sales documentation and no longer own the land in question. However, there is a possibility of receiving the £10,000 still which was allocated by Cavanna for this purpose, to go towards the upgrading of the Bird Walk. The PC need to put together a detailed proposal to them in order to apply for this.

A meeting is being arranged to discuss the car park further. Cllr Holmes will undertake a study of residents' car parking needs.

(b) Parish website and business forum

The website is due for upgrading. Cllr Holmes offered to look into it with the possibility of gaining advertising revenue again and setting up a business forum. She will also speak to the relevant person who set up the PC's Facebook account in order to get this off the ground again.

766. COMMUNITY

(a) Christmas Tree Festival

Cllr Adams suggested that the tree should have a title relating to space travel, which Councillors agreed to. She will fill in the necessary details and return them with payment.

Cllr Harris proposed that the parish should have a bottlebank again. It was previously removed because contractors couldn't access it easily and there were complaints from nearby residents about

the noise. A site on the lower side of the toilets was suggested as a possibility so Cllr Reeve will speak to the Localities Officer about it and Cllr Harris will clear the site if it is agreed.

The Petanque Club have asked if they may bolt down a bench to the paving slabs in order to prevent it being moved. Councillors were all in agreement that they may do so.

Cllr Coupar reported that the Bidders bench has been relocated and is secured with a chain and padlock. The Clerk will look into having it bolted down securely as it can currently be moved around.

Cllr Gascoigne reported back on the recent confirmation from SHDC regarding the BT phone box. SHDC have upheld the PC's rejection of BT's proposal to remove it. It is hoped that we will get a response from BT in the next couple of months.

767. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Broadband

Cllr Gascoigne discussed the recent meeting held with Gigaclear and telent which highlighted numerous complaints from Parishioners regarding the works on Venn Lane and Cinders Lane as well as discussing significant concerns around upcoming works on the A379 through the village from the 18th November through to 16th December. Gigaclear and telent have again promised to improve their onsite management and community engagement. Gigaclear have also agreed to hold a multi-stakeholder site visit for the A379 works to see what mitigation can be agreed to minimise disruption.

Cllr Gascoigne will also make contact with local emergency services and Stagecoach to identify their plans during the proposed A379 closure, and will also speak to Devon County Council Highways Authority who are responsible for signing off these types of temporary road closure to see if other options can be considered that reduce the impact on local businesses.

768. MAINTENANCE

(a) DAAT

Cllr Martin has agreed that the Maintenance portfolio holders will take responsibility for the maintenance of the mast which requires testing periodically.

(b) Football pavilion

The Clerk discussed the Football Club's recent termination notice which runs until early December. At this stage she will meet with Dean Martyn and check the pavilion, take readings and get the keys back.

It is hoped that other clubs will wish to use it and the PC may advertise in the magazine in the near future.

Cllr Coupar mentioned to Cllr Reeve that the PC has some unexpected costs for emergency repair works in the playpark which amount to approximately £1,000 so would be grateful if she might allocate some funds from her afore-mentioned Locality Fund towards these if possible. She agreed that this could be arranged and the Clerk would be in touch in due course.

769. REGISTRATION AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A note was circulated regarding Councillors' interests which might have been acquired after the date of election and therefore must be updated on their Registers.

Cllr Coupar asked Cllr Reeve to ascertain in what circumstances if a declaration should be made if a matter arose during the course of a council meeting and it was not clear whether the interests of particular councillors would be prejudicially affected. She agreed to look into the matter.

770. DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Councillors reported back on the recent meeting with Dartmouth Town Council. It was felt the meeting went well and was helpful in strengthening the relationship between the two neighbouring councils. Dartmouth Town Council were impressed by the number of community groups active in Stoke Fleming. It was proposed that these meetings could be held periodically. The Clerk will ask for a copy of the minutes from the Town Council's Clerk.

771. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

1997/19/VAR Land off School Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6

Application for removal or variation of condition 2 of planning consent 1109/18/ARM

DECISIONS

2469/19/NNM Land adjacent to Townstal Road, West of Dartmouth

Non-material amendment to outline consent 15_51/1710/14/O. Approval granted 06/09/19.

Hillfield Village, Bugford Cross to Yeomans, Hillfield TQ6 0LX

All refused on 29/09/19:

0738/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 5 of planning consent (Unit 3 restricted to holiday/staff accommodation).

0743/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 1 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

0746/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 2 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

0747/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 3 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

0748/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 10 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

0749/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 8 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

0752/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 8 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

0753/19/VAR Application of removal of condition 8 of planning consent (residential accommodation restricted to holiday accommodation).

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

772. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE

Lloyds Bank	£19,010.95	Balance at 26 th September 2019
Savings account	£12,069.87	Balance at 26 th September 2019

b)	RECEIPTS		
	Hort & Sports Society	30.00	Stoke Fleming Village Show
	South Hams District Council	8,751.50	Precept

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

c)	ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID	£	
	Nick Roberts	48.50	Shelter cleaning
	Barry Morris	50.00	Website administration
	Hannah Abraham	34.00	Toilet block cleaning
	Miss J Talbot	368.60	Clerk salary
	Miss J Talbot	22.35	Printing and stamps
	Luketom Ltd	82.80	Annual SSL certificate renewal
	Hawthorns Accounting	66.00	Payroll
	PKF Littlejohn LLP	240.00	Audit fee
	St. Peter's Church	18.00	Christmas Tree Festival
	Information Commissioner	40.00	Data protection fee
	R.V. Harris & Son	780.00	Maintenance works
	BACS payments to be paid:		
	South Hams District Council	240.00	Annual insurance and inspection fee
	Huck Nets (UK) Ltd	1,100.50	Replacement of posts in Playpark

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on Wednesday 6th November in the Village Hall at 7pm.