

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 3rd February 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	Ruth Adams	David Harris
	Phil Elliott	Hazel Smith	Marion Holmes
	Jack Handley	Jojo Szota	John Belli

District Councillor Helen Reeve
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Parish Clerk

136. APOLOGIES

None

137. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Remote Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 6th January 2021 had been circulated and read. Cllr Holmes proposed and Cllr Adams seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from January 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.

138. MATTERS ARISING

None

139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

140. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman had received a communication from a parishioner enquiring about council policy on climate change. An accompanying letter had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Holmes felt that the PC should address climate change and develop an approach and strategy.

Cllr Reeve advised that Blackawton PC was very active and had set up a 'Sustainable Blackawton' group and that other local PC's would like to work together to share ideas.

Cllr Brazil advised that climate change groups tend to currently operate outside of PC's but they could be set up in several ways. Cllr Brazil would be happy to support with any approach the PC chooses to take.

Cllr Smith agreed that it was an issue that could not be ignored and that it would be best to work together with neighbouring PC's with a common and shared approach.

Cllr Szota said that she and Cllr Belli were already due to contact Blackawton PC in connection with the Emergency Plan and could use that opportunity to discuss their climate change initiatives.

141. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil stated that the Council Tax would be increased to the maximum limit of 5% (2% general Expenses cap and 3% ring-fenced for adult social care). The budget meeting was scheduled for mid-February when it would be signed off.

Cllr Brazil reported there had been a local issue of flooding in Bugford and Lisa Edmunds at DCC Highways had been briefed to engage a flood team to inspect the area and provide a report including factoring in the impact of increasing rainfall levels. The report is pending and an update will be provided when available. Cllr Coupar provided an insight into the historical issues which had frustrated previous efforts to overcome the problem. Cllr Brazil suggested a solution may be to install a large soakaway as a remedy needed to be found.

Cllr Brazil had attended the recent Slapton Line Partnership meeting on the 25th January 2021 and reported that the position of adaptation manager had not yet been filled, and that is instrumental in taking forward the adaptation plan. The A379 road was at risk in easterly weather and if the road finally breached, the area would look to become a destination point but plans needed to be in place to manage increased traffic on the back roads and increased parking at Strete Gate and Torcross.

Cllr Brazil reported that Covid-19 rates were reducing and overall very low and that vaccines were being rolled out at Buckfastleigh and in addition other local centres when these received supplies. It is hoped that schools will be able to return on the 8th March 2021.

142. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve reported was pleased to hear that the waste collection service had improved and encouraged parishioners to keep raising issues so that these could be followed up. The new roadside recycling vehicles had been delivered and the new service was scheduled to commence the middle of March, initially on streets with pavements. An information flyer will be issued to parishioners 2 weeks before the service begins.

Cllr Reeve reported that extra SHDC Localities Officers would be in place between 1 April and 30 September to help manage the tourist season and Covid-19 breaches at the beach carparks and hot spots.

143. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Proposed new car park report

A report is being finalised on the survey that was carried out last March to share with Cllr Coupar at the end of the week. A meeting date of Thursday 11th February at 6pm was agreed for Cllrs Holmes, Coupar, Elliot, Harris and Handley of the NP sub-committee to meet and review the report.

144. COMMUNITY

(a) Census 2021

It was reported that Census day is 21st March 2021 and is the first census to be run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, smart phones or tablets from early March. Paper copies will be available for all those who need them.

Cllr Coupar advised a range of media releases aimed at raising awareness had been received via email on the 19th January from Vanessa Woods, of the Office for National Statistics and these would be reviewed for suitability to display on the PC website, Facebook page and SF Magazine.

(b) Councillors' contact list

Cllr Coupar reported that following the Emergency Plan meeting a need had been identified for a comprehensive Cllr contact list for internal use only. The PC agreed to their contact details being used for this purpose and Cllr Szota agreed to circulate an existing emergency plan list to the PC so that contact details could be confirmed. Once completed, the clerk will circulate to the PC, Cllr Brazil and Cllr Reeve.

145. ROADS & TRANSPORT

Cllr Smith firstly reported that the pothole survey had been actioned and the 2021 P3 grant request and recommendations had been submitted to SHDC.

(a) New speed signs

Cllr Smith provided an update on three potential mobile VAS speed sign suppliers. All specifications included data capture (speed and time of day) and all were portable. It was confirmed that only one sign was required as this could be easily moved to poles in different locations. The unit would be covered by the existing PC insurance policy and ongoing maintenance costs for replacement batteries and annual re-calibration were low. Cllr Smith was awaiting a reply from Lisa Edmunds at DCC Highways on whether the existing street sign poles could be used to attach the camera to and regulations around installation at roadsides. Subject to a satisfactory reply from DCC Highways, the Chair proposed for the PC to approve the expenditure in principle from the reserve and this was approved by the PC. Cllr Coupar to amend the residual reserves budget.

146. MAINTENANCE

Cllr Handley raised if a stretch of hedgerow by the village hall required trimming. Cllr Harris agreed to liaise with the property owner.

(a) CCTV

Cllr Harris reported that there had been 3 potential CCTV supplier replies from a pitch list of 4. Indicative costs had been provided and these were shared with the PC but a site visit was now necessary to provide an accurate quote and the site must also have its own power supply to connect too. The PC agreed for Cllr Harris to arrange a site visit for the 2 shortlisted suppliers.

Cllr Harris reported that the wooden gate leading to the playing field on Venn lane was rotten. The wood had been patch and the gate now closes but it will need replacing in the future. It was also confirmed that the dog bin on Venn lane had also been fixed.

Cllr Elliot reported that the 5 a side goal posts require proper nets and asked Cllr J Brazil if grants were available to support grass roots sports so that a local fisherman could be commissioned to make. Cllr Brazil advised there was not available funding until the end of the financial year and with the forthcoming May elections could not at this time confirm for next year but this was in principle something that DCC should support.

147. ACTIONS REGISTER

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

148. PLANNING:

Cllr Holmes reported that the application for Rowan Cottage at Bugford had received another objection after 28th January and the decision date was now extended to 28th March 2020.

APPLICATIONS

0119/21/FUL Agricultural building at Sx 829492, Blackawton

Provision of grain store.

0138/21/CLE The Linhay and The Byre, Higher Ash Farm, Ash, TQ6 0LR

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of single barn with annexe as two separate dwellings.

DECISIONS

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.

Refusal – lesser tree works allowed 13/01/21.

3810/20/FUL Lower Ash Farm, Blackawton TQ6 OLR

Provision of an agricultural storage building

Conditional approval 15/01/21.

0057/20/FUL Coombe Chalet, Shady Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PD

Demolition of existing structures and erection of two replacement residential units (Resubmission of 2417/19/FUL).

Conditional approval 14/01/21.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update.

149. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE

Lloyds Bank	£ 4,926.48	Balance at 28 th January 2021
Savings account	£12,375.87	Balance at 28 th January 2021

b) RECEIPTS

	£	
Devon County Council	4,000.00	PROW funding for Bird Walk
Stoke Fleming Village Shop	41.00	Flower Tub

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

c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

£

BACS payments:

Barry Morris	50.00	Website administration
Miss J Talbot	385.40	Clerk salary
Laurenjade Ahearn	56.67	Bus shelter cleaning/maintenance
LukeTom Ltd	10.80	Mailbox upgrade
Tomlinson Computer Support Ltd	45.00	IT support for clerk handover
Saint Peters Church	200.00	Churchyard maintenance

150. Further business

Cllr Smith – Reported that she had received a request relating to plans to reopen the Youth Club. Would the PC support the re-launch effort through the display of promotional materials on notice boards across the parish? The PC discussed the matter and Cllr Coupar confirmed that the PC would be able to facilitate the display of promotional materials and Cllr Holms and Cllr Adams offered support. However the PC is not able to advise on the level of support for a youth club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:
Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm by Zoom conference call.