

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present : Councillors	Struan Coupar	Hazel Smith	Michael Barlow
	David Harris	Caroline Martin	Jay Gascoigne
	Ruth Adams	Martin Judd	Nick Wood
	Paul Bond		

District Councillor Michael Hicks
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Parish Clerk Judy Talbot

574. APOLOGIES

None.

575. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 had been circulated and read.

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Barlow seconded that the PC minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from 26th September were also read and approved with Cllr Smith proposing and Cllr Adams seconding. All were in agreement and PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes were signed as a true record.

576. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Wood commented on Min. 568 from the previous month's minutes in relation to the Swannaton footpath. He clarified that the clear endorsement of both councils (Stoke Fleming and Dartmouth) is essential to a Communities Together Fund application.

577. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

578. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

579. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil confirmed that the Slapton Line will open on 19th October with the official opening taking place on the 26th October.

He also updated the PC on the Ash die-back situation stating that 95-99% of ash trees will die with some being felled already. It is estimated that 20% of trees in Devon are ash trees. The Woodland Trust has some heritage funding for re-planting. The Forestry Commission website shows details of the disease. Cllr Brazil stated that a private landowner is responsible for any trees needing to be felled. Parishioners should contact the Clerk in the first instance with any concerns.

580. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks reported that the West Cotton application had been withdrawn from Committee again due to a request for funding to be linked with it in connection with the Slapton Line. It will now be timetabled for the next Committee on 7th November.

The Joint Local Plan is proceeding with Inspectors due to issue the next report in 3-4 weeks with a final tentative approval possibly in February. There are issues regarding the development boundary which has been taken away from the JLP.

Cllr Coupar commented that he had been advised from Duncan Smith, South West Neighbourhood Planning Officer, that Neighbourhood Plans will be able to designate their own settlement boundaries.

The PC highlighted a number of recent planning issues which have arisen. The first being West Cotton and secondly in relation to a consultation document which was recently received by the PC from South Hams Society. The document highlights the importance of the role played by Parish and Town Councils with communications between the community and developers. The PC have queried why they did not receive this document from SHDC. A response has been given by SFPC but it was past the deadline as it had not been received on time. The PC hopes that their response will be taken into account.

The PC also stated their dissatisfaction with the decision made by the Planner regarding a recent planning application in which the PC comments were not published on the website. Cllr Hicks will arrange a meeting with Patrick Whymer from SHDC in order to discuss these matters in furthering greater transparency and community engagement.

581. DEVON AIR AMBULANCE TRUST

It was reported that the recent Rotary Club application was turned down. Cllr Smith asked the Horticulture and Sports committee if they might consider a donation towards DAAT when accounts are finalised.

The magazine article and leaflet drop only produced one advisory response.

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee would prefer the light mast to go by the trees and nowhere near the steps from the Hall. The final location has not yet been decided but will need to be located near the football pavilion in order to access the electricity supply.

Cllr Barlow volunteered to be the project lead in moving the planning application forward with the assistance of Cllr Smith. Cllr Hicks offered to allocate £1,000 towards the project from his Locality Fund which the PC thanked him for.

582. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Examination; Action Plan

A steering group meeting will be held on the 4th October. Duncan Smith from South West Neighbourhood Planning will look through and check any remaining points.

Cllr Gascoigne stated that the matrix for the action plan is now in place and tentative steps are being taken with three projects; school footpath, Bird Walk and the car park. The PC must await the examination to take its course before properly taking these any further. Cllr Bond said that he would chase up the costings again for the car park.

583. DART AREA LANDSCAPE ACCESS GROUP

Cllr Wood confirmed that he sent a letter to Dartmouth Town Council explaining the history to the Swannaton footpath and has requested their endorsement in order to make the application for the Communities Together Fund. He has not received a response yet so the Clerk will follow this up with a phone call.

584. COMMUNITY

(a) Reported problems

A white van has been left in the Village Hall parking bay; it is not taxed and the owner has not been contactable. The Village Hall Committee will contact DVLA for owner details in order to write to

them informing that it will be disposed of if not removed within a certain time period. The PC will assist if necessary with any consents as the freeholder of the land.

Problems have been reported in relation to a number of properties along Hockey Fields and School Road pertaining to their condition and occupation. The Clerk will write to the Housing Association setting out the PC's concerns.

(b) Dartmouth Together

A recent email was circulated about this newly formed local group so Councillors will respond individually if they are interested.

(c) Christmas Tree Festival

Cllrs Smith and Adams proposed a name and oddity for the PC tree at the forthcoming Festival. The Clerk will forward all relevant forms.

(d) Bailey's Meadow

The PC have received a letter from the residents of Baileys Meadow regarding the dispute relating to the walkway past Baileys House which has been closed off by the owner of Baileys House. The residents from Baileys Meadow have now received notice from their solicitors which stated that they have the right to use this footpath as a private easement. The gate was dismantled under the observation of the local Police officers.

The letter outlined concerns over the PC's minutes and its reporting of previous matters. The PC will respond to the residents in relation to the various points and make it clear that the PC minutes are a factual record of what is said or disclosed at meetings.

585. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Snow warden

Councillors are happy to continue with the existing informal arrangements which are currently in place.

586. MAINTENANCE

(a) Stoke Fleming Public Toilets

The Clerk will ask again for the breakdown in costs for the maintenance of the toilets so that the PC can consider it in more detail.

(b) Trees – Venn Lane

The Clerk has received two quotes for carrying out pruning works to the hornbeams along Venn Lane. She will notify the proposed contractor as agreed by Councillors.

(c) Toilet doors

Both sets of doors to the toilets at the pavilion need replacing. The Clerk will request full quotes from Keith Ellis in order to ascertain the full cost implication.

587. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

Silver Cloud, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PJ

2833/18/VAR Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 4144/17/VAR.

Land at Sx 8646 4962 Venn Cross Farm East of Venn Cross Venn Dartmouth

2925/18/FUL Application for granting of a permanent status for the existing workers dwelling approved under application 51/2190/15/F.

White Ladies, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR

3117/18/TCA T1: Laurel – fell, low amenity value, shading pre-existing patio; T2: Holm Oak – crown lift to 2.5 metres from ground level, thin crown by 25%.

The PC discussed the above application at Venn Cross in which approval for permanent status of the existing dwelling is being sought. The PC highlighted the previous planning advisory document from three years ago. The PC have responded to the application advising planning officers to go back to the previous documents and ask the applicant if any new information has been submitted as previously outlined.

DECISIONS

None

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update.

588. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE		
Lloyds Bank	£22,875.10	Balance at 27 th September 2018
Savings account	£13,963.37	Balance at 27 th September 2018
b) RECEIPTS	£	
South Hams District Council	8,383.00	Precept
Charitable Ladies	325.00	Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Bond seconded that the following cheques 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	42.50	Toilet block cleaning
Miss J Talbot	353.24	Clerk salary
Alan Pook	1,185.00	Grass cutting
South Hams District Council	240.00	Play area inspection/insurance
PK Littlejohn LLP	240.00	Audit fee
Hawthorns Accounting	63.00	Payroll
St Peter's Church	18.00	Christmas Tree Festival
Information Commissioner	40.00	Data Protection fee

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 in the Village Hall at 7pm.