

**STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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  
Parish Clerk

**094. APOLOGIES**

None.

**095. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Remote Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 had been circulated and read. Cllr Adams proposed and Cllr Holmes seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from October 2020 were also read and approved. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

**096. MATTERS ARISING**

None

**097. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**098. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**099. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil confirmed that DCC is the main coordinator for any Covid-related responses and queries. He also stated that all the Covid-19 cases within the South Hams are well below the national average. He mentioned that the volunteer groups set up in many Parishes are a very useful and efficient source of help during this coming lockdown.

**100. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Reeve informed Councillors that the new Waste service has been experiencing a few teething problems. Residents are advised to report any problems within three days of the incident and the service will resolve them. Leisure centres are now closing again for the month ahead. Cllr Reeve also stated that anyone suffering problems of hardship in any way at this time should get in touch with SHDC for assistance.

## **101. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### **(a) Sub-committee report**

An updated summary report on the planned improvements to the Bird Walk and an article for the magazine and website have now all been circulated. Works will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the footpath will be open whilst fencing and hedging work is being carried out. It will then be closed from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December for the tarmacking.

There has been an unexpected issue with Highways about alternative routes to use during the five-day closure. An authorised pedestrian route has now been agreed via Venn Lane to Venn Cross, then to Embridge Hill and School Road. Although not authorised Highways have accepted that people may continue to use the A379 between Ravensbourne Lane and Church Road as a pedestrian route. They can also drive from one part of the village to the other or use public transport.

Cllr Elliot confirmed that there will be ducting in place for any future power source for lighting. It was also confirmed that there will be access points in the chain-link fencing for wildlife corridors.

All Councillors were in agreement to go ahead with the works, costing £30,000. A deposit will be paid in advance to the contractors and then the s.106 monies will be drawn down.

## **102. COMMUNITY**

### **(a) Openreach Proposal**

All information relating to the proposal will be circulated to Cllrs Belli and Szota. The proposal is a continuation of the fibre cabling in the village following on from Gigaclear's previous contract which failed to cover certain rural areas outside the village. There are a number of community projects run by Openreach and a proposal has been submitted. There would be a cost to the householder however.

### **(b) Walking leaflets**

The current supply of leaflets has nearly finished so Councillors agreed that the Clerk will order a print-run of a 1000 for £189. These will be distributed to the shop, hotel and pub.

## **103. ROADS & TRANSPORT**

### **(a) Speed signs**

The speed survey came back from Highways with an average speed of 23-25 mph along Dartmouth Road and 22-24mph along New Road. Based on these figures DCC would not be able to support the Parish in installing a VAS.

Cllr Smith will ask for details of the exact location and time of day that these recordings were taken, as that may have had a significant effect on the readings recorded.

### **(b) Potholes**

Cllrs Smith and Handley have located the worst potholes in the parish. Some of these can be logged on the website if they fall within the specific requirements. Cllr Brazil confirmed that there are extra funds for patch-up jobs but there are other parishes who will also be competing for these. A list will be sent to the Clerk who will forward these to Lisa Edmonds in Highways.

## **104. MAINTENANCE**

### **(a) Toilets – CCTV**

A letter of complaint had been received regarding the shelter near the Petanque site being used as a toilet. Councillors did inspect it and found some evidence of this. A discussion was held regarding any possible reopening of the toilets. There are still issues of the cost of daily cleaning and managing the opening/closing of them. It was agreed that quotes would be sought for CCTV to be installed outside the pavilion.

Cllr Harris confirmed that he had met with the contractor who looks after the bus shelters and she will carry out some additional maintenance works to the shelters. The contractor has now started painting the pavilion. Ron's Corner and the playpark have also been tidied up and cleared.

**105. ACTIONS REGISTER**

The actions register is updated monthly. Cllrs Belli and Szota will update Councillors on the emergency plan at the next meeting.

**106. PLANNING:**

Cllr Holmes discussed the recent meeting with Bryn Kitchen who is the main planning officer at SHDC overseeing Cotton and Baker Estates developments. There will soon be a number of applications for variation to review soon.

**APPLICATIONS**

**3128/20/HHO Oaklea, Bugford, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LT**

Householder application for design changes to approval 3550/19/HHO including use of garage as study.

**3148/20/VAR Redcroft, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RE**

Application for variation of condition 2 of planning consent 1908/18/FUL.

**3157/20/TPO Stoke Lodge Hotel, Cinders Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RA**

T756: Sycamore - Fell and remove due to overbearing neighbouring property. G1: Leyland Cypress hedge - height reduction by 3m to maintain at 2m tall and to ensure consistent growth. G2: Sycamore x3 -Crown raise to 6m from ground level. Crown reduction on South side by 4m due to proximity to neighbouring property. T761: Leylandii - Fell and remove to favour English Oak to West. T762: Ash - Crown reduction on South East side by 5m, crown lift to 6m from ground level due to proximity to neighbouring property.

**DECISIONS**

**1591/20/FUL West Combe Bungalow, Combe Cross to Bowden Cross, Bowden TQ6 0LJ**

Replacement of existing dwelling. Conditional approval 08/10/20.

**2571/20/VAR Hillfield Village, Hillfield, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LX**

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following planning consent 3554/16/VAR (Application variation of condition number 2 following grant of planning permission 3155/16/FUL (erection of 7 new holiday units). Conditional approval 28/09/20.

**2668/20/HHO Jubilee House, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR**

Householder application for proposed alterations to the fenestration and provision of covered veranda. Refusal 19/10/20.

**ENFORCEMENT CASES** Current enforcement list update

The Clerk has given her resignation and the Chair and PC thanked her for her hard work and commitment over the last few years and wished her well for the future.

A notice announcing the resulting vacancy has been posted on the parish website and will be published in the Magazine and is displayed at various locations around the parish. It has also been sent to DALC and to all the parish clerks in the South Hams.

**107. FINANCE**

<b>a)</b>	<b>BANK BALANCE</b>		
	Lloyds Bank	£20,444.57	Balance at 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
	Savings account	£12,375.55	Balance at 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>b)</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	
	Locality Fund	1,000.00	Bird Walk funding

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

<b>c)</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID</b>	<b>£</b>	
	Public Works Loan Board	1,111.22	Loan repayment
	<b>BACS payments:</b>		
	Barry Morris	50.00	Website administration
	Miss J Talbot	385.40	Clerk salary
	Laurenjade Ahearn	50.00	Bus shelter cleaning
	South West Water	37.02	Water bill

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 at 7pm**