

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present : Councillors	Struan Coupar	Hazel Smith	David Harris
	Ruth Adams	Michael Barlow	Jay Gascoigne
	Caroline Martin	Marion Holmes	Nick Wood

District Councillor Helen Reeve
Parish Clerk Judy Talbot
Two members of the public

698. APOLOGIES

Cllr Brazil.

699. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 had been circulated and read. Cllr Barlow proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from May were also read and approved with Cllr Adams proposing and Cllr Gascoigne seconding. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes were signed as a true record.

700. MATTERS ARISING

None.

701. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

702. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public expressed disappointment over last month's minutes which published a resident's address. It was explained that this had been an inadvertent error and the PC had apologised to the family.

A complaint was also made about the state of the churchyard and Cllr Smith confirmed that a group from St Peters is being formed to clean and tidy it up, the churchyard being the responsibility of the Parish Church Council.

There is also a lot of overgrowth around the bench along School Road so the Clerk will ask for it to be cleared, and also check that the verges along the main road by the Village Hall are being cut back. Other roadside verges are the responsibility of the County Council.

703. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

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Cllr Reeve handed out SHDC booklets which give a breakdown of useful departments and numbers for various types of matter across the district. Cllr Reeve also said that the recent Devon District Council forum has been drawing up a climate change action plan. SHDC has also been studying the North Devon policy of three-weekly waste collections.

Cllr Bastone has advised, following an approach from the parish council, that the rumoured site for a potential new bus depot on the A3122 is not popular with district councillors. No planning application has yet been received. The PC suggested that the industrial estate at Totnes Cross might be a suitable location.

705. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A sub-committee will be formed to take forward actions within the neighbourhood plan and it has been proposed that one person from each portfolio might be nominated, the previous Steering Group having disbanded following the referendum. The sub-committee will consist of councillors Adams, Coupar, Gascoigne, Holmes, Martin and Wood. Councillors will confer on possible dates for an initial meeting.

706. ACTIONS REGISTER AND PORTFOLIO

The Action Register will not form part of the minutes but will be circulated alongside the main minutes each month. The Clerk will update the list each month adding any new actions and transferring completed ones to the 'Completed Actions' section.

707. DEVELOPMENT AT COTTON

Cllr Reeve had a productive meeting with Baker Estates who outlined the forthcoming development with Phase 2 showing the 'Barngalows'. There have been some amendments in Phase 1 such as the parking which was too close together and some affordable housing has been moved from Phase 2 into Phase 1. Cllr Coupar explained that Baker Estates were looking at the scheme as a whole rather than in two parts in proposing how the housing should be allocated.

There are still some concerns over the detailed design such as light pollution from proposed picture windows on the first floor of properties along Venn Lane, which will form the border between open countryside and the development. The standard cladding which is preferred by SHDC is usually a white render but a buff-coloured brick is being proposed by the developer instead as being more durable and requiring less ongoing maintenance by householders.

708. COMMUNITY

(a) Reported problems

Councillors reported that the current dilapidated state of the former Deer Park Inn could pose a health and safety risk to visitors to the caravan and camping site, especially to young children, and to residents. The building is not secured properly and there is a low building to the rear with its roof now collapsing, as well as access to a swimming pool. The matter will be reported to the relevant authority and the PC will also write to the site owner.

It has been reported that due to various ad hoc football matches, parking has created a problem for users of the Village Hall. The Clerk will contact the football club to ask that better communication can be made with the Hall prior to any matches.

It has been confirmed that Livewest have now agreed to bear responsibility for the costs and works in relocating the bench and associated plinth at Bidders Close.

(b) BT phonebox

The PC is awaiting notice from SHDC with regards the BT phone box consultation. The Clerk will follow this up with Strategic Planning. BT have advised that the phone box was painted in 2013 so it is not yet due for another coat of paint. The inside cleaning has now been completed.

709. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Reported problems

Cllr Wood reported that the verges along the main road between the trees and the carriageway near Henry's Halt are overgrown so the Clerk will ask for these to be cut back.

(b) Broadband

The planned meeting with Connecting Devon and Somerset, in order to resolve outstanding matters, was postponed so a possible date of Wednesday 12th is to be confirmed, with Gigaclear and Telent also attending.

710. MAINTENANCE

(a) Reported problems

There are a number of potential costs relating to future works at the children's playpark, a possible new noticeboard and bench. The PC is considering de-restricting some of the historic funds which have not been used. Cllr Martin will obtain a further two quotes for the playpark works and the Clerk will obtain three quotes for the re-painting of the Football Pavilion.

711. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

Premises licence – Michael Sutton's Cellar Ltd, Riversbridge, Embridge,

Dartmouth TQ6 0LG For sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, Monday to Sunday from 9am to 11pm.

1277/19/HHO Stone Barn, Mill Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QZ

Householder application to construct new garage, store and pool.

3896/18/FUL Lower Norton Farmhouse, Norton TQ6 0NF

Change of use of an agricultural field to a touring caravan park to include 23 caravan pitches and 4 static caravans, along with a utility block.

1590/19/VAR Hillfield Village, Bugford Cross to Yeoman's, Hillfield TQ6 0LX

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 4037/16/FUL (erection of new unit of accommodation)

DECISIONS

0029/19/FUL Land at Higher Ash Farm, Ash TQ6 0LR

Application for the provision of an agricultural/equestrian building. Conditional approval 29/04/19.

0724/19/HHO 41 Bidders Close, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NZ

Householder application for extensions, alterations to dormer, new patio and enlarged parking space to dwelling (resubmission of 1017/18/HHO). Refusal 03/05/2019.

0931/19/CLE Cross Park Barn, Ash Cross TQ6 0LR

Lawful development certificate for existing cladding on agricultural barn. Certificate granted on 15/05/2019.

1138/19/ARC April Cottage, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PJ

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 and 7 of the planning consent 3568/18/FUL. Discharge of condition approved 17/05/2019.

Appeal 03/05/2019 APP/K1128/W/19/3227919

Sycamore Cottage, Bugford Cross to Yeoman's, Hillfield - Outline planning application for a new detached dwelling.

ENFORCEMENT CASES

The current enforcement list has been reviewed and proposed changes submitted to SHDC.

712. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE		
Lloyds Bank	£16,963.43	Balance at 29 th May 2019
Savings account	£10,921.18	Balance at 29 th May 2019
b) RECEIPTS	£	
HMRC	2,991.18	VAT return
Petanque Club	200.00	Annual fee
Village Hall	5.00	Annual ground rent

Cllr Barlow proposed and Cllr Wood 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	532.94	Clerk salary
Miss J Talbot	31.87	Print, postage & refreshments
Stoke Fleming Village Shop	13.05	Cleaning supplies
Post Office Ltd	57.54	Water bill
Nick Shepherd	50.00	Internal auditor
Came & Company	813.62	Council Insurance

d) Audit forms

The Chairman signed the audit forms which are now complete and have been signed off by the Internal Auditor. He will write to thank Nick Shepherd for his invaluable work. The Clerk will send these forms off and publish the relevant notice.

713. Any other business

Cllr Wood announced that the formal opening of the 'Wood Walk' will take place on Tuesday 11th June at 11am at Henry's Halt.

Cllr Smith confirmed that she is happy to attend the D Day lunch and celebration in place of the Chairman.

Cllr Coupar has now obtained a list of the Dartmouth Town Councillors so all were in agreement that he should contact them to arrange a meeting for the purposes of discussing any matters of common interest.

The PC has formally apologised to the resident whose address was inadvertently published in the previous month's minutes and regrets any distress caused by it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 in the Village Hall at 7pm.