

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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D R A F T M I N U T E S

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6th January 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	

District Councillor Helen Reeve
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Judy Talbot – Outgoing Clerk
Louise Soothill-Ward – Incoming Clerk
Keith Grey, Peter and Stefanie Burrows

122. APOLOGIES

Cllr Belli

123. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Remote Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 6th December 2020 had been circulated and read. Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Adams seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from December 2020 were also read and approved, proposed by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Smith. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

124. MATTERS ARISING

None

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

126. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public outlined their objections to the planning application No. 3423/20/FUL Rowan Cottage. They believe that it is an inappropriate proposal as an annex when it is essentially an application for 3-bed house, so an entire dwelling as opposed to additional accommodation. There are issues relating to the drainage leading into a field which does not belong to the applicant and the landowner has not been consulted. There are already flooding problems from the field onto the road which runs between Bugford and Ash. Any additional drainage would increase the surface water substantially. They believe that vehicle access would also pose problems as there would be up to four vehicles exiting on to that stretch of narrow road with poor visibility.

The PC's planning committee will meet in due course to discuss the application and the various objections. The Chairman made the members of the public aware that they can request District Councillor Reeve to ask for the application to be passed to Committee if necessary.

127. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil stated that DCC are continuing to meet via zoom and all statutory duties continue with the roads and parish maintenance. Schools are now closed. A number of road closures for various works along the A379 towards Chillington are programmed for January and February.

Cllr Brazil also confirmed that the new policy on the Vehicle-activated signs means that DCC accept that if Parish Councils wish to instal a VAS then there is no need now to pass any test. However the PC is still obliged to pay for it and to continue managing it.

128. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve congratulated the PC on the completion of the Bird Walk. She discussed the availability of business grants and encouraged people to look at SHDC website for the details.

New recycling with kerb-side boxes will begin from the middle of March. There will be an incremental approach with paved areas receiving the new service first.

A new motorhome policy will come into force for the summer regarding car parking and a new height restriction will be reinstated at Easter for Strete Gate. Concerns have been expressed about camping on the beach at Strete Gate and the subsequent litter left behind.

129. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Improvements to the Bird Walk

The works have all now been completed. Concerns have been received over horse-riders using the path. There have in the past been signs here stating that it is a footpath and not a bridleway so new signs need to be arranged and the matter has been raised with Highways.

It was also confirmed that there are two gaps in the fencing to provide wildlife corridors.

(b) Proposed new car park report

A sub-committee has been formed to review the new car park proposals. The last survey carried out was March 2020. Further progress was delayed by the onset of Covid-19 restrictions. A final draft report will now be produced and a meeting arranged with principal stakeholders.

130. COMMUNITY

Cllr Smith discussed the Church's request for a donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard. The PC confirmed that an allocated budget of £200 has been given towards this and a payment will be made in February.

Cllr Szota informed Councillors that Cllr Belli and herself have been reviewing the Emergency Plan and are looking at producing a draft policy which will include details of useful contacts within the Parish.

131. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) New speed signs

Cllr Smith informed the PC that any new signs have to be approved by DCC and they must sit away from a complex junction and at a location approved by DCC. The PC will be responsible for purchasing, installation and any ongoing maintenance of a Vehicle Activated Sign. The PC will also be responsible for insurance and repairs. The preferred VAS options are those that produce a regular report on the speed of vehicles. It is also advised that the signs are moved regularly every 8 weeks. This would make it possible to address the speeding in Venn Lane, a problem which is the subject of one of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Smith will resend the document listing the quotes for these signs. Cllr Coupar has asked Cllr Brazil if DCC could resurvey as it is believed the previous survey was carried out further down near Ravensbourne Lane where traffic slows down. It needs to be assessed nearer the entrance to the village. Cllr Brazil said that would still mean that the PC would have to bear the cost. Cllr Brazil will send Cllr Smith the information from other Parish Councils who already use a VAS.

132. MAINTENANCE

(a) Public toilets CCTV

Cllr Harris will report further on CCTV options as he is awaiting more information.

The new swing fitments have now been installed at the children's playpark.

New additional repairs and maintenance will be carried out at the bus shelters over the next couple of weeks. Cllr Harris will ask the contractor to paint the goalposts on the playing field as well. Cllr Harris has some spare nets to replace the old ones.

There have been complaints about the road and street signs looking dirty. Cllr Brazil confirmed that DCC no longer have a budget to clean these. It would have to be carried out by local volunteer groups.

133. ACTIONS REGISTER

The Clerk will update the register.

134. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

3423/20/FUL Rowan Cottage, Bugford, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LT

Construction of new outbuilding for use as ancillary residential accommodation with associated groundworks including removal of existing garage.

3753/20/HHO Greenswood Barn, Ash, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LR

Householder application for addition of two small Velux units to roof with black out blinds fitted.

3810/20/FUL Lower Ash Farm Blackawton, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LR

Provision of an agricultural storage building.

DECISIONS

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

T756: Sycamore - Fell and remove due to overbearing neighbouring property. G2: Sycamore x3 - Crown raise to 6m from ground level. 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. Refusal - lesser tree works allowed 10/12/20.

3519/20/VAR Higher Ash Farm, Ash, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LR

Application for variation of condition 2 of Planning consent 1589/20/FUL. Conditional approval 11/12/20.

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. Conditional approval 01/12/20.

3310/20/FUL 1-3 Rose Cottages, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming

Creation of off-road parking. Conditional approval 14/12/20.

3474/20/HHO Jubilee House, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR

Householder application for alterations to fenestration and provision of covered Veranda (resubmission of 2668/20/HHO). Conditional approval 20/12/20.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

135. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE		
Lloyds Bank	£37,967.88	Balance at 30 th December 2020
Savings account	£12,375.76	Balance at 30 th December 2020
b) RECEIPTS	£	
South Hams District Council	20,301.35	S.106 funding Bird Walk
Venus Company	46.00	Flower tub
Dart Valley Cottages	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	135.00	Bus shelter cleaning/maintenance
Stoke Fleming Magazine	435.00	Magazine pages
KD Plant Hire Ltd	35,316.00	Bird Walk footpath
Keith Ellis	395.00	Supply and fit new swing hangings
R.V. Harris & Son	366.00	Playing field maintenance

d) Set precept meeting

The meeting is set for Wednesday 20th January at 7pm. The Clerk will send out the budget sheet in advance of the meeting.

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

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7pm