

## **STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 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	Hazel Smith	David Harris
	Ruth Adams	Marion Holmes	Nicholas Wood
	Jay Gascoigne	Caroline Martin	

District Councillor Helen Reeve  
County Councillor Julian Brazil

### **14. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Elliott

### **15. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 had been circulated and read. The minutes were accepted by all Councillors present and agreed that they should be signed as a true record with Cllr Smith proposing and Cllr Martin seconding.

### **16. MATTERS ARISING**

A new section 5e and an amendment to section 19a in the Standing Orders were circulated and agreed.

### **17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Coupar under **26.** and Cllr Holmes under **21.**

### **18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

An open letter from District Cllr John McKay regarding the full South Hams District Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April had been circulated. Cllr Reeves confirmed that the concerns within this had now been resolved. Cllr Brazil explained that it had been a case of interpretation and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Pearce, had now organised meetings with a full schedule set at the Council meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that there will be a backlog of planning cases coming to committee after the lockdown as planning meetings do not work well on a virtual basis due to transparency issues and potential technology problems.

The PC had also received a letter from a parishioner regarding the increase in the precept and the survey into the need for a new car park. The Chairman has replied and the response was circulated to all councillors.

### **19. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil thanked all the Parish Councils and community groups who have helped so much in the current crisis. He recognises the value of community support and all the volunteers who are working so hard.

He confirmed that recycling centres will now be open from Monday onwards with strict measures in place.

Both SHDC and DCC have now issued details on the hardship fund which can be applied for on their website, by phoning 01803 861407 or by contacting Cllr Brazil or Cllr Reeves for more details.

Councillors asked if there had been any sign of fly-tipping in recent weeks and there have been some reports but nothing too serious.

Following termination of its contract with Connecting Devon and Somerset (CD&S), Gigaclear has written to residents in rural areas advising them that the company has decided not to provide full fibre broadband to their areas. Cllr Coupar asked if Cllr Brazil was aware of any action being taken by CD&S to appoint a new contractor to undertake that work. It was agreed that both Cllrs Coupar and Brazil will contact CD&S to enquire into plans.

## **20. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Reeve informed Councillors that a cluster meeting now takes place weekly where anything relevant can be addressed.

Baker Estates are ready to start work again as soon as lockdown measures allow them to.

There is a new planning officer, Bryn Kitchen, who has stated that he would be happy to attend a PC remote meeting.

Cllr Reeve also reported on the £10,000 grant for businesses which is available to apply for at Follaton House. Relevant businesses should have received notification of this and various businesses in the village have already received monies depending on their level of business rates. Councillors agreed to make enquiries to ensure that all businesses which may qualify are aware of the opportunity.

There is also another fund which will be introduced soon for businesses which are not business rate payers. There will not be any restrictions and it will be at the discretion of the District Council with guidelines as to genuine need. Cllr Reeve doesn't have any further information at present but will let Councillors know when she does.

## **21. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

A meeting was held this week and documents relating to the Bird Walk have been circulated. The car park survey was carried out in February and March to establish the level of lack of parking space in the southern parts of the village. The information gathered was based on 141 properties with 34 having no parking provision. Parking need caused by parishioners from rural areas coming into the village to access facilities, and visitors from outside, also have to be assessed.

It was noted that there are a limited number of parking spaces around the church, Green Dragon, Bowling Club and Youth Club. Most residents were in favour of a car park and stated that they would like an allocated space. The pub and shop were especially keen as there is limited parking close by. Cllr Elliot will obtain an indicative estimate of the likely cost.

The documents relating to the Bird Walk have been circulated. The PC is seeking support and a possible financial contribution from both Highways and Cavanna.

## **22. COMMUNITY**

### **(a) Emergency Plan**

Councillors will review this once the current crisis has passed but notes are being taken of the current situation so that this can be incorporated at a later date.

Cllr Gascoigne said the Coronavirus Response group is doing a really good job and has been very active with 374 members on its facebook page. There is daily support for vulnerable residents along with volunteers carrying out other useful jobs around the parish like shopping and collecting prescriptions etc.

**23. ROADS & TRANSPORT**

Gigaclear update as above.

Stagecoach are running a restricted service with two buses going to and from Dartmouth at 9.15 and 14.45 into town and returning either 13.58 or 18.58.

Works have been ongoing at a reduced rate at the Premier Garage site with traffic parked along the main road.

**24. MAINTENANCE**

The pavilion has some mildew on the paintwork so Cllr Martin will seek advice from Cllr Elliot regarding this.

The 'closed' notices at the playpark are no longer clear so will need replacing.

The DAAT lights have been checked and the site will be operational again soon.

Dog mess has been reported as a problem along Redlap Lane, School Lane and Old Road.

**25. PLANNING:**

**APPLICATIONS**

**0680/20/FUL Land South of Bugford Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LZ.**

Retrospective application for track and yard area.

**0910/20/FUL Field at Sx830513 Blatchmore Lane, Bugford, Stoke Fleming.**

Retrospective application for provision of access track and container storage.

**DECISIONS**

**0870/20/TCA Albert House, Baileys Meadow, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QD.**

Works to a tree in a conservation area: T1 Leylandii Fell. No objection given 17/04/20.

**0748/20/PDM Bugford Barn (Barn at SX 831 513) Bugford Farm Dartmouth.**

Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a+b)). Prior approval required and given.

**ENFORCEMENT CASES** Current enforcement list update

**26. FINANCE**

**a) BANK BALANCE**

Lloyds Bank	£19,113.59	Balance at 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Savings account	£12,073.39	Balance at 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

**b) RECEIPTS**

	£	
Devon County Council	350.00	Emergency volunteer funding
Devon County Council	300.00	Locality fund DAAT
SHDC	10,467.50	Precept

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

c) **ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** **£**

**BACS payments:**

Barry Morris	100.00	Website administration
Miss J Talbot	368.60	Clerk salary
Struan Coupar	143.88	Zoom meeting membership
Hannah Abraham	8.50	Toilet block cleaning
Came & Co.	844.16	Insurance
EDF Energy	75.98	Electricity bill
South West Water	56.97	Water bill
Terry Hallett	530.00	Gardening services

d) **Financial statement**

The Clerk had circulated the financial statement for 2019-20 and all Councillors were happy with it. Cllr Coupar will sign and scan it through.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 7pm**