

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th August
Village Hall at 7.00 pm**

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

District Councillor Helen Reeve

728. APOLOGIES

Parish Clerk, Cllr Marion Holmes, County Councillor Julian Brazil

729. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2019 had been circulated and read. Cllr Barlow proposed and Cllr Adams seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from 11th July 2019 were also read and approved with Cllr Adams proposing and Cllr Martin seconding. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

730. MATTERS ARISING

None.

731. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

732. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

733. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report.

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The Council Tax Support Grant is being withdrawn over the next 2 years.

Ash die-back disease is projected to kill 90% of the Ash trees in Devon over the next few years and the District Council is encouraging councils and members of the public to be vigilant and report any outbreaks.

At a recent meeting regarding homelessness South Hams emphasised how important it is for people to contact the Council's Housing Department if they are struggling with bills and in danger of losing their home. Tel. 01803 861234.

The contact email to report any minor police issues is dartmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk and for abandoned cars to 'reportit' on the SHDC website.

If SFPC has any good news to report please email Cllr Reeve with details and photos which can be put on the South Hams website.

August is the busiest month for the food bank with children on holiday from school and therefore not receiving a school lunch. Donations are urgently required.

Councillors were in favour of a meeting with planning officers to update on new planning legislation and to improve communications with the planning department.

735. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Bird Walk

Cllr Martin has met with stakeholders to discuss the Bird Walk upgrade. All agreed that widening of the path should go ahead. None were in favour of lighting the path. Fencing is generally in good condition but the support posts need replacing. The maintenance of the fencing at the Rectory Lane end of the path is the responsibility of the respective stakeholders and some parts need attention. The tarmac surface needs replacing and negotiation with County Council is needed to ascertain if they are prepared to fund this. Cllr Wood suggested that South West Coast Path be contacted to help with funding and Cllr Martin agreed to do this.

All agreed that parishioners should contact the County Council (Highways Dept) to highlight any problems they have experienced with the Bird Walk and copy to the Parish Council on clerk@stokefleming.org.

Councillor Brazil will meet with the Parish Council at 6pm on 4th September to discuss the Bird Walk.

(b) School Footpath

No progress. David Green from Cavanna Homes is investigating any documentation they have on file.

(c) Car Park

A preliminary meeting has taken place.

736. DEVELOPMENT AT COTTON

No progress other than earthworks and a sign board in place.

737. COMMUNITY

The Bench at Bidders Close is to be installed at its new location on 23rd of August.

There are two abandoned cars, one in School Lane and one in Bidders Close. Cllr Reeve agreed to report these to South Hams Council.

(b) High-speed Broadband

There are still problems with the work that Gigaclear has undertaken. A resident has complained about tarmac being scattered on his drive from the pavement repairs. The green cabinets installed are scratched. The dates for the programme of works have not been adhered to. Any complaints received by Councillors are to be copied to Matt Barrow at Connecting Devon and Somerset.

738. ROADS & TRANSPORT

Cllr Gascoigne agreed to report a pothole in Cinders Lane. It was agreed that parishioners should be encouraged to report potholes themselves to Devon County Council Highways Authority via their online reporting page at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>.

739. MAINTENANCE

(a) Play area improvements

Quote for replacing the play equipment posts: to supply posts £917 plus VAT. Lead time on delivery is 6 to 7 weeks. Three local companies are being asked to supply quotes to fit the posts. The Council agreed to decide which quotation to accept after the third quote has been received and order the posts at that time. The posts are safe at present and the equipment can still be used.

Ragwort has been removed.

Cllr Gascoigne agreed to remove the rotted wood at the base of the playhouse.

(b) Football Pavilion

Three quotes have been obtained for refurbishment of the football pavilion. The Council agreed to award the contract to Keith Ellis.

(c) Cllr Wood reported that a strut is missing from Jubilee Shelter roof.

Two benches on the field are owned by the football club. They are both in a state of disrepair and are hazardous. The Clerk will write to the club to ask them to repair or remove them.

740. PLANNING:

Councillors discussed the following planning issues

- a) New Barn Farm development on Dartmouth.
Cllr Smith will arrange a site visit.
- b) Bus depot site Venn Lane. An email received from James Kershaw in the enforcement department confirmed that there was no planning permission for this site. An investigation was open and there were a number of breaches of planning control. Cllr Coupar has agreed to contact the department and Cllr Smith agreed to forward details.
- c) Deer Park Inn.
Another email and photos have been sent to enforcement showing the lack of secure fencing at the rear of the site.
- d) Leonards Cove has erected a large sign at the entrance to the campsite.
- e) Cross Park Barn. A letter has been received from Ash Cross Kennels and Cattery highlighting a recent BBC report regarding a complaint about noise from a kennels affecting a private property nearby in which a court case concluded that the kennels were liable for legal expenses. Ash Cross kennels have now engaged a solicitor on their behalf and it is understood that solicitors representing the applicant for conversion of the barn, which is adjacent to the kennels have offered a deed of covenant and a redesign to include soundproofing and removal of windows on the kennel side of the proposed dwelling.

APPLICATIONS

2170/19/VAR Meverly, Ravensbourne Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QR

Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning consent 0888/16/HHO. No objections from the Parish Council

2250/19/HHO 3 Bay View Estate, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QX

Householder application for general alterations to existing building with rear extension.
Cllr Smith to arrange site visit

DECISIONS

1063/19/FUL Barn at Sx 830 516, adjacent to Blackmore Lane, Bugford TQ6 0NW

READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Demolition of existing barn and construction of replacement dwelling (following approval 2261/18/PDM) with associated access and landscaping.
Conditional approval 19/07/19

1030/19/TPO Stoke Lodge Hotel, Cinders Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RA

T749: Beech – Fell, T745: Sycamore – Fell T757: Sycamore – Fell, T300: Horse Chestnut – Fell,
T740: English Oak – Retrenchment pruning, crown reduction of 4.5 m. Grant of conditional consent
05/07/19

1590/19/VAR Hillfield Village, Bugford Cross to Yeomans, Hillfield TQ6 0LX

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 4037/16/FUL (erection of new unit of accommodation). Conditional approval 12/07/19

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

741. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE

Lloyds Bank	12,887.94	Balance at 31 st July 2019
Savings account	12,068.85	Balance at 31 st July 2019

b) RECEIPTS

None

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

c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

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Nick Roberts	48.50	Shelter cleaning
Barry Morris	50.00	Website administration
Hannah Abraham	34.00	Toilet Block cleaning
Miss J Talbot	368.60	Clerk Salary
EDF Energy Customers Ltd	110.02	Electricity bill

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on Wednesday 4th September in the Village Hall at 7pm.

Meeting with Cllr Brazil at 6pm prior to the main meeting.