

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Present : Councillors	Katie Franks	Michael Barlow	Ruth Adams
	David Harris	Martin Judd	Nick Wood
	Paul Bond		

County Councillor Julian Brazil
District Councillor Michael Hicks
Parish Clerk Judy Talbot

474. APOLOGIES

Cllr Struan Coupar and Cllr Hazel Smith.

475. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 had been circulated and read. Cllr Judd proposed and Cllr Barlow seconded that the PC minutes be accepted. All were in agreement and PC meeting minutes were signed as a true record.

476. MATTERS ARISING

None

477. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Barlow declared an interest under 481 (j).

478. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

479. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil stated that Devon CC have now had their budget meeting and it is confirmed that there will be a 5% Council tax increase. Councils can raise 3% without a referendum and 2% is allocated towards adult/social care.

There is approximately £6m towards road maintenance and £2.5m from central government has now been confirmed towards the Slapton line works. The planning permission is already in place for the two areas needing to be repaired. The Whitley Trust who own the land have confirmed that this is OK with 29th March as a sign-off date. If the works are likely to be over £1m then the Council will need to go out to procurement. It is unlikely that the road will be repaired again in the future if it is damaged to this extent.

Cllr Brazil advised that the PC may write letters of encouragement regarding the forthcoming works addressed to Stuart Hughes and John Hart.

Cllr Brazil stated that it is up to the PC as to how we wish to proceed with the Church Road bays following on from the email received from Highways recently.

480. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The PC welcomed Cllr Hicks back. Cllr Hicks confirmed that both sets of public conveniences at Strete Gate and Torcross are out of action due to frozen pipes which burst and vast amounts of shingle having accumulated within the building and vicinity.

SHDC's budget has been complete since last October and the Council is going for the maximum amount they are able to bearing in mind that there is no basic funding now from central government and cuts will continue.

Cllr Hicks added that SHDC will now no longer accept cash or cheques at Follaton House. The Council is encouraging residents to set up a Council Tax account and there will be a van going around the neighbourhoods with one at Stoke Fleming Village Hall on Thursday 15th March from 9.30am.

The Local Plan is now at the hearing stage with two inspectors. The third week of hearings had to be postponed due to the snow but it is anticipated that these will be complete by 21st March. There will be a further three months and then out for consultation and advice. It is likely to be live possibly by November.

Cllr Franks asked if SHDC are looking to build Council houses in the future. Cllr Hicks confirmed that there is a plan for investment within the locality and a reserve fund is allocated for further affordable housing.

481. COMMUNITY

(a) Reported problems

A parishioner has complained about the condition of the paddock area on the corner of Redlap Lane and the main road. It is not known if there has been a change of use as it now resembles a builder's yard. Cllr Brazil stated that landowners are required to keep property in a tidy state and be aware of the effect it has on its surroundings. Cllr Harris will speak to the landowners to find out the current situation.

It has been reported that a locality officer has been around to clear rubble and debris from the car park area by the public toilets. Clerk to email the officer to notify them of Councillors concerns over the ongoing tipping in this area.

Cllr Adams stated that the condition of some residents' gardens along School Road has worsened. Clerk to email Martin Carney (SW Housing Manager) to ascertain why this has not been resolved.

(b) Green Dragon

Georgie and Alan are re-opening the Green Dragon at Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone. Councillors are all happy to hear this news.

(c) Annual Parish Paths Partnership Finance

Cllr Bond confirmed that he has now submitted all the necessary forms for the P3 finance to Ros Davies at Devon CC. Cllr Bond to forward all documents to the Clerk for filing.

(d) Devon Air Ambulance

Cllr Franks reported that the Charitable Ladies group have been in touch to ask if the PC would consider night landing availability for Devon Air Ambulance within Stoke Fleming. They have also asked if the PC would support the group in fund-raising towards this. Cllr Hicks mentioned the Locality Fund which could be used towards this project and in fact does need to be used within this tax year. Clerk to contact the Parish Clerk at Halwell and Moreleigh as they have started researching a similar project. Flying would be permitted up until midnight but could be increased and Devon Air Ambulance would come out to assess possible sites within the Parish. A figure of £3-4k approximately was suggested for the lighting which would possibly be on

poles. Cllr Franks to contact Charitable Ladies to say that the PC is very supportive and will in principle possibly match-fund their fundraising.

(e) Parish Assets

Cllr Franks proceeded to divide up the parish assets for Councillors to inspect and report back to the Clerk on their condition. A valuation of the assets can then be drawn up according to their current state and condition.

(f) Dog fouling

There have been no further complaints regarding this matter so no action is required at present.

(g) Public Toilets

Councillors and parishioners are aware of the recent flooding due to the burst pipe within the public toilets. The emergency maintenance team from SHDC came out on Saturday 3rd March to stem the flooding and close off the water.

Councillors expressed concern over the condition of the pipes and tank given that the PC will most likely take over the running of the public toilets. Cllr Hicks to ask if lagging can be carried out in order to protect the pipes in case of any further emergency.

Clerk to find out from Helen Dobby's department within SHDC what the current running costs are as these need to be factored in to any budgeting for the future running maintenance costs.

(h) Bird Walk

Cllr Franks and Cllr Judd to meet with the Mayers from Stoke Lodge Hotel on Thursday 8th March regarding issues along the Bird Walk such as surfacing/width and trees etc. A new chain link fence has been costed at approximately £20k.

Cllr Franks enquired as to how the PC can obtain a breakdown on s.106 allocations held within SHDC. These are set aside from developments and are to be used in accordance with their original use. Cllr Hicks advised that Bryony Hanlon within SHDC has been in charge of dealing with these so Cllr Franks can go ahead and contact her regarding this matter.

(i) Proposed Deer Park Inn development

There have been concerns over the proposed development that it is being used as a cash cow. The developer has held pre-application discussions with the planners and the proposed development has increased from 11 to 14 units with 12 garages. Nothing can be done now until the application has been submitted. Cllr Franks to contact Mr & Mrs Brown at The Laurels on Deer Park to discuss the difficult exit from Deer Park onto the Dartmouth Road.

(j) Stoke Fleming Village Hall MC trustee appointment

The Village Hall committee have written to the PC stating that Cllr Barlow has been nominated as a public trustee for the Village Hall Managing Committee. Clerk to write to Mary Rimell confirming that the PC are happy to support him in this position along with Cllr Wood continuing within his existing role as the PC representative for the Village Hall committee.

(k) Make a difference Day

Clerk reported back that Karen Walker is happy to go ahead with the suggestions from the PC regarding proposed community assistance from the children at Stoke Fleming Primary School. Clerk to write to Mary Newman with regards possible weeding and bulb planting within the children's playground. Cllr Franks to write to Sir Geoffrey Newman to notify him of the forthcoming litter-picking at Blackpool Sands the week commencing 26th March.

(a) Reported problems – Strawberry Valley

Pat Bailey from Ashcross Kennels has written with concerns over the condition of the road along Strawberry Valley. Clerk has logged the various potholes and Lisa Edmonds from Highways has agreed to come out and inspect the road to see if any maintenance can be carried out.

(b) Repainted parking bay – Church Road

Mike Jones from Highways has written back to say that the parking bays along Church Road were widened in accordance with current regulations for the width of cars. He has proposed two options which Devon CC could carry out and has asked for the PC to consider them and let him know accordingly as to which is their preference. The PC have agreed that the Clerk should ask for a meeting on site with him to discuss these along with the possible reinstatement of the previous lines which would then enable wider vehicles to still gain access along Church Road.

483. MAINTENANCE

None

484. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

Martins Cottage, Road from Lower Ash Cottage to Bowden, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LH
0486/18/FUL Replacement dwelling and garage.

Land at SX861496, Venn Lane, Dartmouth
0652/18/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building.

DECISIONS

Ash Tree Farm, Road from Ash Cross, TQ6 0LR
4247/17/PDM Notification for prior approval for proposed change of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class C3) (Class Q(a)). Conditional approval 1st February 2018.

Silver Cloud, Overseas Estate, TQ6 0PJ
4144/17/VAR Variation of condition number 2 following grant of planning permission 2067/16/FUL to allow changes to approved drawings to include new deck with swimming pool and hot tub. Conditional approval 30th January 2018.

Orchard Barn, Rose Farm Road from Ash House Farm, TQ6 0LH
3727/17/HHO Householder application for loft conversion READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received). Conditional approval 26th January 2018.

Barn at SX 830 516, Ten Acres, Blatchmore Lane, Bugford
4377/17/PDM Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a+b)). Prior approval refused 14th February 2018.

Greenswood Barn, Lower Ash Farm, Dartmouth TQ6 0LR
4088/17/FUL Proposed conversion of attic. Conditional approval 31st January 2018.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

485. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCES

Santander	£13,628.04	Statement dated 6 th February 2018
Lloyds Bank	£16,316.32	Balance at 28 th February 2018

b) RECEIPTS

None

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

c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

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Nick Roberts	47.50	Shelter cleaning
Barry Morris	40.00	Website administration
Hannah Abraham	34.00	Toilet block cleaning
Miss J Talbot	330.55	Clerk salary
Luketom Ltd	144.00	Domain & Hosting
Luketom Ltd	36.00	GDPR compliance action
St Peter's Church Stoke Fleming	250.00	Churchyard maintenance
South Hams District Council	102.00	Grounds Maintenance
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	127.00	Village Hall room rental
Design Solutions	1,872.00	Neighbourhood Plan booklets

d) Santander account

The Clerk and Cllr Judd proposed that the best route forward for a new savings account would be to transfer funds from Santander to another account within Lloyds. This would enable greater ease of use and transference from the current account to a savings account.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on 4th April 2018 in the Village Hall at 7pm.