

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 7th October 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	Ruth Adams	David Harris
	Phil Elliott	Hazel Smith	Marion Holmes
	Jack Handley	John Belli	

District Councillor Helen Reeve
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Jane Savage – Recycling officer, South Hams District Council
Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Jane Savage to the meeting. He also welcomed newly appointed Councillors John Belli and Jack Handley. A third new councillor, Jojo Szota, was on holiday and unable to attend.

080. APOLOGIES

Cllr Szota

081. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Remote Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 had been circulated and read. Cllr Adams proposed and Cllr Holmes seconded that the minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from September 2020 were also read and approved. All were in agreement that the PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes should be signed as a true record.

082. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Recycling Officer

Jane Savage gave a presentation on the new service which will be fully in place by March 2021. The collection date has changed for many parishes but remains the same for Stoke Fleming. There is a demand to recycle more in order to meet the Climate Change target. The current recycling rate sits at 57% of all waste. All plastic sacks will soon be replaced with lidded boxes instead, in line with the other Devon authorities. Twelve new recycling vehicles have been commissioned to carry out the new service together with a new depot at Ivybridge. The presentation can be viewed at www.southhams.gov.uk/wheredoesrecyclinggo.

The clerk will provide the publishing dates for the magazine and all information will be sent through to the PC once it is finalised. These details can then be published in both the magazine and on the website.

It was stated that bottle banks may be rationalised in time but there are no plans at present to get rid of them.

083. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

084. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

085. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil confirmed that there are still very few Covid cases across Devon apart from Exeter, demonstrating an effective track and trace system.

Children's Services received an "Inadequate" rating, and a new Head of Service will be recruited shortly.

Cllr Brazil also confirmed that there is a fund for potholes so welcomes any ideas from the PC.

086. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve confirmed that the Development Committee had met on Wednesday 7th October to discuss the Parish Council's objections to an application by Stagecoach for a permanent depot at the junction of Venn Lane and the A3122. Following a lengthy discussion, including representations from the Parish Council the application was refused. There will now be discussions aimed at establishing a timescale for them to vacate the site and search for a new one. Various other suggestions have been put forward to Stagecoach in previous months.

The swimming pool at Dartmouth will reopen on Wednesday 14th October with changing rooms to be opened and the swim school to restart soon as well.

087. COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

The Parish Business document has been circulated to the new Councillors and portfolios will now be assigned as follows;

Maintenance: Cllrs Harris and Elliott

Planning: Cllrs Holmes and Adams

Community: Cllrs Belli and Szoto

Roads and Transport: Cllrs Smith and Handley

088. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) Sub-committee report

The latest report on the planned improvements to the Bird Walk has been circulated to all Councillors. £20,000 in Section106 funding, resulting from the development at Windward will be utilised.

Confirmation has been received of £1,000 from Cllr Brazil's locality fund and £500 from Cllr Reeve's fund. The Public Rights of Way department at DCC has also committed £4,000 to the fund. The intention is for work to commence on November 30, lasting approximately three weeks.

There should be some funds in reserve which means that electrical ducting can be installed for possible lighting at a later date. The Bird Walk will have to be closed while resurfacing takes place and there will be diversions in place.

089. COMMUNITY

(a) BT Payphone

SHDC have now notified Ofcom and BT with regards the various payphones across the district and have decided to support the PC's objection to the removal of the one in Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming.

090. ROADS & TRANSPORT

At the request of the Parish Council, and in order to deal with the problem of speeding on the northern approaches to the village, Highways have now ordered a SCARF (Speed Compliance Action Review Forum survey) and report which will then carry out speeding tests in the village to ascertain whether a vehicle activated sign (VAS) is required.

091. MAINTENANCE

(a) Pavilion toilets

The toilets are currently still closed and the Maintenance team will consider the implication of the cost of cleaning and, in the light of recent vandalism, of arranging for them to be opened and closed at the beginning and end of each day. A decision will then be taken on reopening them.

(b) Bus shelters

Cllr Harris will meet with the contractor for the bus shelter cleaning to consider other works that need to be carried out.

The Clerk will ask the contractor to tidy up Ron's Corner along with other overgrown areas in the playpark.

Cllr Harris received permission to cut back the chestnut tree against Venn Lane in order to access the hedge for maintenance works.

092. PLANNING:

(a) Baker Estates – Land off Townstal Road

Councillors met developer Baker Estates on the Cotton site on 29th September and a report was circulated. Foundations for the first phase of housing, comprising 65 homes, of which 30 will be affordable units, will open in April and the roundabout and access roads will be built shortly.

The PC needs to put forward proposals for street name ideas at the site in response to those put forward by the developer. The Clerk will circulate the email to all Councillors to review.

Concern was expressed over the Blue Cedar development site on School Road, where work was discontinued at the start of the lockdown in March. The Clerk will get in touch with the developers to find out if and when they are due to restart works on site.

Cllr Holmes confirmed that councillors supported the new Health Centre planning application revisions but including a statement over the number of trees to be felled and the effect on the proposed bat corridor.

APPLICATIONS

2571/20/VAR Hillfield Village, Hillfield, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LX

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following planning consent 3554/16/VAR (Application variation of condition number 2 following grant of planning permission 3155/16/FUL (erection of 7 new holiday units).

2668/20/HHO Jubilee House, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR

Householder application for proposed alterations to the fenestration and provision of covered veranda.

1585/20/FUL Land adjacent to Dartmouth Park and Ride site, Wessex Way, Dartmouth

READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Construction of new two storey Health and Well-being Centre and associated external works.

2338/20/FUL Bugford Nursery, Bugford, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LT

Provision of agricultural access and track.

DECISIONS

1759/20/FUL 1 Greenswood Barn, Ash, Dartmouth TQ6 0LY

Application for storage shed. Conditional approval 24/08/20.

2204/20/HHO 18 Deer Park, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QW

Householder application for rear conservatory. Conditional approval 07/09/20.

2300/20/TPO 7 Manor Court, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PG

T1, T2 & T3: Sycamore - Fell and remove. To give adjacent oak sufficient space and reduce shading over garden. T4: Sycamore – Remove lowest branch at approx 4m from ground level on East side overhanging boundary to increase light and reduce potential damage to summerhouse. Consent given 22/09/20.

2424/20/VAR Hillfield Village, Hillfield, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LX

Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 1590/19/VAR. Conditional approval 14/09/20.

0634/20/ARC Redcroft, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RE

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 10, 11 &13 of planning consent 1908/18/FUL. Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions (discharge) 02/09/20.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

093. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCE

Lloyds Bank	£21,503.95	Balance at 30 th September 2020
Savings account	£12,375.45	Balance at 30 th September 2020

b) RECEIPTS

South Hams District Council	£10,221.50	Precept
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Cllr Elliot proposed and Cllr Adams seconded that the following payments be approved for signature. All were in agreement.

c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

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BACS payments:

Barry Morris	50.00	Website administration
Miss J Talbot	469.40	Clerk salary
Laurenjade Ahearn	50.00	Bus shelter cleaning
Information Commissioner	40.00	Data Protection
South Hams District Council	252.00	Annual Insurance and inspection
Hawthorns Accounting Services Ltd	69.00	Payroll administration
Stoke Fleming Village Shop	17.76	Cleaning supplies

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:

Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7pm