

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th April 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present : Councillors Katie Franks Michael Barlow Struan Coupar
 David Harris Hazel Smith Nick Wood

County Councillor Julian Brazil
Parish Clerk Judy Talbot
Eleven members of the public

486. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Martin Judd, Ruth Adams, Paul Bond and Michael Hicks.

487. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 had been circulated and read. Cllr Wood proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that the PC minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes from 14th March and 23rd March were also read and approved with Cllr Barlow proposing and Cllr Coupar seconding. All were in agreement and PC meeting minutes and Planning site minutes were signed as a true record.

488. MATTERS ARISING

None

489. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

490. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The majority of the members of public were attending in order to discuss the issue with the walkway from Bailey's Meadow down past Baileys House onto the main road. The new owner at Baileys House has been making it clear to residents that he does not wish it to be used as a right of way any longer. Phil Elliott, the representative for Baileys Meadow, discussed the meeting he had last Thursday 29th March with Mr Law, owner of Baileys House. He has decided to put up a gate and cameras. Phil stated that the previous footpaths officer has said that it is not a public right of way maintainable by Highways at DCC.

Cllr Coupar asked whether the owner had put up a plaque to say that there there is no right of way. This is a general requirement where the public have access over private land and the owner does not wish it to be a right of way. Apparently, there is a plaque which states this.

Cllr Brazil stated that most public rights of way are over private land but there are two specific routes for residents to consider. The first is that if it is not a public right of way then members of the public may wish to establish a right of way. Evidence forms must be completed showing that permission has not been hindered and it is an unfettered right of way. DCC will be happy to support and help with financial costs in this case. However, it must be taken into account that it will then become a public right of way for all to use and notices will be displayed to show this. The other route to take would be to establish an easement which is a private matter and would have no input from local government. The cost implication would be borne by applicants as it is a civil matter.

If it is proven to be a public right of way it would then be a criminal offence to put a locked gate in place there.

Cllr Franks will send the plan with the exact route of the path to Paul McFadden (Footpaths Officer) who will send this on to his contact in County Hall, Emily Spurway, who deals with these matters. She will be able to give a definitive answer as to whether it is a public right of way or not.

Cllr Franks stated that she would be happy to visit Mr Law with Phil Elliott should they think it might be helpful. Cllr Franks was informed that there was a sign some years ago put up by Kingsbridge Rural Council stating that it was a right of way.

Cllr Harris questioned whether this was a permissive footpath. Cllr Brazil clarified that if this was the case then Mr Law may allow the public to use it but can withdraw permission at any time.

491. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Strete PC are leading a complaint regarding the water along Dartmouth Road towards Totnes where the ditch is full. Lisa Edmonds from Highways is negotiating with the landowner for a longer-term solution.

Cllr Brazil confirmed that the funding is in place for the Slapton line roadworks. It will go to public tender however if it is likely to cost more than the allocated funds allow. Planning permissions are in place with some clearing having started.

492. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks reported in writing that the JLP hearings finished during March as planned (despite the weather) and on the final day the lead inspector announced that it was their opinion that, subject to the receipt of satisfactory answers to the outstanding questions, they could see no reason why the Plan could not be found "sound". This sort of announcement is very unusual, so fingers are crossed.

The Devon Building Control Partnership awards included two properties in Stoke Fleming. This is out of the whole of SHDC, WDBC and Teignbridge DC.

The SHDC budget was approved for the coming year as expected.

493. COMMUNITY

(a) Reported problems

A Parishioner has complained about the unsightly storage box in the field behind Hockey Fields and has asked that the situation be remedied. Councillors agreed to speak to the landowner to remove it.

Councillors were happy for the Scarecrow Trail sign to be placed at either end of the village. Clerk confirmed that details relating to size, temporary structure and timescale for removal had all been sent to the relevant contact.

The Youth Club are looking to set up again shortly so are looking for assistance with funds. Clerk to put it on the Agenda for discussion in May.

(b) Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Councillors had met with Toby Russell from DAAT and a survey will be carried out. Costs are likely to be less than £5k and DAAT have agreed to match fund any monies the Charitable

Ladies raise. Toby Russell has agreed to draw up a report which will be distributed to Councillors prior to a meeting with Toby at the June PC meeting.

(c) Deer Park Inn – S.106 OSSR

Alexis Huggins who covers SHDC and West Devon has been in touch regarding s.106 monies for Outside Space, Sports and Recreation. Councillors are being asked to prioritise which facilities/spaces are most in need of forthcoming allocations. It was agreed that the Bird Walk if it qualifies, is in need of essential funding. The Pavilion could do with refurbishment and maintenance funds for the Bowling Green and Cricket Club. Clerk to email back to relay this breakdown.

Cllr Franks has emailed Alan Christie (contact for Deer Park Inn development) with regards the horrendous mess and debris which has been used to fill up a hole in the ground to the front of the building. Cllr Franks to email again impressing upon Mr Christie the safety issues regarding the building and pool which currently have no security fencing leaving both areas open. This is at risk to children around the campsite so it must be rectified asap.

(d) Councillor appointment

Cllr Franks has handed in her letter of resignation from the Parish Council as of next month which the Clerk read out. A casual vacancy notice has gone up in accordance with the SHDC Local Government rules. As of 9th April, a Councillor vacancy notice from the PC will go up until the end of April.

(e) Weeding costs

Cllr Franks and the Clerk met with Honey Foskett from Environmental Services at SHDC to discuss the weeding program for the year ahead. Councillors agreed on costs for the bi-annual weeding service around the parish.

(f) Football club

Clerk discussed the recent problems regarding non-payment from the Football Club together with maintenance issues within the building and debris still not having been cleared from the back of the building. Councillors were unanimous in deciding that their agreement should be terminated with the required one month's notice.

(g) Bailey's Meadow footpath

Discussed as above.

(h) May meetings

The AGM to be held prior to the main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 2nd May at 7pm. Clerk to ask Mary Viney if the room is available for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9th May at 7pm. Should this not be available, Clerk to look at Wednesday 23rd May. Clerk to advertise in the usual way.

(i) TAP quotes

Cllr Barlow reported that contractors had been pruning the trees along Venn Lane with no prior notification to the PC. Clerk discovered that these were long overdue works from a year ago carried out by DCC. The works have not been done very efficiently; Clerk to obtain two quotes still as further works can be carried out to tidy and prune using the TAP funding monies.

494. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Reported problems – Repainted parking bays – Church Road

Clerk spoke with Mike Jones, Highways officer within DCC, and he has agreed to nominate an officer to meet with Councillors to discuss this issue further on site.

Cllr Coupar reported that a car had been damaged down near the Goyle due to a deep pothole. Clerk to email Lisa and log it online.

495. MAINTENANCE

(a) Parish Assets

Clerk to collate the updated information from Councillors regarding the Parish Assets. To circulate in order to discuss valuation and a program of works at a later date.

496. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

Deer Park Inn, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RF

0679/18/FUL Demolition of existing building and construction of 14 new apartments with associated car parking and landscape works.

Fairfield, Bay View Estate, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QX

0959/18/HHO Removal of existing flat roof to be replaced with new pitched roof.

Venn Barns, Road from A3122 to Venn Cross

0646/18/FUL Provision of residential curtilage and garages to serve 4 barn conversions.

Hillfield Village, Hillfield, Dartmouth TQ6 0LX

0762/18/VAR Variation of condition 8 (Holiday Accommodation Restriction) following grant of planning consent 1415/17/FUL (Creation of 28 new holiday units, pool building extension and alterations with associated landscaping and infrastructure)

DECISIONS

None.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

Cllr Smith stated that as there are now a fairly large number of applications being submitted, that Councillors view these online and decide collectively which ones they should inspect.

497. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCES

Santander	£13,628.04	Statement dated 6 th February 2018
Lloyds Bank	£15,332.27	Balance at 27 th March 2018

b) RECEIPTS

None

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

c)	ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID	£	
	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
	Hawthorns Accounting	60.00	Payroll
	Luketom Ltd	107.99	Domain & Hosting
	Miss J Talbot	38.80	Stationery/Printing
	South Hams District Council	75.00	Maps and amendments

d) Santander/Lloyds account

Clerk distributed signatory forms for the Lloyds account to Councillors who are currently not able to sign cheques. A letter has been drawn up and signed by all present to send to Santander to close the savings account once the new Lloyds account information has been received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on 2nd May 2018 in the Village Hall at 7pm.