

Cllr Franks confirmed that a consensus of opinion from all Councillors must be received before the October meeting to put forward to SHDC.

Cllr Brazil stated that all County Council meetings will resume next week. He will continue pushing for some action with regards Blackpool Hill manhole covers.

408. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hicks highlighted the two main issues at present which are the proposed merger between West Devon and SHDC along with the potential commercial investment for Council income.

The Joint Local Plan is with the Inspectorate and the acceptance letter has been received. Members must now await further information which will be received by 29 January 2018.

Cllr Hicks confirmed that there will be a meeting for Councillors to attend at Follaton House at 7pm on 19th September regarding the proposed merger.

Cllr Hicks proceeded to discuss the potential commercial investment plans of which there is currently a lot of disinformation being sent out. The Council have been discussing it for three years now and by 2020 the Government expects Councils to be self-sufficient. The interest rate would be favourable at 2-2¼ % through the Public Works Loan Board and if invested wisely could show a return of 5%. An enormous deficit of millions of pounds needs to be met so it is still up for further discussion.

Cllr Smith asked if there would any cost-saving through the merger of the two Councils. Cllr Hicks stated that they have been sharing services for a while therefore it is not possible to go backwards now and undo this current setup. There will be a saving from selling both existing Council sites and amalgamating the two with new combined premises.

Cllr Newman asked if Councils could continue with the current route of sharing services. Cllr Hicks stated that both Councils would still have deficits. There was a recent talk given by DVLG in which it was made clear that if West Devon go bust first then SHDC must take it on as they are already sharing services. Therefore this would effectively amount to a takeover. If the merger goes ahead then there would be £0.5m savings.

Cllr Wood stated that the Government has a duty to ensure that services are delivered.

409. COMMUNITY

(a) Reported problems

Cllr Harris discussed the proposed gates which the new owners at Bailey House will be installing. As it is not a public right of way there is nothing the PC can do.

The Clerk to ask Keith Ellis to repair the guttering on Endsleigh bus shelter and Alan Pook to cut back overgrown foliage at Henry's Halt shelter.

The Clerk confirmed that the Football Club have still not paid their outstanding utilities bill. Councillors voted as a majority to end their contract if no payment has been received by the end of Friday.

(b) West Dart development

Cllr Coupar reported back further to the meeting on Tuesday 5th September which a number of Councillors attended regarding West Dart development. Cllr Coupar proceeded to hand out a plan and photo of the proposed development. There has been little consultation on this matter and some Councillors at Dartmouth Town Council have also expressed a personal view of being against it.

The site is outlined for housing in the proposed Joint Local Plan. Initially the development started as 240 houses then increased to 405 and has reappeared now at 450. Cllr Hicks will ascertain if this has gone through the normal process. The main area of concern is the SE corner of the development. It will have the largest visual impact on Stoke Fleming Parish and represents 8% of the total housing. The previous allocation allowed for health services which are now not necessary so the proposal would be to incorporate this SE area of development within Phase 1.

The Clerk to check emails to find out if there was a Guildhall meeting in Dartmouth approximately a year ago.

(c) Noticeboard

Cllr Newman is still pursuing a location for a new noticeboard along School Road.

(d) Groundwork Community Funding Grant

Cllr Coupar stated that there were some queries regarding monies spent on the Neighbourhood Plan with regards the Grant. However, all payments were made after the 1st April so there should not be a problem in the completion of the End of Grant report.

(e) Fresher's Fair

The Clerk confirmed that there are at least 15 groups likely to attend the Fair on Saturday. Cllrs Franks and Newman have met to discuss the requirements for the day and asked for Councillors to help with the food and set-up from 10.30 onwards.

(f) Letting Policy

Cllr Franks confirmed that letters have been sent to SW Housing and DCH asking for them to complete queries around the affordable housing criteria. Cllr Franks will have details of available properties placed on the Parish website as and when they arise.

(g) Playpark

Cllr Newman to continue dealing with the re-surfacing of the playpark. The Clerk gave details of the two tenders received for the maintenance work. Councillors voted unanimously for Evergreen to be given this contract. Cllr Bond also expressed an interest in general maintenance jobs which could be carried out by himself on an ad hoc basis.

(h) Christmas Tree Festival

Councillors all in agreement to go ahead with sponsoring the Christmas Tree as usual.

(i) Walking Leaflets

Clerk to find out if there are any spare leaflets.

410. ROADS & TRANSPORT

(a) Reported problems

An abandoned car along School Road has been reported.

Clerk confirmed that further to a conversation with PC Richardson an enforcement van will be sent out to the village at some point soon.

A Parishioner expressed concern over the walk from Leonard's Cove to the beach. Most people have been walking on the road and there are no central white lines. This poses a risk to both pedestrians and drivers.

(c) Blackpool Hill manhole covers

Clerk awaiting the outcome of a complaint logged with Highways recently regarding the ongoing issue of the manhole covers. Cllr Judd to forward a scanned copy of the article in the Chronicle for the Clerk to forward to Highways.

411. MAINTENANCE

(a) Bus shelter – Sportsman's Arms

Cllr Newman stated that Nigel Bryant would need to re-do the back of the shelter and would use slate instead of shingles. The cost would be approximately £400. Clerk to proceed.

(b) Gate onto playing field

Cllr Harris to use mini-digger to dig out the concrete where the post for the gate once stood. Cllr Harris to price a new 7ft post from Mole Valley.

(c) Grass cutting – Venn Lane

Clerk to see if Alan Pook will cut along the overgrown verges.

412. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS

East Farwell, Farwell House, Rectory Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QB

2038/17/LBC Retrospective listed building consent for internal alterations, including removal of stud partitions on ground and first floor, relocate existing staircase, two new doors and existing windows to be repaired.

Woodbury Farm, Lane past Woodbury Farm, Norton TQ6 0NF

2643/17/ARC Application for approval of details reserved by conditions of granted listed building consent 0570/17/LBC.

Woodbury Farm, Lane past Woodbury Farm, Norton TQ6 0NF

2609/17/ARC Application for approval of details reserved by conditions of granted planning consent .0650/17/FUL conversion of 3 barns to holiday units.

Hill field Village, Hillfield, Dartmouth TQ6 0LX

1415/17/FUL Creation of 28 new units, pool building extension and alterations with associated landscaping and infrastructure.

Trengweath Garage within curtilage of Stoke Lodge Hotel, Cinders Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RA

2717/17/FUL Proposed refurbishment and alterations to existing cottage; demolition of existing staff accommodation building to enable the construction of a new single dwelling with associated amenity area and enhanced car parking provision.

DECISIONS

Church Cottage, Church Rd, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PZ

1936/17/HHO Readvertisement (revised plans) Householder application for installation of window to side elevation. Conditional Approval 14 August 2017.

The Stables,1 Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NU

1653/17/TCA T0035: Snowbell - crown height reduction by approx 2 metres; T0036: Birch - Fell, in decline, low amenity value; T0037: Saw Toothed Azara - crown height reduction by approx 1 metre. Consent Granted 7th August 2017.

The Paddock, South side of Redlap Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QU

1004/17/FUL New dwelling (resubmission of 2462/16/FUL). Conditional Approval 7th August 2017.

ENFORCEMENT CASES Current enforcement list update

Cllr Smith confirmed that there are forthcoming planning meetings regarding Deer Park and Hillfield on Thursday 7th September.

413. FINANCE

a) BANK BALANCES

Santander	£13,615.45	Statement dated 6 th July 2017
Lloyds Bank	£16,651.77	Balance at 29 th August 2017

b) RECEIPTS

None

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Judd 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	42.50	Toilet block cleaning
	Miss J Talbot	330.55	Clerk salary
	Sandover Associates	1,218.00	Neighbourhood Plan
	Cuming Containers	342.00	Skip
	Miss J Talbot	20.83	Printing supplies
	Stoke Fleming Village Shop	38.89	Sundries
	Post Office Ltd	38.35	South West Water
	Keith Ellis	949.00	Maintenance/repairs
	Hawthorns Accounting Services	80.00	Payroll
	Evergreen SW Ltd	63.00	Playpark/mowing

Cllr Coupar stated that monies from the allocated Grant had now been spent with regards the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors are all in agreement that Peter Sandover's payment (external consultant for the NP) and further monies (possible £5k) to be funded by the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on 4th October 2017 in the Village Hall at 7pm.