

## **STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm**

Present : Councillors    Katie Franks                      Michael Barlow                      Hazel Smith  
   David Harris                      Martin Judd

County Councillor Julian Brazil  
Parish Clerk Judy Talbot  
One member of the public

### **462. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Struan Coupar, Cllr Ruth Adams, Cllr Nick Wood and Cllr Michael Hicks.  
The PC send their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr Hicks who has been unwell.

### **463. MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 had been circulated and read. Cllr Judd proposed and Cllr Barlow seconded that the PC minutes be accepted. Minutes from the Budget Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 had also been circulated and read. Cllr Judd proposed and Cllr Barlow seconded that these minutes be accepted. Planning site minutes were also read and approved with Cllr Smith proposing and Cllr Harris seconding. All were in agreement and PC meeting minutes were signed as a true record.

### **464. MATTERS ARISING**

None

### **465. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **466. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public has passed on concerns from parishioners about the potential No. 3 bus possibly stopping. Cllr Brazil is not aware of any issues here and there is criteria with consultation to be carried out if any timetables are to be amended. The buses are now deregulated and Councillors at Devon County Council are not able to intervene. They are no longer subsidised due to the cuts. It was confirmed by all that the smaller buses are now running. It was agreed by all that the bus service is essential to rural areas.

It was also reported that dogs have been fouling around Bidders Close and outside the Village Shop. Cllr Brazil discussed the availability of a dog warden provided for by SHDC should the Parish require their services. Clerk to post a notice in the magazine warning dog owners that they can be fined if they are caught leaving dog mess.

### **467. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil informed Councillors of the forthcoming cabinet budget meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February with the full Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> February. It is confirmed that there will be increased funding for adult social care with an increase of 6% over three years. The threshold cap for Council tax increases has also been raised to 5% over two years with regards to a referendum.

Cllr Brazil advised that it would make sense to appoint an external contractor to carry out lengthsman works in the parish and allow for it within the precept.

Cllr Brazil reported with regards SHDC that Council Tax will increase by £5. He discussed the proposed closure of the public toilets to be agreed this year and carried out by 2020. Cllr Brazil will lobby against the closure. The PC will be able to take over the running of them so would possibly need to carry out costings in due course.

Cheques and cash are no longer accepted at Follaton House. There is the potential for possible charging for garden waste so SHDC are looking at outsourcing.

**468. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**469. COMMUNITY**

**(a) Reported problems**

The lock on the gate to the children's playground is broken. Clerk to ask Keith Ellis to fix it.

**(b) Bird Walk**

Cllr Franks reported on a useful meeting with the Public Rights of Way Warden for Highways, Paul McFadden and Highways officer Lisa Edmonds. They discussed the proposed works to the Bird Walk which will include re-surfacing and re-fencing.

Cllr Franks and Cllr Coupar also met with Mr & Mrs Holmes at Farwell House (owners of one side of the fencing) who are agreeable to the proposals in principle. The next step is to speak with The Mayers who own the other side of the fence.

**(c) Annual Parish Paths Partnership Finance**

Clerk to speak with Cllr Bond to determine if he has carried out the paths' inspections for the P3 finance application. Clerk to email previous application forms to Cllr Judd and Cllr Franks.

**(d) Proposed Deer Park Inn consultation**

The new owner of the Deer Park Inn site, Alan Christie, gave a presentation outlining the proposed planning application for 14 flats. He was questioned fully by members of the public. Concerns exist over the height and entrance to the proposed development. Garages will be located to the rear of the flats and it is unlikely they will be large enough for cars. Clerk to forward on the room hire invoice to Alan Christie in due course.

**(e) Parish Assets**

Clerk to email last year's list of Parish Assets. Councillors to decide at the next meeting who will deal with which areas for assessment. The new bench donated by Cllr Barlow to be listed as a parish asset at a value of £185.

**(f) School Road parking**

Complaints have been received by Martin Carney from South West Housing regarding parents' parking in residents' places along School Road when picking up their children. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to the School with their concerns and ask parents to be more careful and mindful of where they are parking.

**(g) Neighbourhood Plan update**

The Plan has now gone to submission. SHDC will check all the documents for legal conformity as set out in Regulation 16. This will be carried out over the next six weeks and will go up on the parish website in due course.

**(h) Stoke Fleming Primary School ‘Make a Difference Day’**

Clerk received a letter from a teacher at Stoke Fleming Primary School asking for ideas as to how pupils may help out within the community. Councillors gave ideas as to litter picking at Blackpool Sands and on the Playing Field. There may be scope for some spring bulb planting within the Children’s Playpark – Mary Newman to be consulted on this. There is also some weeding to be done around the well at Shady Lane. Clerk to write back with ideas.

**(i) TAP funding**

Cllr Adams and Cllr Franks attended the TAP funding meeting at SHDC. Officers were carrying out an assessment of 17,000 applications. The funding requested for the Dartmouth Cluster area was £17,370 for a Budget of £8,536. Stoke Fleming was awarded half of what was requested and Cllr Hicks said he could help with the shortfall from his funds. Other parishes had their amounts halved. Clerk to obtain quotes from a couple of contractors regarding the proposed tree works.

Cllr Franks also reported on a TAP application from Dartmouth Town Council naming Stoke Fleming Parish Council as a stakeholder for fencing at Longcross Cemetery. Clerk to write to Dartmouth Town Clerk regarding this matter to ensure that the Parish is not mistakenly named as stakeholder in future applications.

**470. ROADS & TRANSPORT**

**(a) Reported problems**

Clerk following up with the complaint made to Highways about the repainted parking bay on Church Road.

Water is gathering on School Road as a result of two blocked drains. Clerk to log the problem online.

**(b) A379 White Lines**

Lisa Edmonds from Highways has confirmed that the white lines near Overseas will be reinstated at the beginning of the new tax year.

**471. MAINTENANCE**

**(a) Blackpool Hill Manhole Covers**

Clerk received an apology and response from Highways regarding their previous lack of response to our letter from 13 November 2017. They have confirmed that a scheme has been approved to raise or replace all twelve manhole covers on Blackpool Hill with works commencing before the end of March 2018.

**472. PLANNING:**

**APPLICATIONS**

**Greenswood Barn, Lower Ash Farm, Dartmouth TQ6 0LR**

4088/17/FUL Proposed conversion of attic.

**DECISIONS**

**Lower Ash Farm, Ash, Dartmouth TQ6 0LR**

2228/17/FUL Change of use of land for the siting of shepherd's hut for camping/holiday use. Conditional approval 17th January 2018

**Manor Court, Stoke Fleming, Dartmouth TQ6 0PG**

3579/17/TPO T1 Sycamore- crown lift limbs overhanging fence to 5 metres from ground level; T2 Sycamore- fell, poor, light restricted by surrounding trees; T3 Sweet chestnut-

remove multi stem limb; T4 Sweet chestnut- remove overhanging limb; T5 Sycamore- fell, poor, light restricted by surrounding trees. Grant of conditional consent 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Whitelands Barn, Thorn Farm, Venn, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0LF**

1174/17/HHO READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Householder application for a proposed extension to an existing dwelling.

Conditional Approval 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Hillfield Village, Hillfield, Dartmouth TQ6 0LX**

1415/17/FUL READVERTISEMENT (Revised Description & Floor Space Type) Creation of 28 new holiday units, pool building extension and alterations with associated landscaping and infrastructure.

Conditional Approval 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

**Ashley House, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PH**

3095/16/FUL Replacement dwelling, with new ancillary double garage and external works/landscaping and outside pool.

Granted 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Discharge of condition approved 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

**ENFORCEMENT CASES** Current enforcement list update

**473. FINANCE**

**a) BANK BALANCES**

Santander	£13,621.17	Statement dated 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Lloyds Bank	£17,058.13	Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018

**b) RECEIPTS**

None

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

Cllr Franks confirmed that there has still been no response from Santander regarding the change of address and additional signatories.

Clerk and Cllr Judd to look at rates of savings accounts with Yorkshire Bank, Post Office and Lloyds Bank with the potential of moving the funds and closing the Santander account.

**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
Mr P Bond	1.92	Printing expenses
Stoke Fleming Village Shop	9.47	Toilet supplies
Post Office Ltd	31.99	Water bill
Post Office Ltd	104.30	Electricity bill
Luketom Ltd	144.00	Website amendments

**d) Restrictive Funds**

Clerk has circulated a spreadsheet detailing the Parish's restrictive funds as carried forward from previous years.

**e) Churchyard Donation**

Councillors agreed that a donation of £250 can be made towards the Churchyard funds. Clerk to write to the Treasurer to confirm the donation and a cheque to be made out at the next meeting. Councillors stated that the PC will not be able to make that level of increase annually.

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

The next monthly meeting of the PC will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Village Hall at 7pm.