

**STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August July 2021, Stoke Fleming Village  
Hall at  
6.30 pm**

Present: Councillors    Struan Coupar                      David Harris                      John Belli  
   Marion Holmes                      Tim Moseley

District Councillor Helen Reeve  
County Councillor Julian Brazil (arrived later)  
Locum Parish Clerk  
Parish Clerk  
Mr J Floyd

**232. APOLOGIES – Cllr Handley, Cllr Elliott**

**233. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 had been circulated and read. Cllr Belli expressed concern over inaccuracies in the abridged version of the meeting minutes published in the parish magazine. The full version of the draft minutes was approved and the planning site minutes from July were also received and accepted. A correction will be included in the abridged version of the August minutes to make it clear that Cllr Belli attended the July meeting. Cllr Handley was not present.

**234. MATTERS ARISING – None**

**235. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None were declared. Cllr Moseley had sent his completed register of interests to the locum clerk who had filed these with South Hams District Council [SHDC].**

**236. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was no public in attendance and no correspondence was received.

**237. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil touched on the Tour of Britain stage due to pass through the Village on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The route would pass along the main A379 through the Village.

The Coleridge meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July saw an offer from Slapton PC who had litter picking kit which they were happy to share with neighbouring councils. That meeting had seen a presentation by Simon Oldridge of Sustainable South Hams which had resources they could share with the parishes on climate change and global warming. Cllr Brazil observed the fact Stoke Fleming had the Loam Rangers meant the parish was somewhat advanced on this.

The Coleridge association had a Facebook page which they would use to share information between the parishes and foster partnerships.

Cllr Harris reported a broken drain cover on the main road into Dartmouth which by its location on the Dartmouth side of the junction into Bugford Lane was dangerous. The Highways officer would

also be notified. **Cllr Brazil promised to deal with this.**

**238. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Reeve had recently visited the Dartmouth Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre appeared busy with classes at the gym and in the Pool. Membership at 230 was still down from pre-pandemic. GP referrals have been reinstated. A youth night is planned. Autumn will see how the Centre is faring with local users after summer visitors have left.

Cllr Reeve had also visited Little Cotton. Phase 2 of the development is starting very soon. The consultation in the Village Hall had been useful and there had been some good suggestions from residents. For instance, Baker Estates thought a good idea was a suggestion to plant trees along Venn Lane now rather than wait until completion.

The plan for the development is to plant around 486 trees in a combination of boulevard-style streets with native trees and ornamental species. The trees would be planted in containers which would limit their growth and height.

There were 19 house sales to date of 414 houses planned in total. Some are being bought by local people. Solar panels were being installed on roofs. Cllr Reeve said she would update the meeting on the Waste contract next time but observed there will still be problems with collections.

Cllr Coupar referred to a recent meeting of the Coleridge Association on 20<sup>th</sup> July where planning conditions put on applications by parish councils and the planning enforcement of these within time limits [usually four years] were discussed. From the meeting it appeared there was little policing of the enforcement of these conditions. Cllr Reeve had spoken to SHDC planners about enforcement but observed there was some difficulty with staffing and resources. **It was resolved a copy of the minutes of the Coleridge Association meeting would be sent to Cllr Reeve, Cllr Brazil and the Clerk for information.**

An enforcement matter was also discussed.

Cllr Harris also mentioned the dual-purpose dog poo bins which should be at each end of the village. A free-standing bin had been put down Venn Lane and not fixed to a post. The bins should be located at the Coach House and the Village Hall. **Cllr Harris requested to remove the old broken bins and this was agreed.**

**239. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Mr Jay Floyd was present. Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Floyd onto the Council.

**240. COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Cllr Coupar outlined two options for meetings in the future. Councillors could meet on Friday evening in the main hall or Wednesday evening in the Ron Harris Room. The relaxation of COVID rules was touched on and the reasons why meeting numbers had been restricted under the pandemic regulations. **Resolved: to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Ron Harris Room.**

**241. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Coupar noted there was nothing new to report on the Plan at present. **Cllr Handley was still to collect the signs for the Birdwalk.**

**242. COMMUNITY**

(a) When The Prince Phillip passed away in April the previous clerk had bought a book of condolence at short notice, that was not entirely suitable. In order to ensure the parish is prepared for a future Royal death and has a suitable book of condolence ready, research has been carried out. Shaws Ltd, a specialist firm, has recommended a loose-leaf book as recommended by The

National Association of Local Councils which would cost £128 plus £50 for lettering. **Resolved to approve the purchase of a book of condolence as detailed above.**

(b) Councillors discussed the need for a noticeboard at Little Cotton at the last meeting. This was to be placed at the entrance and moved as the estate grew. Cllr Floyd wondered if Baker Estates would be willing to pay for it. Cllr Coupar agreed the developer could be asked to contribute. **Resolved: to buy a noticeboard for Little Cotton.**

(c) The council website was discussed. Cllr Belli had canvassed parishioners on what they thought of the new website and many were in favour. However, some items were out of date and there were no links to other websites for instance Sustainable Stoke Fleming. Cllr Coupar wondered if the Business Directory could be more commercial and advertisers be charged more to promote via the site so it could cover running costs. This had been the case previously but it lapsed over time. Cllr Floyd offered to take on maintenance and updating of the site.

The Council Facebook page needs more links to other sites.

#### 243. ROADS & TRANSPORT

There was no report given.

#### 244. MAINTENANCE

(a) **The Inn Theatre Company summer show.** Cllr Harris reported the production put on had been very successful but revenues weren't as high as expected. He wondered if the Company would want to return.

(b) **Pathway repairs.** The Public Right of way on Mill Lane was very overgrown and Cllr Harris had cleared the bracken. **Resolved the locum clerk speak with Paul McFadden the rights of way officer to report the condition of the lane.**

(c) **Parish Assets condition review.** Cllr Coupar reported on the ownership of the site around the British Legion bench. The Land Registry had sent a copy of title deeds for the site but there were some covenants in the deeds that required further explanation. **Resolved the locum Clerk would talk to the Land Registry to obtain an explanation for the covenants in the deeds.**

(d) **Electricity meter box.** Keith Ellis had spoken to Cllr Harris about assembling the new box and smart meter. The box needed a triangle key but this was missing.

(e) **Community Ownership Fund. Resolved to carry over to the next meeting.**

#### 245. CLIMATE CHANGE

**Sustainability.** Cllr Belli mentioned a meeting of Sustainable Stoke Fleming would be taking place in the Village Hall on Thursday night. Stoke Fleming was now a standalone parish on the Sustainable South Hams website. Simon Oldridge has asked the Parish Council and Sustainable Stoke Fleming to support the Sustainable Energy Bill and sign up to it.

A carbon footprint tool was developed which could be used to measure the carbon footprint of the parish and its inventor could visit to undertake this exercise.

Cllr Belli also noted Rob Newman was interested in the possibilities of electric vehicle chargers which could be deployed down at Blackpool Sands and maybe elsewhere. Cllr Belli had asked the Village Hall committee if they wanted solar panels and they were interested. There is grant funding available from both district and county councils and some specific grants for 'green' initiatives.

#### 246. ACTIONS REGISTER

Cllr Coupar asked councillors to look at the latest version which has 13 new items and report back.

247. **PLANNING:**

**APPLICATIONS**

**Cllr Holmes had requested the deadline for responses be extended for two applications from the last meeting.**

**2461/21/FUL.** Provision of an agricultural storage building. Land at Strawberry Valley Dartmouth TQ6 0NB. **Resolved to support.**

**2104/21/FUL.** Demolition of agricultural building and construction of new residential dwelling following Class Q approval. Barn adjacent to Woodbury Farm Norton Dartmouth TQ6 0NF. **Resolved to object.**

**2448/21/LBC.** Listed building consent for replacement of existing asbestos sheets with traditional 3-inch corrugated tin. Ashbourne Farm Bugford TQ6 0LT. **Resolved to support.**

**1867/21/ARM Land south of junction between Townstal Road and Nelson Road Dartmouth TQ6 0LB.**

Proposal: application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 15\_51/1710/14/0 (Appeal APP/K1128/W/15/3039104) as varied by application reference 2609/19/VAR and 0479/21/VAR for layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the construction of a 69-bed care home (use class C2) provision for parking, gardens, access and associated works.

The Council has until 19<sup>th</sup> August to comment on this application. **It was resolved councillors respond with any comments by the end of next week to Cllr Holmes on this application.**

**2508/21/TCA 2 Manor Court Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PG.**

Proposal: Works to a tree in a conservation area. T1: Copper Beech - crown height reduction by 2.5m, removal of limb at approx. 2m from ground level on south east side; T2: Holm Oak - crown height reduction by 2.5m, removal of 3x limbs at approx. 2m from ground level on south east side; T3: Holm Oak - crown height reduction by 2.5m, removal of limb at approx. 2m from ground level on south east side; T4: Sweet Chestnut - crown height reduction by 2.5m, removal of 2x limbs at approx. 2m and 3m from ground level on south east side; T5: Bay - Fell; T6: Copper Beech - crown height reduction by 2.5m, removal of limb at approx. 1.5m from ground level on south east side;

**DECISIONS**

**None notified.**

**ENFORCEMENT CASES** Current enforcement list update. No list had been seen for some time.

248. **FINANCE**

**a) BANK BALANCE**

Lloyds Bank	£15,358.65	Balance at 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Savings account	£12,376.48	Balance at 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

**b) RECEIPTS** **£NIL**

**c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** **£**

**BACS payments:**

Tomlinson Computer Support Ltd	£7.60	MS Office 365 monthly licence fee.
Tomlinson Computer Support Ltd	£120.00	Change of access from old clerk to chairman.
Mrs H Darch	£203.58	Locum Clerk payment July 2021.
LaurenJade Ahearn	£50.00	July bus shelters.

LaurenJade Ahearn	£260.00	June bus shelters and repairs. Bill carried over from July meeting.
Shoreline Planting Design	£51.00	Olive tree. Invoice paid. Approved July meeting.
EDF Energy	£10.00	Electricity 9 <sup>th</sup> June-13 <sup>th</sup> July. Pavilion.
Source for Business	£39.02	Water bill April to July 2021.
Barry Morris	£50.00	Website admin July 2021.

The report was received. **Resolved to accept all payments.**

**249. FURTHER BUSINESS**

The Community kitchen is hosting a hog roast on 31<sup>st</sup> August from 4pm to 7pm. The charge will be £6 for the roast plus ice-cream. They want to use the pavilion.

**The meeting closed at 7.50pm.**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Ron Harris Room**