

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6th October 2021, Stoke Fleming Village Hall, at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors.	Struan Coupar (Chair)	Phil Elliot	Jack Handley
	Jay Floyd	John Belli	David Harris
			Tim Moseley

District Councillor Helen Reeve
County Councillor Julian Brazil
Parish Clerk

4 members of the public were present.

267. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Holmes and Cllr. Adams.

268. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council and the planning site meeting notes were approved by the Council and signed as a true record.

269: MATTERS ARISING - None .

270. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

271. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The owners of Albert House reported that over the summer vehicles had damaged the pavement outside the property. The ownership of the pavement was brought into question as had the damage been to other pavements in the village Highways would have fixed them. As Councillor Brazil was running late it was agreed to raise this with him upon his arrival.

A parishioner expressed concern at both the volume and speed of traffic along Venn Lane and asked whether Venn Lane could be made a one way street. It was noted that due to increased usage of Satnavs, more traffic, notably delivery vans, was being directed along this route. Cllr. Coupar noted that Cllr. Handley had obtained and installed a vehicle-activated speed sign and as this was due to be relocated every 3-4 weeks it would periodically be placed at the top of Venn Lane. It was agreed that the Council would look into options to ameliorate the situation over the next few months, including exploring the idea of signage directing traffic away from Venn Lane. Cllr. Handley did note that if Venn Lane was to become one way, the speed of vehicles along it would potentially increase.

272. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) Proposed car park

Cllr. Coupar reported that he had met with a planning officer at SHDC and discussed resurrecting the 2010 plans for the car park, and taking over management of the existing bays from the district council. The existing bays could be for permit holders only, whereas the new car park could be used by both permit holders and the general public. The advice from SHDC was that the plans should go through as the project was a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Birdwalk signs

Cllr. Elliott reported that he now had the signs.

c) Little Cotton

As a noticeboard would be needed at the new Little Cotton development, information about potential types had been sent to all Councillors. Cllr. Coupar suggested a three panel board as two panels could be locked and used by the Council and the third could be used by the community. The cost of this would be about £3,000, which he hoped Baker Estates would agree to meet.

273. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Brazil reported that there would be a full Council meeting on the 7th October. A pilot scheme was due to be launched in Newton Abbot whereby a speed restriction of 20mph would be put in place for all residential areas. This would potentially be extended to cover the whole of Devon. He additionally reported that a new head of children's services had been appointed and hopefully the department would improve, as it had been failing for a number of years. He congratulated the Council on the new speed sign in the village.

In response to the query raised earlier in the meeting by members of the public, Cllr. Brazil said that the pavement in question had been deemed by Highways to be not maintainable at public expense. He agreed to re-check the ownership of the land but noted that there were areas around Devon that were unregistered land. It was agreed that the parishioners would email Cllr. Brazil with photos and any evidence that the pavement could be Council owned and he would look into this. Cllr. Floyd commented on the volume of traffic and subsequent chaos over the summer and queried whether a traffic light system could be put in place but the general consensus was that the congestion would be made worse.

274. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Reeve reported that she was due to meet with the Enforcement Officer to go through cases and would try and get a list of these to the Parish Council as it had not received one since May. She discussed the Climate Change Fund and asked for any proposals to be made before the end of March as the money needed to be distributed by then. Cllr. Belli mentioned the Loam Ranger Project as something that could benefit from funding and Cllr. Mosely enquired if solar panels for the Parish Hall would be suitable for funding. Cllr. Reeve said that these would both be suitable and indicated that there would ideally be £1,000 available for such projects in Stoke Fleming. With regards to the issue of waste, she reported that she would find out the following week what exactly would be happening and asked that any problems with waste collections be reported to the Parish Council and she would try and follow up on it. Cllr. Harris asked if Cllr. Reeve could make enquiries to establish who chained up and padlocked the nursery swing in the Play Area.

275. COMMUNITY

a) The book of condolence has been ordered by the Clerk.

b) Cllr. Floyd reported that good progress was being made on the website, with numerous articles uploaded and much more traffic being subsequently generated. He asked all Councillors to provide a photograph and brief statement about themselves to help personalise the Council and website. He and Cllr. Belli had discussed Facebook and agreed that it would be useful if distinct boundaries could be created to distinguish the Visit Stoke Fleming page, which promoted the Parish to visitors, and the Community Facebook page, which was not linked in any way with the Council. Cllr. Floyd added that he had also created an Instagram account.

c) Councillors agreed to think about which "odddity" to be used at the annual Christmas tree festival. Cllr. Adams was not present at the meeting but had informed the Council that she was happy to deal with decorating the tree.

276. ROADS AND TRANSPORT

a) Cllr. Handley reported that in the first 3 and a half days since the speed signs had been placed in the village 10,000 cars had been logged entering and exiting it. The top speed entering the village was measured at 101mph. This was at 2pm. He added that he had spoken to Channel View Guest House

and its owner was happy for a camera to be mounted there. Cllr. Floyd queried whether, given the statistics, further action could be taken and Cllr. Handley agreed, noting that police checks could potentially be requested at set times of the day if speeding was particularly bad during those periods. Cllr. Handley reported that he was still awaiting a response to his communications about Swannaton Footpath.

277. MAINTENANCE

a) With regards to the cleaning of the Pavilion, Cllr. Handley agreed that he would deal with this now that the work on the speed signs had been completed. He and Cllr. Harris agreed to monitor the charger as it was reportedly not working. As the Parish Council were obliged to store the original packaging for the signs it was agreed to store them in the loft.

b) Cllr. Harris reported that he had inspected the village assets apart from ones on Shady Lane. He reported that 3 weeks ago a small fire had been started in the play area and he had received complaints of bad behaviour by teenagers there. The Council agreed that he should obtain quotes for two new posts as one was broken and the other looked fragile. The Council resolved to cut the padlock on the swing and it would be mended.

278. CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr. Belli reported that he had attended a meeting last week and it was agreed to ask the manager of the Sustainable Stoke Fleming facebook page to put a link onto the Parish Council website.

279. ACTIONS REGISTER

Cllr. Coupar asked all Councillors to update him how they were getting on with their specific tasks so this could be updated.

280. PLANNING

A representative from Baker Homes attended the meeting and invited all Councillors to send any queries to her.

Applications:

3320/21/FUL

Norton Park

Demolition of existing boundary and low retaining walls and re-landscaping of entrance area with additional planting, improved signage and new gate.

1864/21/FUL

Venn Cross farm land to east of Venn Cross

Temporary permission for caravan on site

1867/21/ARM

Land south of junction between Townstall Road and Dartmouth Road

Proposal by Minton Care and Baker Estates to build a 69 bed care home.

2891/21/HHO

Castleton, Dartmouth Hill

Householder application for alterations, extensions, erection of garage and screen walling and fencing

2906/7/8/9/10/11/12 AND 2922

C Sutton Scott Tucker

Land at SX 829 492 Stancombe Wood

Changes to reserved matters

281. FINANCE

a) Lloyds Bank:

Balance as of 27.08.21. £14,618.45

Balance as if 24.09.21. £25,748.95

Savings account

Balance as of 24.09.21. £12,376.59

b) RECEIPTS

24.09.2021. SHDC. £11,130.50

c) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

The following payments were approved by the Council:

H.Darch	Locum Clerk expenses	£208.80
L. Browne	Clerk salary, no expenses.	£286.80
Lauren Ahearn	Bus shelter works Sep	£50.00
Tomlimson Computer Support	MS Office licence	£47.60
SHDC	Venn Lane insurance	£210.00
J. Handley	Jubilee clips and key	£54.68
Barry Morris	Website administration	£50.00
PKF Little John	Audit fees	£360.00
R.V. Harris and Son	Grass and hedge cutting	£594.00
R.V.Harris and Son.	Hedge cutting Redlap Lane .	£144.00

d) PWLB repayment notice

PWLB advised that the next loan repayment of £1,111.22 would be taken via DD this month.

e) Conclusion of audit

The external audit had been completed and the report was viewed at the meeting.

282. FURTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting date of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 3rd November 2021, 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm