



Coupar's comments that although he was happy that properties were not to be linear and faced the lane rather than back onto it, The Council would ask that it be made a condition that semi-mature trees were planted. Additionally, moving forward, the Council's view is that all future infrastructure be zero-carbon ready. Questions were raised about covenants for the homes (including affordable homes), within the development in order to ensure that their appearance could not subsequently be detrimentally altered and if any had a covenant whereby the occupier must have lived or worked within Devon for the previous three years. Baker Estates said that no such covenants are in place and an approach to SHDC as the planning authority would be required.

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

Cllr. Brazil reported that a full Council meeting was held last month. The 20mph Pilot scheme in Newton Abbott had been discussed and had been due to extend to cover the whole of Devon. However, further data was still to be looked at before the scheme could be extended and he expressed his disappointment at this. Cllr. Brazil noted that a meeting had been held regarding the Slapton Line partnership and there was momentum to try and save the line at Slapton. However, due to the designation of the area as a SSSI, any building would be a problem. The cost to defend the line (tens of millions) would be huge and the District Council could not afford this, although it was attempting to organise for Landmark to do some reparative work of large rocks that had become displaced. He was clear that should there be another big storm, the line would go. Finally, he noted that there would be a road closure in Chillington from 7-18th February (Colebridge Lane-Fairfield Way).

## **289. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Reeve apologised about the state of the dog waste bins and said that she would chase this urgently as they had not been emptied. She reported that the waste situation remained the same but to forward any complaints to her. Councillors had been invited to the depot to see how it was working and although she hadn't been, Cllr. Brazil had been impressed with the operation. Garden waste had been suspended until March but should the shortage of drivers continue then this could be longer. She offered part of her Locality Grant to anyone who wished to organise waste collection. Cllr. Belli said that he would contact Cllr. Reeve to request funds for the Loam Rangers and helping with their waste disposal.

## **290. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### **a) Proposed new car park.**

Cllr. Coupar reported that when he and Cllr. Holmes had previously met with the landowners they had said they wished joint discussions to be held on both the Council's plans for new car park and their intended application for permission for two residential units. A further meeting had taken place in the last 24 hours, with both parties and the architect. There are doubts about whether South Hams District Council as the planning authority would accept two infill units as the site is within the Undeveloped and Heritage Coast area. The architect felt that a solution might be possible and agreed to prepare a sketch plan which he would discuss with SHDC. It was agreed that the Council would wait for him make that approach. He would at the same time discuss a revival of the Council's previously approved scheme for the new car park. The permission given in 1020 had lapsed. The future of the disused toilets adjacent to the site was discussed and it was agreed that would be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

## **291. COMMUNITY**

### **a.) Little Cotton welcome pack**

Cllr. Coupar reported that he hoped that Baker Estates would fund a welcome pack for all new residents.

### **b.) Village stream**

Following difficulties and flooding caused by an underground blockage along the course of the stream that runs from Bailey's Meadow to the water treatment centre on the coast, Cllr. Elliott reported that an attempt had been made by South West Water to put a camera down but this was unsuccessful. He

had obtained a quote from a private company for £800 to flush out the drains and lower cameras to check for the location of the problem. It was resolved that the Council would contact South West Water to ask if it would meet the cost of inspection and necessary repairs if the source of the issue was on public land. The owner of a property on the south side of Dartmouth Road had offered to do that if the source turned out to be on her land. It was unanimously agreed that it was absolutely necessary to prevent any flooding that would impact Parishioners.

c.) Website-minutes process

Cllr. Floyd had requested more clarity on protocols as he wanted to get more traffic onto the website and publicise via Facebook when minutes and agendas would be on the website. It was clarified that draft minutes would be initially sent to the Chair and Vice Chair for approval but could be published 15 days after the meeting had been held (it being made clear that these were draft minutes and would not be approved by the Council until the following meeting).

## **292. ROADS AND TRANSPORT**

Cllr. Moseley reported that the variable speed sign needed a battery change but following this would be moved to the top of Venn Lane within 5 days. Because the sign collected data from traffic entering and exiting Stoke Fleming, this could put the Council in a better position to monitor the number of vehicles travelling through Venn Lane and it could discuss this with better information moving forward. Cllr. Harris reported that a resident of Deer Park had been concerned about potential flooding to her drive. A member of the Council has checked her property and while flooding had not reached her home, the Council advised that this could be reported on the South Hams website.

## **293. MAINTENANCE**

a) Play area repairs

Restrictions have been put on the use of the climbing equipment in the children's play area after one of the posts collapsed due to rot. That more or less coincided with the annual inspection carried out for the insurers. The surveyor's report indicated that all of the posts were affected and would need to be renewed. The Clerk has contacted the manufacturers about replacement costs, the warranty having run out last year. Repairs to a damaged swing are in hand.

b) Free trees for planting project

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate information offering free trees for publicly accessible areas. The lower part of the playing field was mentioned as a feasible option.

## **294. ACTIONS REGISTER**

It was reported that most actions had been updated. Cllr Floyd has completed the review of the parish website and that item can be removed from the 'active' section of the register. Further changes are intended.

## **295. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Cllr. Belli reported that a meeting with Sustainable Stoke Fleming was scheduled on November 18th and David Rowe would be in attendance to explain the Carbon footprint calculator that he had previously distributed. He also noted that he had attended a Zoom meeting about differing topics of climate change and would continue to attend each themed meeting for the duration of the course.

## **296. PLANNING**

Cllr. Holmes' planning report had been distributed to all Councillors. Cllr. Holmes thanked all Councillors for attending site meetings and reported that the planning committee was up to date with all applications. She, Cllr. Adams and the Clerk had met to restart the planning spreadsheet as this had been unattended to due to the recent changeover of Clerks.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

**3200/21/FUL Leonards Cove Holiday Estate**

Engineering works to reduce ground levels and relocate existing garden retaining wall.

**3267/21/HHO Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming**

Householder application for newly proposed boathouse following previously approved application 51/1386/13/F

**2108/21/HHO Pleasant Valley Farm, Stoke Fleming**

Householder application for re-submission of 51/2329/13/F  
31922/21/CLE

**31922/21/CLE East Down Barn, Blackawton**

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land and outbuilding for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house

**2891/21/HHO Castleton, Dartmouth Hill**

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

**3648/21/FUL Land at Coombe Bungalow, Bowden**

Erection of general-purpose agricultural building

**3625/21/HHO Homeleigh, New Road, Stoke Fleming**

Householder application for proposed extension, loft conversion and internal alterations to existing dwelling (resubmission of 1647/21/HHO)

**3110/21/FUL Greenswood Barn**

Erection of lean-to and installation of solar panels and change of use of land to residential amenity space

**3315/21/PDM Great Cotton Farm, Dartmouth**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from agricultural buildings to 5no. dwelling houses (Class C3) including building operations

**3187/21/FUL Blatchmore Barn, Bugford**

Relocation of barn entrance to new position within Blatchmore Lane

**297. FINANCE**

(a) Outstanding payments

Cllr. Coupar reported that he had paid outstanding payments.

(b) Signatories

Cllr. Coupar reported that now face to face meetings were back in place, the Council needed to revert to three authorisation signatures for all payments. Banking mandates to remove previous Councillors and add on Cllrs. Moseley, Floyd and the Clerk were approved and signed.

(c) BALANCES

Bank account balance as of 01.10.2021	£25,748.95
Bank account balance as of 31.10.2012	£24,428.93

Savings account balance as of 01.10.2021	£12,069.87
Savings account balance as of 31.10.2021	£12,070.37

d) RECEIPTS

No receipts.

e) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Miss LS Browne	Clerk's salary (no expenses)	£286.80
L. Ahearn	Bus shelter works October	£50.00
Terry Hallett	Gardening Play field works	£430.00
St. Peter's Church	Christmas tree festival	£20.00
Hawthorns Accounting	Payroll	£89.00

**298. FURTHER BUSINESS – None**

**The next meeting date of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 1st December 2021, 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.