

## **STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **DRAFT MINUTES**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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

District Councillor Helen Reeve  
County Councillor Julian Brazil  
Parish Clerk

**299. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Adams.

### **300. MINUTES**

At Cllr Floyd's suggestion it was agreed that he would draft a additional paragraph for inclusion in the minutes, to be agreed with the Chairman. With the amendments agreed and to be added on the minutes were approved and signed as a true record. The minutes of the planning report were approved and signed as a true record. It was also agreed that the Clerk would circulate her original minutes to all Councillors as well as the ones edited and approved by the Chairman and Vice Chair.

### **301: MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Floyd requested that the damage to the Petanque pavilion ~~not~~ be added to the maintenance action list.

### **302. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

### **303. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME-None**

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

Cllr. Brazil reported that COVID rates in Devon were high, particularly among younger people, although hospitalisations were low. . The County Council had obtained funding to move the Slapton Memorial to Strete Gate. A condition for funding was that a maintenance regime put in place and local parishes would pay for this. Strete Parish Council had agreed to administer maintenance contracts, but wanted a 3-year rolling contract to manage this with the task being transferred to other local councils, primarily those affected by the evacuation of the area during WW2. He expressed his disappointment that the 20mph urban speed limit had not been extended throughout Devon but noted that Stoke Fleming already has this in place.

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

Cllr. Reeve said that Climate Change funds did not have to be fully spent by March 2022, though the compost project would not qualify as it had already been established. She was looking for other ways to find funding for this. Cllr. Reeve reported that as of November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021, seven open market houses at Little Cotton had been sold, with the majority of buyers being local. She said a housing crisis had been declared and the District Council would need help from local parishes to solve the problem. Tthe joint Local Plan review would be in 2023.

### **306. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

A sub-committee was held on November 29th which had mainly dealt with the landowners and their intention to seek planning approval for two infill dwellings. SHDC had warned that the area in question is within the Undeveloped Coast policy area, where development but the architect offered to prepare an initial proposal for SHDC's consideration. Once that has been done he will advise on the Council's plan to re-apply for permission for the car park, granted in 2010 but subsequently allowed to lapse. SHDC has advised the Council that as the proposed site is within the settlement boundary, is a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan and is included in the Council's Open Space Sport and Recreation plan that should not pose any great problem. The two applications are entirely separate.

### **307. COMMUNITY**

#### **a.) Little Cotton**

Although the Council had hoped that Baker Estates would fund the planned parish notice board and welcome packs for new residents there was now some doubt about that. If necessary some alternative source of funding would be investigated.

#### **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, South West Water has been approached and a response is awaited.

### **308. ROADS AND TRANSPORT**

#### **a) Speed sign**

It was agreed that the speed sign would be moved to School Road by January. The message on the sign can be changed as desired. If the Council could find a suitable location further down Venn Lane, where traffic is faster, then a pole could be erected to place the sign there.

#### **b) Hedgehogs**

It was agreed to contact Highways to enquire about signs pertaining to hedgehogs.

### **309. MAINTENANCE**

#### **a) Play area repairs**

Cllr Elliott is obtaining costs for fitting steel tubes over the posts on the "Elves' House" to prevent further damage due to rot and the Clerk will obtain a price for steel shoes from the original supplier. It was agreed to request a copy of Keith Ellis' insurance policy and to ask him to look at the bus shelter by the Sportsman's Arms as the shingles on the roof had come off.

### **310. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Cllr. Belli reported that the Sustainable Stoke Fleming meeting had been well attended, and David Rowe had presented a carbon footprint spreadsheet. A meeting in February would be arranged when parish councillors could see what this related to and what action could be taken to reduce the carbon footprint. Cllr. Belli added that the hedgehog survey results showed that there was a considerable interest within the community about this issue.

### **311. ACTIONS REGISTER**

#### **a) Update**

It was agreed that the Clerk resume responsibility for updating the register.

### **312. PLANNING**

#### **a) Housing crisis in Devon**

Potential sites were discussed by the Council. Cllr. Holmes reported that another site visit to Seacliffe on Overseas Estate would hopefully be arranged before the end of December.

It was agreed that the Council would contribute £100 to replace the plaque under the British Legion oak tree.

b) APPLICATIONS:

**3960/21/FUL Sunnyside, Baileys Meadow**

Replacement of detached single garage with detached triple timber framed garage/carport/storage area

**4039/21/HHO Workshop Cottage, Rose Farm, Bowden**

Householder application for two Storey side extension to West elevation and new raised steps to east elevation

Rose Cottage, Stoke Fleming: Cllr. Elliott raised concerns about the lack of a drop kerb, gates and the incorrect laying of the stonework on the wall. Cllr. Holmes agreed to report this to planning.

c) DECISIONS

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

Erection of General-Purpose Agricultural Building Conditional approval 6 October

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

Householder application for proposed extension Conditional approval 27 September

**3267/21/HHO Oversea House, Oversea Estate, Stoke Fleming**

Householder application for a newly proposed boathouse Conditional approval 2 September

**3110/21/FUL Greenswood Barn**

Erection of lean to, installation of solar panels, change of land use to residential amenity space.  
Conditional approval 1<sup>st</sup> September

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

Householder application for resubmission of 51/2329/13/F Conditional approval 1 September

**313. FINANCE**

a) BALANCES

Lloyds Bank	£21,714.05
Savings Account	£12,376.91

b) RECEIPTS-none

c) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

L Ahearn	£50.00	Bush shelter works November
Tomlinson Ltd	£20.00	Microsoft Licenses
L. Browne	£312.00	Clerk's salary (no expenses)

Payments retrospectively agreed by the full Council due to previously being budgeted for were a donation to St. Peter's Church for £200.00 and a donation to the Royal British Legion of £25.00

**314. Further Business – None**

**The meeting closed at 9.50pm**

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm**