

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on
Wednesday 1st February 2023 in the Ron Harris Room, Stoke Fleming Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

MINUTES

The following Parish Councillors were present:

Cllr Struan Coupar (Chair)
Cllr Tim Moseley

Cllr David Harris (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Jay Floyd

Cllr John Belli
Cllr Jack Handley

Also present: County Cllr Julian Brazil, District Cllr Helen Reeve, Parish Clerk, Sharon Whelon

Members of the public may raise any points or matters that they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council in Public Question Time via email or letter to the Clerk 48 hours in advance of the meeting at clerk@stokefleming.org.

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr Marion Holmes, Cllr Phil Elliott

172. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 11th January 2023.
Chairman signed as true and correct records.

173. MATTERS ARISING None.

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. They are also reminded to consider whether any items within their Register of Interests should be updated. None.

175. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Dartmouth Caring has offered a presentation lasting approximately 20 minutes at the next parish council meeting, to explain the work it does in the community. It was felt that context is needed and it was also noted that if financial aid may be requested that is something the Council usually considers towards the end of the year.

176. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil highlighted the planned road closure within the village next week. This is for routine maintenance, but if the required signage has not been put in place that may have to be cancelled. That arose with a recent planned closure at Kingsbridge. The County's budget meeting is in a fortnight, and it is unclear what cuts are planned and whether they are achievable. Devon may follow Cornwall's lead for 20 mile an hour speed limits in all residential areas, with measures such as vehicle activated signs. Cllr Moseley mentioned that there had been complaints about the state of the roads, particularly to the one to Totnes. Cllr Brazil and Cllr Reeve will be meeting the owner of Leonards Cove about a proposed development and will report to the council.

177. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Reeve reminded the council that any S106 funds needed to be spent within a timeframe. There is still cash left in the Locality Fund. South Hams are planning to stop charging for public toilets. A new tree officer also is to be appointed. Support from the council is open to tenants in private accommodation.

178. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) Proposed new car park – Cllr Coupar has written again to the architect acting for the landowner regarding progress on its proposed application for two infill units adjacent to the planned car park site.
- b) Recreation ground biodiversity area – Cllr Coupar has requested details for maintenance requirements once landscaping has been completed.

179. FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING sub-committee No meeting has yet taken place – Cllr Coupar suggested a meeting take place before next parish council in March. Action: MH, JB, TM, JF

- a) Future use of pavilion suggestions: café, warm space, sports pavilion.
 - i. Cllr Floyd produced a document to send to Cllr Belli for edit, publication and feedback.
 - ii. Proposed opening of pavilion toilets – to be discussed at a sub-committee meeting
- b) Toilets – School Road

- i. Lead required. Clerk to continue to send documents to entire sub-committee. Cllr Floyd will read through the documents and is happy to sign on behalf of the council.
- ii. Legal representation for property acquisition. Cllr Reeve will research information as to solicitors from other South Hams parish councils.
- iii. Insurance requirement following exchange of contracts. Clerk to send details to the sub-committee

- c) The village clean up proposal will be discussed at a future sub-committee meeting. Volunteer efforts are envisaged. Cllr Reeve offered funds for hi-viz tabards. Training would be needed for safe litter picking.
- d) Defibrillator – an additional unit has been purchased by the community after fundraising. Further funds may be available via a company which contacted the council during 2022.
- e) The basketball backboard has been funded through Cllr Brazil's Locality Fund allocation.

180. COMMUNITY

- a) Village stream. The channel under the A379 is now clear. The contractor was asked to proceed with the planned survey and Cllr Elliott has reported that they have been seen on site. Action: PE
- b) Flooding on Shady Lane – Highways are dealing with that and have started work.
- c) Camp sites. The council has taken advice and has been told that planning permission is not required, only a licence.

181. ROADS & TRANSPORT

- a) Signage at A3022 junction with Venn Lane. The council has agreed to investigate the feasibility of installing its own signs and that will be followed up.
- b) Annual Parish Paths Partnership Finance application update. Cllrs Moseley and Handley have walked village routes and will request funding for projects for this year.
 - contribution towards Bird Walk Lighting,
 - two gates on the bridleway from Riversbridge towards Worden
 - modification to a gate in recreation field
 Action: TM/JH
 The path to Blackpool Sands was being looked at, but it was thought Public Rights of Way should take responsibility for improvements.
- c) Replacement of Legion Gate. Fundraising for the replacement was suggested.
- d) Abandoned maintenance signs are still in the village and need to be cleared. Cllr Handley will contact the contractor. Action: JH

182. MAINTENANCE

- a) Survey update - first tree along the path from Ron's Corner. Cllr Harris has tried to contact the tree warden but has had no response as yet.

183. EVENTS AND PROJECTS

- a) Proposed Platinum Jubilee Way; Bird Walk lighting update. Cllr Elliott to provide update. A meeting with the contractor should be arranged to discuss any issues. Action: PE
- b) Fountain is on schedule for repair.

184. ACTIONS REGISTER

Progress report and review

185. PLANNING:

- a) Letter re SHDC Enforcement – noted.
- b) Bay View Estate. SHDC's planning committee has refused permission for a retrospective application and it is not clear what action will follow or whether the applicant will appeal

APPLICATIONS – noted.

a) Planning Application Ref: 0051/23/COM
 Description: Notice of Intent to Install Electronic Communication Apparatus Comprising Three Poles at 10.5 metres high (9 mtrs above ground)
 Address: Greenacres Blatchmore Lane Bugford TQ6 0NW

DECISIONS – noted.

- a) Application No: 4343/22/TCA
 Proposed works: T1: Apple - fell due to excessive lean, poor root anchor
 Location: Stoke House Gardens, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PE
 No Objections
- b) APPLICATION NUMBER : 3966/22/VAR Stoke Fleming

LOCATION : Barn at SX 830 516 Blatchmore Lane Bugford

APPLICATION TYPE : Variation or Removal of Condition

PROPOSAL : Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 0747/21/FUL

DECISION: Conditional Approval

c) 3563/22/VAR

Address: Parklands, Bay View Estate, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QX

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 1 (approved drawings) of planning consent 3542/16/VAR.

Decision: Refused

d) APPLICATION NUMBER : 4343/22/TCA Stoke Fleming

LOCATION : Stoke House Gardens Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PE

APPLICATION TYPE : Works to a TPO Tree

PROPOSAL : T1: Apple - fell due to excessive lean, poor root anchor

DECISION: Tree Works No Objection Raised

WITHDRAWN – noted.

APPLICATION NUMBER : 4084/22/CLP 224084 Blackawton and Stoke Fleming

LOCATION : 24 Cotton Road Dartmouth TQ6 0FF

APPLICATION TYPE : Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Use

PROPOSAL : Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed tiled roof conservatory to rear

DECISION: Withdrawn

186. FINANCE

a) BALANCES at 25th January 2023:

Treasurer's account £8,132.51

Savings account £64,240.11

b) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL AND RECEIPTS

For Payment	FP/DD	Reason	Amount	VAT
Tomlinson	FP	Microsoft 365 and Acronis	18.60	3.10
Stoke Fleming Magazine	FP	Supply magazine Jan/Feb 2023	57.00	
Helen Darch	FP	Internal Audit 2022	160.00	
EDF Energy	FP	Electricity toilet block, pavilion	28.00	1.33
Stoke Fleming Magazine	FP	Supply magazine September 2022	50.00	
K Ellis	FP	Repair Bus shelter Sportsmans Arms	335.00	
Clerk Wages	FP	21/12/22 - 20/1/23	600.80	
TOTAL			£1,249.40	£4.43
Remittances		VAT claim	£1,449.40	
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Total Remittances			£1,449.40	

c) To approve three-quarterly financial reports. **Approved.**

187. Clerk's Report. Urgent items must be submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting.

Naming of streets on Cotton Farm development – **Approved.** Cllr Coupar to write to letter to SHDC.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council:

Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.00pm.