

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on

Wednesday 7th February 2024 in the Ron Harris Room, Stoke Fleming Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

MINUTES

The following Parish Councillors were present at the meeting of the Parish Council:

Cllr David Harris (Chair), Cllr Tim Moseley (Vice-Chair), Cllr Struan Coupar, Cllr Phil Elliott, Cllr John Belli, , Cllr Jay Floyd, Cllr Jack Handley, Cllr Jenny Farmer

Also present: County Cllr Julian Brazil, 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. For the purposes of accuracy the meeting will be recorded.

150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr Lisa Stockton, District Cllr Simon Rake

151. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 10th January 2024, AND PLANNING SITE MEETING NOTES were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as true and correct records

152. 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.

153. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Planning item: Premier Inn, bar and restaurant Planning Application on commercial plot at Cotton Farm estate. Discussion took place as to concerns held by residents on this application. Following a brief outline of the company by a representative, questions were put to the developer regarding the legality of the project. Particular issues highlighted: traffic issues, noise and the scale of the development. The company confirmed that it had not carried out a local business impact assessment. Regarding staffing, Premier Inn were confident in attracting staff from the locality – it was noted that employee safeguarding regarding transport was lacking. Cllr Brazil stressed that size and appearance were relevant to the reserved matters of this application. The parish council Planning committee has offered to meet with residents before 24th February to discuss concerns. The council was urged to support concerns by the members of the public present at the meeting. Action: SC/JFa

2. Sewerage leak at Penhill. The leak has been repaired. Council and village thanked for support.

154. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

- A meeting with Team Devon has taken place re county devolution, water pollution was discussed as well as levelling up fund.
- Budgets are being compiled. There will be a 5% raise in council tax for 2024.
- A379 road closure, signage was as good as it could be, regular updates received from contractors was helpful.
- Slapton Line Partnership meeting planned on 8th March which will include an update from DCC including hard defence application and adaptation plan; Cllr Moseley to request that SFPC becomes a partner.
- HS2 dividend is for capital projects not potholes. Council should contact Cllr Brazil for issues, but in the first instance report to the DCC online portal. £800m estimate to bring Devon roads up to a good standard.

155. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. On behalf of Cllr Rake (Cllr Brazil)

- ~~Council tax going up to equivalent to 11p per household.~~
- New monies to fight climate change and biodiversity in budget. New locality fund for environmental match funding available.
- Collection of Brown bins should have started. Any problems with bin collection contact Cllr Rake.
- Cllr Hodgson is the council contact for SHDC composting project.

156. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) Proposed new car park. Cllr Coupar suggested letter to owner of land briefly discussed. In the meantime the council to detail constraints: particularly the ability to pay commercial rates which is limited. Sub-committee (Cllr Elliott, Cllr Coupar (chair), Cllr Floyd, Cllr Handley) formed to discuss demand, objection, how many spaces, charges etc. and compile report and recommendation to council. Action SC/PE/JF/JH
- b) Review of existing Neighbourhood Plan re car park. Consultation re car park discussed.
- c) Recreation ground biodiversity area update. No update. A contractor is still required.

157. FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING sub-committee report

- a) Future use of pavilion
 - i. Solar panel, electrical costs for hall are being compiled. a meeting is arranged with preferred

Contractor for Tuesday 13th to assess potential energy savings based on use for occupancy. Action: JBe

ii. Occupancy of the pavilion:

A Proposal to re-purpose as café was received. Rental figures discussed. Current costs of running the pavilion and previously agreed budget will be presented at next meeting, refurbishments to be discussed. Takeaway planning enquiry to SHDC to be researched. A business plan from the proposer, including costings and requirements, to be reviewed by whole council. Action – clerk/JFI/JBe
Also interested: children's football club. Dartmouth rugby club re-locating so may be looking for alternative facilities.

b) Toilets – School Road

i. Overage provision update. No report.

Action: SR

158. COMMUNITY

a) Village stream update. No report.

b) Reports on pollution at Blackpool Sands (SC). Cllr Coupar requested that council should express concern that political party has misreported on pollution.

c) Slapton Line Partnership Meeting representation (TM). As above.

d) Composting pilot scheme from South Hams. Suggestion to refer to loam rangers.

159. ROADS & TRANSPORT

a) A379 road closure update. No footpath was noted – this is due to safety reasons.

b) Potential school traffic restriction order. To prevent cars parking opposite the school for safety reasons. It was **Agreed** to pursue a traffic order, via consultation with Devon County Council. Action: JH/JBr

c) Replacement speed sign batteries to be ordered, approximately £50 each. **Agreed.** Action: JH

160. MAINTENANCE

a) Ravensbourne Lane insurance claim and repair update. No update.

b) Wear to wet pour surface in play area repair. A contractor is being investigated. It will be expensive to repair (£100s). Major repairs and renewals in the future discussed. A dual visit with Cllr Handley and Localities officer to be requested via District Cllr Rake. Action: DH/JH/clerk

c) War memorial – power washing to be arranged. Action: JH/DH

161. ACTIONS REGISTER – amended.

162. PLANNING: All noted, and discussed in public question time.

APPLICATIONS

a) Application Number 4014/23/ARC

Location Address Land Off Townstal Road Sx 858 508, Townstal Road, Dartmouth

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 2 (Materials/Finishes) and 6 (Surface Water Drainage Strategy) of planning consent 2622/23/VAR

Status Under Consideration

Application Type: Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions

b) Reference: 3907/23/FUL

Proposal: New agricultural building & widening of site entrance

Site Address: Land At Sx 8564 4870, School Road, Stoke Fleming

c) Reference: 0148/24/FUL

Proposal: Construction of an agricultural shelter designed to keep expensive, agricultural equipment out of harsh weather conditions to avoid corrosion

Site Address: Land At Sx 867 484 Shady Lane Stoke Fleming

d) Reference: 0153/24/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for extension providing additional accommodation, bathroom & larger garage facility

Site Address: 14 Venn Close, Stoke Fleming, Dartmouth, TQ6 0QL

e) Reference: 0278/24/ARM

Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters (layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) following outline approval 0479/21/VAR for Erection of a 3-storey, 105-bedroom hotel with ancillary restaurant and all associated work

Site Address: Land at SX 855 508 Violet Drive Dartmouth

DECISIONS

a) Application Number 1600/23/ARC

Location Address Land adjacent to Townstal Road, West of Dartmouth

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 15(Pedestrian/Cycle link) of planning consent 0479/21/VAR

Status Decision Made - Discharge of Condition Approved

Application Type Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions

b) Application: 3925/23/TCA

Proposal: T1: Prunus - remove; x2 limbs at 2.5m AGL on E side, x1 limb at 2m AGL on NE side, x1 limb at 2.5m AGL on SW side. T2: Apple - fell Location: The Old Meeting House, Old Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PY

Decision: No objections raised

c) Application: 3920/23/TCA

Proposal: T1: Monterey Pine - remove split limb at 3m agl on SE side back to main trunk Location: White Ladies, New Road, Stoke Fleming

Decision: No objections raised

d) 2370/23/HHO Householder Application

Site Address: Sunnyhurst, Baileys Meadow, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QD

Decision: Refusal

Description: Householder application for new porch extension & sliding vehicle gate

WITHDRAWN

a) Application Number 3698/23/LBC

Location Address: Sanders, Old Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PY

Proposal: Listed building consent for internal & external refurbishment of Sanders Studio

Status Withdrawn

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

163. FINANCE

a) BALANCES at 31st January 2024:

Treasurer's account £10,072.17

Savings account £ 64,844.61 (£46,890.81 allocated to ear marked reserves for specific projects)

For Payment	FP/DD	Reason	Amount	VAT
Tomlinson PCs	FP	MSN 365, Barracuda	11.12	1.85
EDF quarterly	FP	Toilet block electricity Oct-Jan	54.79	3.10
EDF	DD	Birdwalk lighting	30.93	
Clerk Salary	FP	21/12/23 - 20/01/24	640.80	
Lauren jade Ahearn	FP	Cleaning bus shelters	50.00	
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	FP	Room booking January	18.00	
TOTAL			£805.64	£4.95
Remittances				
VAT refund	FP		237.73	
Total Remittances			£237.73	

b) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL AND RECEIPTS. **Approved.**

c) To approve three-quarterly accounts. **Approved.**

d) To approve quote for internal audit £180. **Approved.**

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

Police meeting will be arranged for the spring in Village Hall – dates to follow.

Action: JBe

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Date of next meeting: 6th March 2024