

**STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Sharon A Whelon, Little Elm, Lower Contour Road, Kingswear, TQ6 0AL**

**Email: [clerk@stokefleming.org](mailto:clerk@stokefleming.org)**

**A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 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 Phil Elliott, Cllr John Belli, , Cllr Jay Floyd, Cllr Jack Handley**

Also invited: County Cllr Julian Brazil (from item 193), District Cllr Simon Rake, 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](mailto:clerk@stokefleming.org). For the purposes of accuracy the meeting will be recorded.**

**180. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr Struan Coupar

**181. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Were signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

**182. 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.

**183. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** None present.

**184. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- A379 wall repair – Cllr Brazil thanked all who liaised with residents and contractors.
- Slapton Line – Parish councils were invited to submit suggestions as to back roads. He added that the Annual Parish Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May may be an opportunity to invite discussion.
- Safety valve – government to give £95m to Devon County Council, county to make up the rest of deficit. DCC budget is currently over-running by £40m a year
- Devolution – coming to cabinet on 27<sup>th</sup> April then on to government.

**185. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- Cllr Rake and Cllr Handley met with Localities Officer at the play area for inspection.
- Compost scheme, positive in principle response from SHDC re participation with local hotel.
- Enforcement – 2 big wins recently, one prosecution and fine for £15,000 unauthorised tree fell, another a developer appeal dismissal plus costs to be paid to SHDC. A backlog of enforcement was noted.
- One query re tree fell in the parish – Cllr Rake to investigate. Action: SR

**186. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- a) Proposed new car park.
  - i. Vote on community consultation – The Council wrote to the Estate (landowner of proposed car park) requesting a meeting. The Estate requested a proposal before a meeting could take place. The Council submitted a proposed terms of lease and covering letter. The Council has started to consider what form further consultation will take, on the assumption that the proposed terms of a lease will have been agreed in principle. The Council is awaiting confirmation from the Estate as to when a meeting will take place. Because of a possible interest, Cllr Harris will not be involved in the sub-committee.
  - b) Review of existing Neighbourhood Plan. Will be re-visited and updated when councillor vacancies have been filled. Cllr Rake added that a member of SHDC staff would be available to support council.
  - c) Recreation ground biodiversity area contractor update. Cllrs Elliott, Floyd and Harris inspected the area. A working party will be formed. An advertisement for a contractor will be placed on Facebook.

Action: clerk/JF

**187. FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING sub-committee report**

a) Future use of pavilion

- i. Solar Panels update – Cllr Belli met with potential contractors, a new survey will take place, and the previous survey from a different contractor has been requested.
- ii. 26<sup>th</sup> August Hort & Sport show use of pavilion. Noted. Cllr Harris has contacted committee.
- iii. Planning application for change of use for supply of beverages and food – class E to be pursued. Possibility that café project may be re-visited. Refurbishment of the pavilion discussed, guttering will be repaired.

Action: SR/clerk/PE/DH

b) Toilets – School Road

- i. Vote for item to remain on April agenda. **Agreed.** Vote to proceed with transfer of the toilets from South Hams. **Unanimously Agreed.** Clerk to write to solicitor for papers to be prepared. Working party to be formed to renovate building and write Business Plan for presentation to council. Acquisition of the adjacent car park discussed.

Action: council (BP)/clerk (solicitor)

**188. COMMUNITY**

- a) Reports on pollution at Blackpool Sands (SC) no report.
- b) Slapton Line Partnership Meeting representation. Report presented by Cllr Moseley: The council is a voting member of this group. Devon Highways intends to protect the road for another 25 years and plans to keep the road open for as long as possible. Protecting and re-locating the Memorial was discussed.

**189. ROADS & TRANSPORT**

- a) A379 road closure update. Road now fully open. Remove from agenda.
- b) Caravan Park road sign – number of complaints regarding 'Welcome to Dartmouth' sign at the entrance of the village – Cllr Rake requested to investigate planning and highways. An informal chat suggested in the first instance. Action: SR/DH

**190. MAINTENANCE**

- a) Ravensbourne Lane insurance claim and repair update. A local building contractor offered to give a quote. Clerk to contact insurers with contact details. Action: clerk/PE
- b) Park Committee update. A meeting will take place within the next week. Action: JH
- c) Toilet cleaning contract updated to 31/3/25. **Agreed.** Action: clerk

**191. COUNCIL AND ACTIONS REGISTER**

- a) Two Resignations received.
- b) Enquiries re councillor vacancy. One enquiry received. A co-option to be invited. An advert for remaining vacancy to be placed in the magazine. Action: clerk
- c) APM 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 – to make a £10 donation to RNLI instead of offering refreshments. **Agreed.**

**192. PLANNING: All noted.**

**APPLICATIONS**

**a)** 0638/24/ARC Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions Grid Reference: (285833, 50876)

Site Address: Land Off Townstal Road Sx 858 508, Townstal Road, Dartmouth

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

**b)** Application Number 0739/24/ARC

Location Address: Agricultural Building In Field At Sx83005161, Blatchmore Lane, Bugford

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (Hard & Soft Landscaping), 8 (Boundary Hedge Management Plan) and 11 (External Lighting) of planning consent 0747/21/FUL

Application Type Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions

**DECISIONS**

**a)** Application Number 0148/24/FUL

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

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

Status Refused

**b)** Application Number 0306/24/ARC

Location Address Barn at SX 830 516, Blatchmore Lane, Bugford

Proposal Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Surface Water Management Scheme), 4 (Foul Drainage Scheme) & 5 (Materials & Finishes) of planning consent 3966/22/VAR

Status Approved

Application Type Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions

**c)** Application Number 0153/24/HHO

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

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

Status Approved

Application Type: Householder Application

**WITHDRAWN**

**a)** 0410/24/VAR Variation or Removal of Condition

Site Address: Land Off Townstal Road Sx 858 508 Townstal Road, Dartmouth

Description: Application for variation of condition 6 (drainage strategy) of planning consent 2622/23/VAR

**b)** 0432/24/TCA Works to a Tree in a Conservation

Decision: Withdrawn Site Address: Stoke House Gardens Stoke Fleming

Description: T1: Oak - Remove limb at 6m agl on SW side, reduce height of decayed main stem by 2m back to sound wood, T2: Beech - Crown height reduction by 1.5m

**193. FINANCE**a) BALANCES at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024:

Treasurer's account £8,049.59

Savings account £64,987.88 (£46,890.81 allocated to ear marked reserves for specific projects)

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

For Payment	FP/DD	Reason	Amount	VAT
Tomlinson PCs	FP	MSN 365, Barracuda	11.12	1.85
Clerk Salary	FP	21/2/24 - 20/03/24	640.80	
Lauren jade Ahearn	FP	Cleaning bus shelters, dustpan, sponges	60.81	
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	FP	Room booking March	18.00	
SLCC	FP	Annual membership	112.00	
Clerk expenses	FP	Jan - Mar	60.00	
DALC	FP	Annual membership	437.00	
EDF	DD	electricity birdwalk 6/3/24	28.53	1.36
EDF	DD	electricity birdwalk 27/3/24	25.35	1.21
Rialtas business Alpha	FP	Annual maintenance fee	230.40	38.40
Hannah Abraham	FP	toilet cleaning and materials	82.58	
SHDC	FP	admin uncontested election	172.18	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,878.77</b>	<b>£42.82</b>
Remittances				
Hort & Sport		Event 26th August Playing Field	31.25	
Total Remittances			<b>£31.25</b>	

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

Meeting closed: 8.37pm

**Date of next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 6pm****Annual Parish Council Meeting (6pm) followed by Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting (7pm)  
Ron Harris Room, Stoke Fleming Village Hall**