

524. County Councillor's Report

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526. Stoke Fleming Website

The Sub-committee of Cllrs. Newman, Shearwood and Willetts to report back at the next meeting, including a proposed press release.

527. Digital UK

Cllr. Shearwood confirmed that this is ongoing and Dave Farwig will come back in approx. 6 weeks prior to the next switchover in August.

528. Affordable Housing

The Clerk will try to get some information about possible timings for the next meeting.

529. Local Government Review

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Foster for his work on the 55 page document issued recently by the Boundary commission for Devon. Cllr. Foster has condensed the information down to 2 pages and it was agreed that this be issued with the minutes for each councilor to read and for discussion at the next meeting.

530. Parish Playing Field

The Chairman advised that she had asked David Harris to start grass cutting. Cllr. Shearwood reported that the football club have again flooded the toilets. The Chairman said she has received a telephone call asking that the toilet block remain open as they are used by members of the public visiting the Playing Field. Cllr. Baigrie agreed that they shouldn't be closed. After discussion it was agreed that a working party of Cllr. Norman and Cllr. Baigrie would investigate essential works necessary to easily maintain this toilet block, which is currently generally in a poor state of repair, to include possibly re-routing the water supply, particularly in view of the water bills which are considered to be excessive. It was also agreed that the Chairman will write to the football club.

531. Car Park At Mill Lane

Cllr. Norman confirmed that at the meeting with Bob Benns the existing fence had remained an issue so he had suggested moving the steps to prevent this from becoming a problem. All agreed that this was a good suggestion and Cllr. Norman agreed to chase Bob Benns for some plans.

532. Calor Village Award

The Chairman gave a brief over-view of this award which is similar to a best kept village award, but focuses more on the community of the village, as opposed to the tidiness of it. After discussion concern was raised as to the level of work required to enter, and the importance of having the support of the parishioners to go ahead with this. Cllr Gilbert was able to confirm that Stokenham have a committee and that a lot of work is needed, however, he stressed it is very beneficial and has pulled the community together. It was agreed to make contact with a village who have entered the competition with a view to possible entry next year. During the discussion Cllr. Gilbert advised that with regard to grass cutting a detailed plan should be agreed between SHDC and the Parish Council at the start of the year, of the areas to be maintained by SHDC. The Chairman expressed her thanks for this very helpful information.

533. Hedge

The Chairman advised that this relates to the property situated between the driveway of Deer Park and Deer Coombe where the owner has moved his hedge to the end of his land. Unfortunately this has caused a problem with visibility when pulling out of Deer Park. Cllr. Norman agreed and in his opinion there will be an accident as visibility is now severely compromised. The Chairman advised that the planning department of SHDC is looking at the situation with regard to the splay on the original planning application. After discussion it was suggested that the Parish Council speak to the property owner to make him aware of their concerns, once they have sought advice.

534. Coleridge Association

Cllr. Yabsley and Cllr. Norman confirmed that they had attended the last meeting, and that there is nothing to report.

535. Retirement / Awards - ongoing

536. CPRE Litter Pick

The Chairman thanked all those who attended this event which was considered a success. One Parishioner had suggested that a litter pick take place monthly and the Chairman has set the next date as Wednesday 22nd April, at 2pm meeting in the Village Hall car park.

537. Land Registration

The Clerk thanked Cllr. Foster for collecting the documentation from the Devon Records Office and confirmed that she has the paperwork from land registry. The Clerk will complete and submit the paperwork.

538. Children's Play Area

The Chairman advised that she has no further information available.

539. Freedom Of Information Act

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the model which details where all information relating to the parish council can be obtained. The Chairman advised that the Freedom Of Information Act document is legally required by the Information Commissioners Office. Cllr. Baigrie proposed and Cllr. Shearwood seconded and the document was adopted.

540. Re-Cycling Banks

The Chairman advised that the Devon Furniture Forum are the contractors liable for emptying the recycling bins. After concern raised by Cllr. Baigrie, the Chairman agreed to check their background. A discussion took place about the possibility of not having a paper bank as every household in the village has blue bags which take paper and cardboard. After a vote of 4 to 3 against it was agreed to keep both the paper bank and bottle bank. The Chairman reported that she hoped both will go back to their original site by the public toilets and that it will be up to the members of the Parish Council to help ensure clear access for collections by Devon Furniture Forum.

541. Street Lighting

The Chairman read an email response from Mr Pym as follows:

[Dear Mrs Newman - re Street Lighting](#)

[In respect to the street lighting works within the Stoke Fleming area, SEC will this week have completed all the construction work replacing columns and sign posts, unless we have missed anything off the work instructions.](#)

[On the matter of the lights going off at midnight, I understand that a large part of the village may now be going off at midnight, but there is still a number of lanterns that are still to have the photo electric cell \(timing device\)](#)

changed. Regretfully this work may not be complete for another work or so, as the contractors are still waiting a delivery of materials.

On the question of providing additional lighting in the Bird Walk footpath, I am unable to assist by providing this lighting as the area is not maintained by Devon County highways.

Finally, I have had, a small number of requests for lights to be shaded / have shields fitted, this work I intend to have carried out at the same time as the part night cells are fitted in the area to save the contractors making double visits.

yours sincerely

Les Pym

Area South Lighting Engineer
Devon County Council

Further discussion took place regarding lighting the birdwalk, and it was finally agreed that the first thing to do is establish ownership of the path. It was also agreed to ask Mr & Mrs Mayer whether they could cut back some of the foliage coming through and over the fence. Cllr. Norman also asked about the proposal to place street lighting at the top of village towards the garage and Deer Park, and the Chairman confirmed that Mr Pym has not yet responded to this request.

542. Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April, at 7.30pm in the village hall. A discussion took place and the Chairman asked if anyone knows why only a few of the associations and clubs listed in the village magazine are invited to tender a report. The Chairman advised that she will contact all those listed and invite them all to attend. The Chairman suggested that the agenda be kept short, and rather than all reports to be read out, some will be made available to view whilst having refreshments after the meeting, thus making the evening more of a sociable affair. All agreed that this format be used for this years meeting. Cllr. Foster asked what the Parish Council had to supply and the chairman advised that a spreadsheet of the accounts should be available to view. The Chairman asked each member to diarise this date.

543. Maintenance

a. Grass Cutting – DCC nothing to report

b. Grass Cutting SHDC – The Chairman reported that she has left a message for Rob Harkness but he has not yet responded. A discussion took place about the trial taking place in Stokenham and it was agreed that Stoke Fleming would not consider this until it could be proven how well the scheme works and any issues have been ironed out. Cllr. Shearwood suggested asking Rob Harkness to attend a meeting as it was apparent that although the Children's play area should be cut 19 times a year, this does not happen. The Chairman agreed that this is the way forward.

c. Grass Cutting within the village – David Harris did the first playing field cut of the year today.

d. Sponsored Flower Tubs – Cllr. Willetts confirmed that she had written to Gardentime and that they will contact her if there are any issues. With regard to the sponsorship signs on the tubs, Cllr. Willetts agreed to get a quote from Sanders Signs for replacements.

e. Damage To Jubilee Shelter – Cllr. Norman confirmed that he has washed down the walls, although they will need doing again, and that he has bought the paint.

The Chairman noted that there are some cracked paving slabs around the Jubilee Shelter and Cllr. Norman agreed to look at this. Cllr. Foster suggested speaking to John Dunn to get a quote to have them set in concrete to prevent them from cracking again.

544. Library Users Group – nothing to report

Parish Hall Management Group

Cllr. Norman advised that there is a meeting next week and that he is not aware of any contentious

issues. A discussion took place regarding putting the filing cabinet in the roof space and Cllr. Norman agreed to help with this although the Chairman suggested this could wait until after Easter.

545. Finance

- a. Alliance & Leicester £11,408-37
- b. Lloyds TSB £ 1,384-54

b. Accounts to be paid – cheques to be approved for signature – proposed by Cllr. Shearwood and seconded by Cllr. Willetts

- Mr G Sams £61-50
- Clerk £205-75
- Mr K Baigrie £14-44 (research)
- The Compass Office Shop £24-02 (stationary)
- Mr B Norman £21-76 (purchase of paint)

546. Diary Dates

- A. Slapton Line Advisory Forum Weds 17th June
- B. Parish Cluster Meeting Tues 21st April – Cllr. Baigrie agreed to attend this meeting
- C. SHDC Affordable House / Private Sector Renewal Surgery Thurs 16th April
- D. Response due to Local Government Review Document 14th May

547. Correspondence Received

- A. Josephinne Broom –traffic issues - response to be sent
- B. Rick Kemp – traffic issues - response to be sent
- C. Nick Wood – a discussion took place regarding the concern about pampas grass and the Clerk confirmed that she has contacted the AONB department for advice. The Chairman confirmed that she will speak to the landowner, and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr. Foster asked whether anyone else had noticed the parish council increase of 1.5% on the 2009 / 10 council tax bill which has arrived. This would seem to contradict the Parish Councils submitted precept with no increase, in view of the current economic climate. Cllr. Foster advised that the Chairman had asked him to investigate this and he confirmed that he has written to the Chief Financial Office and is waiting for a response. All councilors agreed that this is an anomaly which needs an explanation.

548. Planning

APPLICATIONS

- A) **51/0376/09/F Silver Cloud, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PJ Resubmission of application 51/2275/08/F for demolition of bungalow and replacement with new dwelling including viewing decks and swimming pool**
- B) **Work to tree preservation order trees SHDC No. 3 Tree Pres Order 1989 Reg No Of Notice: 2883, Seascapes, Redlap Lane, Stoke Fleming**
- C) **51/0023/09/F Deer Park Camping and Caravan Site, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming Discharge/Removal of Section 52 Agreement dated 30th November 1989 (ref:0283/88/4)-** *The Chairman read a response received from Dave Kenyon regarding the original application which the Parish Council had to return as the plans were at least 30 years old and bore no resemblance to the site as it is now. Mr Kenyon confirmed that he is dealing with this, apologized and will be in touch in due course. The Chairman expressed her regret for Deer Park as the Parish Council*

supports their endeavors with the continued improvement of the site, and this delay is frustrating.

- D) 51/0292/09/F The Valley, Venn, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LE Demolition of existing garage, construction of new stone garage, alterations to walls and hard standings adjacent to new garage**
- E) The Chairman read a letter from Dave Kenyon regarding a proposed rally to be held by the Caravan Club at Little Cotton from 14th April for 14 nights. He apologized for the short notice and asked for any objections which may be considered to be submitted asap. The Chairman put this issue to the members and it was unanimously supported – no objections.**

DECISIONS

- A) 51/0149/09/F Mr A Watson, 15 Deer Park Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QW Alterations and extension to dwelling - REFUSED**

549. Correspondence Circulating

Parish Cluster Meeting letter re: nominee chair and agenda items (by Fri 3rd April)

National Litter Campaign

Senior Council For Devon Issue 2 Newsletter

NHS Foundation Trust Membership

Fieldwork CPRE March 09

Town and Parish Standard Feb 09

Notes and Agenda for the South Hams Society

External Environment Publication Jan-April 09

Village Green March 09

DAPC Newsletter March/April 09

Norwich Union – Your Parish Council – Key Features

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held Tues 5th March 09

Emails Circulating

Calor Village Of The Year

Local Government Review

SHDC – Affordable House / Private Sector Renewal Surgery

SHDC Applying Policy When Making Decisions

Animal Welfare Council Consultation

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.54pm. The date for the next monthly meeting is Wednesday 6th May 2009, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.