

Stoke Fleming Parish Council
Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st July 2009, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors - Lady Newman (Chairman) B Shearwood (Vice Chairman)
B Norman R Foster
H Yabsley P Elliot
K Baigrie B Griffiths
L Willetts

2 members of the public

Absent: SHDC Ian Longrigg

622. Apologies Devon County Cllr. J Brazil

623. Minutes

The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 and the site meetings held on 3rd June 2009 and the site meeting held on 10th June 2009 were circulated and read. Items 598c and 604 of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 were amended. Cllr. Norman proposed and Cllr. Foster seconded the Minutes. Cllr. Baigrie proposed and Cllr. Willetts seconded the site meeting minutes of the 3rd June 2009 and Cllr. Foster proposed and Cllr. Norman seconded the site meeting minutes of the 10th June 2009. All were then agreed and signed as a correct record of those meetings.

624. Declarations Of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in the proposed car park, Mill Lane.

625. Public Question Time

Mr Mike Simons drew the Parish Councillors attention to the poor state of the public toilets located by the Mill Lane car park. The Chairman suggested that a site meeting take place to inspect the toilets and then to report to SHDC.

Mr Peter Hunkin thanked the Parish Council for passing on his concerns about traffic on the wrong side of the road at the junction of Dartmouth Road and Ravensbourne Lane. He went on to add that as a member of the Village Hall Committee it was felt that some arrangement could be made if the Parish Council need to use the meeting room without prior booking. An incident had occurred recently and Mr Hunkin concluded that if the room was available then of course the Parish Council would be welcome to use the facility, but to please let the bookings officer know so that an invoice can be raised. The Chairman asked who had been responsible for repairing the gate from the car park in to the playing field and Mr Hunkin confirmed that it is the responsibility of the Village Hall.

626. Law And Order

No report

627. County Councillor's Report

No report

628. District Councillor's Report

No report

629. Stoke Fleming Website

It was agreed that the sub-committee will meet and advise at the next meeting.

630. Seagull Sacks

A letter received from SHDC advised that seagull proof sacks will be distributed to all those who don't have a wheelie bin. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Shearwood will contact SHDC and find out exactly which addresses will qualify.

631. Affordable Housing

No update available despite several attempts. It was agreed that the Clerk will continue trying to contact Rebecca Black.

632. Coleridge Association of Parish Councils

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting had taken place on the 9th June. SDLAG representative Alan Stapleton was at the meeting and confirmed that funding of 1.8million is currently available for community projects.

633. Flooding at Bugford

The Clerk confirmed that all the information received had been forward to the Highways Department at Devon County Council, who have confirmed receipt of said correspondence.

634. Contracts

The Chairman confirmed that the maintenance contracts had been drawn up by Cllrs. Foster, Griffiths and Shearwood. Cllr. Foster raised concern about the cutting of the children's play area and the playing field. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Foster will arrange a meeting between the sub-committee, Stoke Fleming Football Club representative, Cllr. Elliott and David Harris. The need for signed contracts was reiterated to satisfy the criteria of the Parish Council insurance policy.

635. Rear Access to Deer Park

Cllr. Griffiths reported that the lock on the gate to Deer Park from Venn Lane has been cut off. The Clerk confirmed that she has received some letters of support from parishioners using the footpath.

636. Parish Playing Field

A discussion took place regarding the last football match of the season and the poor state in which the playing was left. Stuart Bruckner apologized and a discussion took place regarding the lack of facilities available to the football club. Plans were shown to re-vamp the toilet block in the playing field, to include showers and storage facilities for the football club and Cllr. Elliott confirmed that should agreement be reached a sponsor had agreed to fund the improvements. After much discussion it was agreed that a sub-committee of Cllrs. Elliott, Norman and Foster together with Stuart Bruckner will carry out further research in to running costs etc and bring information to the next meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Elliott was to lead this sub-committee.

637. Car Park at Mill Lane

The Chairman left the meeting and handed the Chair over to Cllr. Shearwood. A long discussion took place about the letter Bob Benns had received from SHDC planning department stating that they would not yet process the application due to outstanding information which had previously been requested. The sub-committee felt that all information previously requested had been supplied by the previous clerk. Cllr. Elliott agreed to phone Bob Benns to discuss this further. Cllr. Foster asked the councillors present whether they had detailed knowledge of the 'proposed car park' because there were two new councillors and a new clerk since the project was instigated. Some councillors said they were not fully conversant with the proposed car park. Cllr. Foster suggested that there should be a 'mind refreshing' session so all councillors and the new clerk were fully conversant with the proposal before any further decisions were made. Cllr.

Foster asked Cllr. Elliott to bring the file to the next meeting for all councillors to have a look through.

638. Princes Foundation and SHDC Planning

Cllr. Baigrie reported that the Princes Foundation had been sub contracted by SHDC to handle all forward planning / affordable housing matters. Cllr. Baigrie felt that the consultation period has finished and the Chairman reiterated her disgust that the Parish Council were not made aware of the consultation held in the parish hall by the Princes Foundation. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Rebecca Black to find out about the consultation periods.

639. Sheelan

A discussion took place about the planning application and consequent enforcement order which had been superseded by a further planning application, which had since been approved. The Parish Council agreed to write a further letter to Delyth Jenkins Evans detailing their dissatisfaction at the process.

640. Hedge

It was agreed that Cllr. Shearwood will draft a letter to SHDC council regarding this hedge relating to a condition of planning set when planning permission was previously granted.

641. Retirement/Awards

The Chairman confirmed that she has been talking to Mary Viney and Cllr. Shearwood confirmed that he has found an artist once a scene has been chosen for a picture.

642. Land Registration – Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that registration was now complete. Cllr. Foster offered to return all the documents to the County Records Office, Exeter which was agreed. The Clerk confirmed that she is meeting Helen Buckingham to look at a scheme whereby DCC may adopt and maintain the path which goes around the inside of the playing field.

643. Children's Play Area

The Chairman confirmed that she is attending a workshop tomorrow on how to complete a grant application form to improve equipment in the play area. This remains ongoing with the next bid deadline being 1st October.

644. Re-Cycling Banks

The Chairman confirmed that the bottle bank was taken away today and therefore there are no facilities in the village at the moment, the nearest being the Park and Ride at Dartmouth or in Strete. Papers etc can go in the blue sacks and the banks will be returned to Leonards Cove in October.

645. MCTi

Cllr. Baigrie confirmed that this has now ceased and the earlier mentioned Alan Stapleton is now handling the previously mentioned available funding.

646. Maintenance

A) nothing to report

B) nothing to report

C) Cllr. Baigrie reported that two people had been out spraying weed killer in the village (presumably a private company sub contracted by DCC). Cllr. Baigrie confirmed that he and the previous clerk had spoken to DCC regarding spraying and had been advised that spraying no longer takes place. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to DCC to ascertain the policy on spraying.

D) Cllr. Willetts confirmed that the replacement signs on the village flower tubs would be £8 each. It was agreed that Cllr. Willetts will speak to each flower tub sponsor – Clerk to email list to Cllr. Willetts.

647. A Library Users Group

The Chairman reiterated once again the need to support the village library.

B Parish Hall Management Group

Cllr. Norman confirmed that there is a meeting next week. The Chairman suggested to Mr Hunkin that some 'hearing loop' notices be placed around the hall to make people aware that this facility exists.

648. Finance

A. Bank Balance at Date of Meeting

Alliance & Leicester £11,418-07
Lloyds TSB £ 6947-28 (statement dated 22nd May 09)

B. Accounts To Be Paid – Proposed by Cllr. Willetts and seconded by Cllr. Baigrie

SHDC £85-00 – planning application re: proposed new car park
Mr G Sams £61-50 – wages
Clerk £205-75 – wages
Stoke Fleming Village Shop £18-70 – various
The Compass Office Shop £4-85 – stationary
Mrs K Thorogood £5-40 – special delivery postage re land registry of playing field
Keith Ellis £310-50 – restoration of village benches
Devon Playing Fields Assoc £15-00 – annual subscription
Devon Assoc Of P / C's £13-50 – local council review publication subscription
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649. Diary Dates

650. Correspondence Received

Mr K Grey – flooding at Bugford correspondence and pictures forward to DCC.

651. Planning Applications

- a) **51/1018/09/F** Householder application for amendments to 51/1285/03/F for two storey extension to east elevation of dwelling and two storey extension to north elevation – St Anthony, Bay View Close, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QQ
- b) **51/0831/09/F** Householder application for two storey extension to rear, loft extension, addition of two dormer windows and porch to front elevation – Embleton, Bay View Close, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QQ – **application withdrawn**

Planning Decisions

- a) **51/0562/09/F** The Gables, Venn Lane, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QF resubmission of householder application ref: 51/1795/08/F for new garden room and kitchen extension to west elevation with pitched roof linked to main house – **granted**
- b) **51/0693/09/F** High Cottage, Church Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PX householder application for alterations and extension (revision to approved ref: 51/0564/08/F) – **granted**
- c) **51/0694/09/F** Worden Farmhouse, Worden Service Road, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LD householder application for alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of storage building - **granted**

652. Correspondence Circulating

SHDC Agenda and Minutes of the Council and its bodies 25th June 2009
Tor Homes News Release Thurs 18th June 09
Senior Council for Devon newsletter June 09
Seagull Proof Sack letter from SHDC 10th June 09

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.16pm. The date for the next monthly meeting is Wednesday 5th August 2009, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.