

Stoke Fleming Parish Council  
Monthly Meeting

Draft Minutes

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors: Mary Newman (Chairman)  
Bob Shearwood (Vice Chairman)  
Tony Andrew (co-opted Minute 853)  
Paul Bailey Beryl Griffiths  
Phil Elliott Bob Norman  
Ian Longrigg, South Hams District Councillor  
Mr L Emberson  
Mr T Mason

**850. APOLOGIES** Councillor Richard Foster  
Devon County Councillor, Julian Brazil  
PCSO Sam Broad, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary  
Mrs Shirley Tonkin

**851. MINUTES**  
The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and the site meetings held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February were circulated and read. Cllr Norman proposed and Cllr Bailey seconded that the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February be accepted; Cllr Shearwood proposed and Cllr Norman seconded that the site meeting minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> February be accepted. Both were then agreed and signed as a correct record.

**852. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Councillor Elliott declared an interest in Minute 858, Site Allocation Development Plan Document Consultation, and Minute 859, the proposed new toilet/shower block. Councillor Newman declared an interest in Minute 860, the proposed new car park.

**853. NEW COUNCILLOR**  
a) It was agreed that Mr Tony Andrew be co-opted as Parish Councillor to replace ex-Councillor Henry Yabsley.  
b) Further to Cllr Willetts' resignation in February, one candidate, Mr Trevor Mason, had applied to be appointed Parish Councillor and introduced himself to Councillors present. It was agreed that Mr Mason should observe proceedings at this meeting and be co-opted onto the Parish Council at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**854. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
Mr Laurie Emberson had submitted a written complaint prior to the meeting regarding the use of the playing field by the Football Club, which he considered was curtailing use of the ground by other members of the community. He felt that the park was a facility which could be developed for use by the whole community.

The situation had been exacerbated when the 5-aside goalposts were taken from the main football pitch and placed on the level ground at the rear of properties on the playing field side of Harefield Drive. Mr Emberson stated that he had raised the matter some 18 months ago at a Parish Council meeting when it had been agreed that the 5-aside posts should not be placed in this part of the field because of the likelihood of footballs being kicked into his property.

It was proposed by Cllr Norman, seconded by Cllr Griffiths and agreed by all Councillors that, because

the 5-aside posts had been moved only because of severe wet weather this winter to avoid excessive damage to the main football pitch, they should be left in place for the remaining two months of the football season or moved earlier if the ground becomes sufficiently dry to allow them to be put back on the main pitch. The Chairman suggested that if Mr Emberson or any other member of the community would like to develop the area, they would be welcome to submit a proposal to the Parish Council.

**855. LAW AND ORDER**

PCSO Sam Broad had sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting but reported that there had been no reportable crimes in any of the villages in the past month. Speed checks are to be carried out over the coming months as speeding is a major concern of residents. PCSO Broad's next surgery will be held in the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10-11am.

**856. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Brazil had sent his apologies with a brief report including news of a 2% increase in Council Tax at County level with cuts in various areas including reductions in rural bus services.

**857. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor Longrigg gave a report on Exeter's unitary status, the opportunity to request a talk by SHDC Chief Executive, SHDC budget savings through shared services, and his opinion of the Stoke Fleming Consultation Report.

**858. SITE ALLOCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

The Consultation Report had been submitted, acknowledged and made available to the public. Cllr Longrigg advised that it will now go to the full Planning Committee for decisions on site development.

**859. PROPOSED NEW TOILET / SHOWER BLOCK**

New plans had been produced, replacing the existing planning application which is to be withdrawn. Comments from Councillors on the new plans would be collated and a re-submission for planning application made. Building is expected to begin in the summer and take 4-5 weeks, with disruption being kept to the minimum and no building materials left at the front of the Village Hall.

**860. PROPOSED NEW CAR PARK**

BBH Architects have re-submitted the application for planning permission incorporating all the amendments previously agreed.

**861. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

The Chairman reported that there was no news on funding at present. The first stage application had been submitted and a decision was awaited.

**862. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Cllr Norman reported that he had submitted an application to the competition. He will submit an article to the Stoke Fleming Magazine to encourage volunteers to help with litter picking, possibly with a Whole Village Day, and to include children, potentially with a school community project.

**863. ALAN FOX LETTER - AUSTIN A30/A35 OWNERS CLUB**

Cllr Norman reported that he had received an email from the Owners Club reporting that they had decided against using Stoke Fleming playing field for their May Bank Holiday Weekend event in 2012.

**864. STOKENHAM LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY PILOT**

A questionnaire had been received from DAPC on the potential for extending local service delivery to other parishes. The questionnaire is to be completed and returned, giving an expression of interest but no definite commitment from the Parish Council.

**865 CONSULTATION ON PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION**

Information had been received regarding a consultation on a potential federation of Stoke Fleming, Blackawton and East Allington schools. The consultation lasts from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

**866. MAINTENANCE**

- a) Village Maintenance –
  - i. Deer Park notice board should be in place very soon.
  - ii. Grit bins to be put in place in Venn Lane and Bugford Hill – Clerk to arrange.
  - iii. Bugford Hill has a water drainage problem which was not resolved after complaints in 2009. To be investigated by Cllr Bailey and reported to the appropriate authority by the Clerk.
- b) Grass Cutting – nothing to report

**867. a) LIBRARY USERS' GROUP**

Devon County Council are upgrading 6 libraries, including Dartmouth but not affecting Stoke Fleming.

**b) PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Cllr. Norman had been accepted as the Parish Council representative of the Group.

**868. FINANCE**

**a) BANK BALANCE AT DATE OF MEETING**

Alliance & Leicester	£11,424.77	statement dated 6 <sup>th</sup> January 10
Lloyds TSB	£5,755.53	statement dated 26 February 2010

**b) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**

**It was proposed by Cllr Shearwood and seconded by Cllr Norman that the following payments be approved:**

Post Office Ltd.	£34.99	South West Water bill to 27 Jan 10
Hansell Wilkes & Co	£176.25	Charges for lease on Toilet Block
S L Tweed	£208.60	Clerk's wages
DAPC	£29.38	New Councillors Short Course, P Bailey
SF Magazine	£15.00	Donation for Site Development Consultation publication costs
Mr G Sams	£72.00	Wages for cleaning toilet block and shelters
R V Harris & Son	£207.00	Grass cutting (replacement invoice)

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed unanimously that donations be made to:

South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau: £25  
St Peter's Church: £50  
Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride: £25

**869. DIARY DATES**

- a) Tuesday 9th March, Coleridge Association of Parish Councils meeting, 7.30pm at Stoke Fleming Village Hall. Cllrs Newman, Shearwood, Bailey and Norman to attend.
- b) Saturday 13th March, 10am – 12am, Coffee Morning at Stoke Lodge Hotel for Henry Yabsley. All Councillors attending.
- c) Friday 26th March, 4pm – 7pm, meeting with S Hams & W Devon Police Commander, Inspectors & Neighbourhood Team, Totnes Police Station. Chairman, Cllr Foster & Clerk attending.
- d) Wednesday 7th April, 2.30pm, Campaign to Protect Rural England Devon Branch AGM, Exeter Race Course – Cllr Norman attending.
- e) Tuesday 4th May, 7.30pm, Annual Parish Meeting, with all Parish organisations invited to give

a report of what they do and their contact details, tea and coffee provided.

- f) Thursday 20th May, 7pm, Parish Cluster Meeting, Dartmouth & Surrounding Area.
- g) Wednesday 5th May, Stoke Fleming Parish Council AGM in Stoke Fleming Village Hall.
- h) Wednesday 9 June, Slapton Line Advisory Forum at 6.30 pm in Slapton Village Hall – Cllr Newman attending.

**870. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- a) Tor Homes request for meeting with a member of the Parish Council for Estate Appraisal – Telephone interview with Chairman to be arranged.
- b) South Devon Local Action Group – Business Growth & Diversification Small Grants Fund – Clerk has information if required by Parishioners.
- c) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal letter of thanks for donation.
- d) SHDC Executive Forward Plan for 4 months commencing 4 Mar 2010 – Clerk to add notice to boards.
- e). J Goddard letter re use of playing field – accepted. Chairman to arrange gate opening 5pm 21st May for 7.30pm start.

**871. CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATING**

External environment Product Review; Devon County Council Strategic Plan 2009/13 ‘Investing in our Devon’; Green Communities programme; Glasdon Products for Local Councils.

**872. PLANNING**

APPLICATIONS

**Mr M Heywood** - 51/0224/10/F – Householder application for alterations and extension to ground floor of dwelling and resiting of oil tank, 5 Glebe Park, Venn Lane, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0RD

**Mr P Gill** – 51/0231/10/F – Householder application for alterations to roof arrangement changing half hip to gable. Insertion of rooflight, revised porch and associated alterations, Albert House, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NX

DECISIONS

**Mr. T Slade** – 51/2021/09/F Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement house. Pine Cottage, Redlap, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0JR - GRANTED

The date for the next monthly meeting is **Wednesday 7th April 2010** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.07 pm.