

Stoke Fleming Parish Council
Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th February 2009, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors - Lady Newman (Chairman)
B Shearwood (Vice Chairman)
K Baigrie
H Yabsley
L Willetts

SHDC Councillor Ian Longrigg
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary PCSO Sam Broad
Stoke Fleming Website Bob Eaglesfield

Absent: Cllr. P Elliott

452. Apologies Cllr. R Foster
Cllr. B Norman
Devon County Councillor: Julian Brazil

453. Minutes
The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2009 were circulated and read. Cllr. Shearwood proposed and Cllr. Yabsley seconded and they were then agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

454. Declarations Of Interest
The Chairman declared an interest in the proposed car park, Mill Lane.

455. Public Question Time
No points were raised.

456. Law And Order
PCSO Sam Broad attended the meeting and reported:
As a Police Community Support Officer she forms a link between local communities and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, and she hopes to become a recognisable face in the village. There has been no crime reported in the parish this month. There is one ongoing anti-social behaviour issue outstanding which is being monitored. PCSO Broad is responsible for Slapton, Strete, Blackawton, Dittisham and all the villages in between, and hopes to be in the village a couple of times a week.
A discussion took place and Cllr. Baigrie raised concern at the level of policing not only in Stoke Fleming but as a whole in the area.

457. County Councillor's Report – no report available

458. District Councillor Report
Cllr. Longrigg reported:

- A. He had not yet spoken to Steve Mayer from Stoke Lodge Hotel regarding the bonfires as Mr Mayer has been away, but advised that he would be seeing Mr Mayer this week and will report back at the next meeting.
- B. The feeling at SHDC is that the proposed restructuring of Devon as a Unitary Authority may not go ahead. This is partly in view of the credit crunch as the cost of Cornwall becoming a Unitary Authority is over £50m. An announcement is expected towards the end of February.
- C. A Planning Meeting is being held next week and it is his understanding that the retrospective planning application for the swimming pool at Sheelan will be passed. He confirmed that he has declared an interest although stressed that he has no personal interest in the property itself, but he does not wish to participate in,

nor be involved in the decision making process. Cllr. Longrigg had attended a meeting with Mr Hann, Dave Kenyon and Ed Brown and advised that Mr Hann had confirmed his satisfaction with the revised plans at this meeting. The Chairman reported that this is not her understanding and that she has had correspondence from Mr Hann contradicting Cllr. Longriggs account of the situation.

- D. The Chairman and Cllr. Baigrie raised concern that although a confirmation email had been received acknowledging receipt of the Parish Councils response to the planning application of Silver Cloud submitted on 6th Jan, this had not been available to view online until 30th Jan. Both the Chairman and Cllr. Baigrie suggested that this should be investigated.
- E. Discussion took place regarding a planning application submitted by Deer Park - The Chairman, Cllr. Baigrie and Cllr. Willetts agreed that the paperwork sent to them by Dave Kenyon was inadequate and that it had been agreed to return the paperwork to him. The Chairman advised Cllr. Longrigg that she will contact Dave Kenyon to resolve this issue.

459. Stoke Fleming Website – presentation by Bob Eaglesfield

Bob Eaglesfield presented a handout of his thoughts and observations regarding the website. After discussion it was decided the web site went ‘live’ on 1st May 2008. Bob Eaglesfield suggested that if the council agreed, he could draft a press release to promote the website – this was agreed. The Chairman asked Mr Eaglesfield the annual running costs and he advised that as it is a village website and he lives in the village, he does not charge his usual commercial rate which would be in the region of approx. £890-00 p.a. The Chairman thanked Mr Eaglesfield for his efforts and advised that she would look to see what was in the budget for the coming year. A discussion took place to try to encourage more users to support the website with suggestions such as a genealogy service – Mr Eaglesfield asked if all the councilors could encourage local clubs, societies etc to use the website and submit any suitable information to him so that he can put in on the appropriate page. The Chairman advised that each accommodation provider needs to be contacted to continue their support in 2009 and Cllr. Willetts will look to see when the invoices were issued last year. It was agreed to re-new their entry on the website for a fee and make the free entry less attractive to businesses by removing their photographs. Mr Eaglesfield suggested that the council could purchase their own web space and therefore maintain their own access codes for approx. £4-99 per month. Decision to be taken later.

The Chairman thanked Mr Eaglesfield for his presentation.

460. Digital UK

Cllr. Shearwood confirmed that two dates have been arranged for drop in clinics to be held by Dave Farwig of Digital UK. 24th Feb at the library and 28th Feb in the village shop. Once these dates are confirmed they will go on the village website and notices will be put up. Cllr. Shearwood suggested that another date could be arranged for the end of March if it was felt necessary.

461. Affordable Housing

The Clerk read out an email received from SHDC confirming that a meeting will be taking place soon between Peter Swallow, the agent acting for the land owner, South West Housing Association and Tor Homes.

462. Submission Response by SHDC on the new Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees

Cllr. Baigrie took a copy of the handout to read through.

463. Children’s Play Area

The Chairman confirmed that on Nov 25th 2008 Alex Whish from SHDC had written confirming the intention to improve the children’s play area. The Chairman had received no further confirmation until 3rd Feb with an apology for the lack of progress so far. The Chairman suggested that she meet with Shirley Tonkin to formulate a plan.

464. Parish Playing Field – Cllr. Elliott absent

465. Car Park At Mill Lane – Cllr. Elliott absent

466. MCTi

Cllr. Baigrie read an email received from Cllr. Boughton reporting that:
The children's centre opened last week - 5 years of work come to fruition !

The swimming pool project has now set up the trust and secured £1.5m from Devon County Council towards the £2.89m construction cost. We have now made presentations to South Hams and Dartmouth Town Councils and next week we apply to South Hams for £1.0m

The Town Council have achieved planning permission to alter the toilets in the market square and have commissioned architectural drawings to submit for planning application in about 3 months

The Landscape access group have been given provisional SHDC funding to start rescaping Beacon Park at Jawbones and have applied to Dartmouth Town Council for funding to reprint their brochure of local walks

Funding applications are being submitted to the South Devon Towns Local Action group for business development funding for the St Barnabas project, feasibility study funding for an open air theatre in Castle Cove, and further Landscape Access group support

Meetings are being organised to review local bus services

A sports forum is at last starting to make progress and a meeting of all potential participant clubs is organised on 16th March

The SDCT LAG are looking for volunteers to serve on their management committee and on their assessment panels - they have £1.8m to spend - are you interested ?

Mike Friend is getting back to Cllr Baigrie about the transport plan although he is not very hopeful as the Dartmouth Town Council are not supportive of the No. 93 bus route change. The Chairman suggested Cllr Baigrie continued to attend the MCTi meetings on behalf of Stoke Fleming Parish Council.

467. Coleridge Association

The Chairman reported that Josie Trinick (Secretary of the Coleridge Association) had sadly died - there is now some doubt as to where the Coleridge Association goes from here. The Chairman has spoken with Val Mercer (Slapton Parish Council) who has confirmed that she will keep the Chairman informed of developments.

468. Retirement / Awards

Cllr. Shearwood reported that there are two issues to address; a discussion took place regarding a 'John Gutteridge memorial award'. Cllr. Shearwood suggested perhaps a parishioner of the year award to be presented to a parishioner who had made a considerable contribution to the village. After several suggestions, including a cup at the Horticultural Show or contributing towards a gravestone, the Chairman suggested she would speak to Mary Viney and report back.

Ron Harris retirement – Cllr. Shearwood suggested a painting be commissioned of one of Ron Harris's favourite parts of the village. After discussion Cllr. Shearwood agreed he would speak to Jenny and David Harris and report back.

469. CPRE Litter Pick

The Chairman advised that the Clerk has applied for a Litter Pick Pack from the CPRE who will provide everything needed for a litter pick. The Chairman also confirmed that she has written to Michael Rolls at Stoke Fleming Primary School who is keen to get the children involved and will look for a date this term to join in with the Litter Pick. He also has a date in the Autumn term for a National Community Day when he would welcome Parish Council suggestions for projects the children could be involved with. The Chairman suggested a date in the Spring be set and the village split in to perhaps 4 or 5 areas, with each councillor being responsible for an area and to encourage people to help. Cllr. Shearwood suggested speaking to Mr Barry Morris. Cllr. Baigrie suggested contacting BRNC. The Chairman suggested Weds 18th March. Cllr. Longrigg confirmed that he will be available on this date. The Chairman advised that she will see if the school would like to be involved on this date too. Article to be placed in the Parish Magazine by the Chairman

470. New Councillor

The Clerk advised that one application has been received so far. Cllr. Shearwood advised that Cllr. Longrigg suggested clarification be sought that there is no conflict of interest as the applicant works part time for

Dartmouth Town Council. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would take advice on this matter and report back.

471. Land Registration – Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised that the Land Registry is encouraging parish councils to formally register all common land such as the village playing field. The Clerk confirmed that she had heard back from the Records Office earlier and it appears that ‘deeds’ exist. In this case the cost to register the land will be between £40-00 to £60-00. Cllr. Longrigg suggested checking whether this would be covered under the Village Greens Act and that the Clerk telephone the legal department at SHDC. Clerk to pursue.

472. Freedom Of Information Act

The Clerk explained that this initiative, set by the Information Commissioners Office, is to ensure that the way the Parish Council is run is transparent and that all information is available and open for everyone to view. The Chairman advised that this will be looked at ready for the next meeting where it will be discussed.

473. Slapton Line

The Chairman confirmed she had attended a meeting last week, but it was more of a marketing meeting to support businesses that may be affected in the future. The idea will be eventually to market the area as a natural beauty spot in its own right and to promote it along these lines. Cllr. Longrigg agreed that a lot of work and preparation has gone in to dealing with the situation of the line being breached, and he assured everyone that preparations has been carried out to include new signage, routes, passing places etc.

474. Recycling Banks

The Chairman confirmed she has had an email back from Ruth Edwards at SHDC who has agreed to consider moving the banks back to their original site, with the condition that the contractor will have help from the village in gaining access to empty them. Chairman to pursue.

475. Street Lighting

The Chairman confirmed that she has still had no response from her initial contact with Mr Pym.

476. Maintenance

- a. Grass Cutting – DCC nothing to report
- b. Grass Cutting SHDC – nothing to report
- c. Grass Cutting within the village – nothing to report
- d. Sponsored Flower Tubs – Cllr. Willetts reported that she has the information regarding the flower tub sponsors and that she has left a message for Gardentime. Cllr. Willetts confirmed that it will only become apparent if there is any sponsorship space available once the invoices have been sent back paid by the individual, or declined.
- e. After discussion, it emerged that the ‘deposits’ left around the village were flour dropped during a local athletics meeting.
- f. Damage To Jubilee Shelter – Cllr. Norman advised the Clerk that he will be dealing with the Jubilee Shelter once the weather improves, together with the drain cover by the toilet block in the playing field. Cllr. Norman suggested a cost of approx. £50 to carry out this repair.

477. Library Users Group

Again, the Chairman reiterated that after an increase in usage, this trend has now leveled off, and she stressed that if the library isn’t used it would not survive.

Parish Hall Management Group

The Chairman confirmed that she had received a letter back granting permission for the Parish Council to house a filing cabinet in the village hall roof space, and asked the Clerk to write to thank the Parish Hall Committee.

478. Finance

- a. Bank Balance at date of meeting – Alliance & Leicester £11,408-37
Lloyds TSB £2791-98

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

Mr G Sams	£61-50
Clerk	£205-75
EDF Energy	£9-34
Cllr. Newman	£26-85 (stationary)
Stoke Fleming Village Magazine	£150-00 (donation)
Poppy Appeal – Royal British Legion	£25-00 (donation)

479. Diary Dates

The Chairman asked whether anyone could attend the Parish Cluster Meeting on Tuesday 24th Feb. No one was available - it was suggested that Cllr. Norman be asked.

480. Correspondence

None received

481. Planning

Applications

- a) 51/0023/09/F Discharge/Removal of Section 52 Agreement dated 30th November 1989 (ref: 0283/884/4) at Deer Park Camping & Caravan Site, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming – The Chairman reported that a site visit had taken place today and that she would respond in due course.

Decisions

- b) 06_51/1061/08/F Hillfield Holiday Estate demolition of remaining chalet acc and swimming pool complex, erection of 50 holiday units, leisure, staff and maintenance buildings and associated works in accordance with Outline Planning Approval 51/2115/05/O - Granted

482. Correspondence Circulating

DAPC Newsletter – Jan/Feb 09
 Minutes Of The Executive Meeting Held Thurs 8th Jan 09
 Community Partnership Forum
 Minutes of The Executive Meeting Held Thurs 22nd Jan 09
 D C User Group Correction and Information

Emails Circulating

Garden Party Nominations
 South Hams LDF Development Policies Doc forwarded to Cllr, Baigrie – Cllr. Baigrie read this document out and after discussion it was agreed that no further action need be taken
 DAPC Training Schedule

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.02pm. The date for the next monthly meeting is Wednesday 4th March 2009, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.