

Stoke Fleming Parish Council
Monthly Meeting

Approved Minutes

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

<u>Present:</u>	Councillors -	B Shearwood (Vice Chairman) K Baigrie H Yabsley L Willetts B Norman D Foster P Elliott
	SHDC Councillor	Ian Longrigg
	DCC Councillor	Julian Brazil
	SHDC Councillor	Melvyn Stone – Vice-Chairman of SHDC
	Members Of The Public	Robert & Annette Elliott

486. Apologies Cllr. M Newman (Chairman)

487. Minutes
The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2009 and the site meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2009 and the site meetings held on Wednesday 25th February 2009 were circulated and read. Cllr. Baigrie proposed and Cllr. Norman seconded and they were then agreed and signed as a correct record of those meetings.

488. Declarations Of Interest
None

489. Public Question Time
Robert Elliott asked the Parish Council for an update on the possibility of lighting being installed in the birdwalk. The Vice- Chairman advised Robert Elliott that Mr Pym had been asked to look in to this and as yet he has not come back to the Parish Council. The Vice-Chairman advised that the Parish Council will pursue Mr Pym and write to Robert Elliott with an update.

490. Law And Order – no report available

491. County Councillor's Report
Cllr. Brazil reported:
A. That DCC have increased their budget by 2.89% and was pleased to confirm that this is a relatively low increase, in comparison to Torbay (3.9%) and Plymouth (4.9%) councils. Investments are being made for the coming year in drainage, and domestic violence projects.
B. That Shaw Hawthorne who had been selected to take over the running of the Councils Old Peoples Homes have withdrawn as a result of the current credit crunch.

492. District Councillor Report
Cllr. Stone reported:
A. That with reference to the Stoke Fleming affordable housing scheme, it had been agreed that 12 affordable houses and 10 houses to go on the open market would be built, in 2 phases. The affordable houses will be built first, followed by the open market houses, once the market has picked up. The project will be undertaken by the South West Housing Society, with Tor Housing Association acting as landlords. He suggested that the Clerk make contact with Debbie Holloway at SHDC in order obtain further information. Cllr. Baigrie asked if both phases would come under one planning application and Cllr. Stone suggested that this would be the case. The Vice-Chairman asked for a time frame, however, Cllr. Stone did not have this information.

Cllr. Longrigg reported:

- A. There had been a hiccup between the landowner and Tor Homes which has now been sorted out. However, he was angry that as District Councillor he had not been informed of the developments outlined in the report read by Cllr. Stone.
- B. He had spoken to Stoke Lodge Hotel regarding the bonfires and that Environmental Health had been in touch previously. He was advised that they will be monitoring more carefully what is burnt, and sympathised with their ongoing problem of what to do with some waste items.
- C. He had received a letter from Ken Carter Head of Landscape and Leisure advising that Stoke Fleming has been awarded £5,000 towards improvements to the play area at Venn Lane. Two representatives from the Parish Council have been asked to attend a meeting at Follaton House on Wednesday 11th March 2009, 5.30 – 7.00pm. He explained that in his opinion this allocation is too low given the population of the village, together with the amount of children living in the village, village school etc. He suggested that the Parish Council write back expressing this view. The Vice-Chairman agreed that the Parish Council should respond as such.

493. Stoke Fleming Website

Bob Eaglesfield had provided a draft press release for the councils consideration. After discussion The Vice-Chairman asked for the Councillors to give this some thought and forward any suggestions to him to go in the press release.

494. Digital UK

The Vice-Chairman advised that the two drop in events last week at the village shop and library had been well supported by many villagers seeking advice. The Vice-Chairman suggested that another drop in clinic would be held by Dave Farwig from Digital UK prior to the second switchover date in August.

495. Planning Application 51/2146/08/F Sheelan, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PJ Retrospective application for swimming pool and glazed balustrading

The Vice-Chairman reported that after the site meeting of Monday 23rd February 2009, the panel had recommended that planning be refused, however, Cllr Longrigg thought the planning officer at SHDC would still recommend it be approved. The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 11th March 2009 and Cllr. Baigrie agreed to attend this meeting.

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

Cllr. Baigrie suggested that after finally having obtained all the information needed to respond to the paper, that he have some help in doing so. After discussion, The Vice-Chairman agreed that this paper is not relevant to the Parish Council and therefore no further action needed be taken – proposed by Cllr. Foster and seconded by Cllr. Willetts.

497. Parish Playing Field

Cllr. Elliott reported that there will be 22 football matches this season and suggested the Clerk or Chairman submit an invoice to the Football Club for £220-00. Cllr. Longrigg advised that some grants are available as detailed in the Village Green publication. The Clerk is to look in to this.

498. Car Park At Mill Lane

Cllr. Norman advised that a meeting is being held with Bob Bennis (architect) on Friday 6th March, at 2pm. The Vice-Chairman stressed that progress on this is very slow and a sense of urgency to get planning applied for is needed. Cllr. Norman advised that Bob Bennis will have more information about the ownership of the fence at the meeting.

499. MCTi

Cllr. Baigrie reported that at the meeting held on Wednesday 25th February the MCTi Chairman, Mr Brian Boughton gave a brief outline of the following current matters which are at hand which were then briefly discussed (there being only 3 people present)

1. Financial Report
2. **Dartmouth Swimming Pool**
3. **Dartmouth Market Regeneration**
4. **Public Transport and Landscape Access**
5. **Public Slip / Ferry Slip**
6. **Park and Ride**
7. **St Barnabas Centre**

8. New Childrens Centre
9. Local Government Reorganisation
10. Town Council Community Committee
11. South Devon Coastal Towns (Local Action Group Lag)

500. Coleridge Association

The Vice-Chairman reported that there is a meeting on the 10th March 2009. Cllr. Norman and Cllr. Yabsley will attend.

501. Retirement / Awards

The Vice-Chairman advised that he has spoken to David and Jenny Harris and that the next step is for him to go and take some photos of places suggested by David and Jenny.

502. CPRE Litter Pick

The Clerk handed out some posters about the forthcoming litter pick to be displayed. The litter pick is taking place on Wednesday 18th March at 10am, to meet at the Church Gates or Village Hall. The Vice-Chairman volunteered as did Cllr. Longrigg and Cllr. Brazil penciled it in his diary and hopes to be available. Cllr. Baigrie volunteered to do Shady Lane and Chapel Lane. Cllr. Norman volunteered. Cllr. Foster volunteered to do Cinders Lane and the area around the bus stop in Dartmouth Road.

503. New Councillor

The Clerk reported that the closing date was 28th February and one application has been received from Beryl Griffiths. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to SHDC who are sending out the paperwork necessary to make an appointment.

504. Land Registration – Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that having spoken to DCC regarding the Village Greens Act, they had confirmed that the best course of action is to proceed with registering the Playing Field with land registry. The Devon Records Office had suggested for security the documents be collected, rather than posted. After discussion Cllr. Foster offered to collect the documents on Friday 13th March. The Clerk will contact the Records Office and make arrangements for the collection.

505. Best Kept Village Competition

A discussion took place regarding this competition. After discussion The Vice-Chairman asked whether all were in agreement to enter this competition this year. A discussion took place regarding available manpower in order to properly prepare the village with particular emphasis on the SHDC and DCC commitment to grass cutting - some councilors felt it possible, and others felt that since John Gutteridge had taken on so much of the work himself, this year it would be difficult to achieve the same level of preparation. Cllr Norman offered to organize a team to prepare the village. The Vice-Chairman suggested a vote of those for entering and those against entering. After a vote of four against and three for, it was agreed that this year Stoke Fleming will take a 1 year break from the competition.

506. Street Lighting

The Vice-Chairman reported that some new lights have been installed in the village and that he will contact Mr Pym regarding lighting in the birdwalk.

507. Annual Parish Meeting

The Vice-Chairman suggested two possible dates on which to hold the Annual Parish Meeting (Tues 28th or Weds 29th April). No-one expressed a preference – date to be advised at the next meeting.

508. 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 advised that there is nothing further to report.
e. Damage To Jubilee Shelter – Cllr. Norman that he will be carrying out work once the weather improves. He advised that he will need to buy some paint, and that the guttering needs looking at and possibly re-routing. Cllr. Foster raised concern that some of the maintenance contracts are shortly coming up for renewal, and should be looked at. After discussion, Cllr. Foster asked the Clerk to provide him with the information about the contracts so

he and The Chairman can review them.

509. Library Users Group – nothing to report

Parish Hall Management Group

Cllr. Norman advised that the hire charges have been increased for 2009 / 2110. The Vice-Chairman asked Cllr. Norman if he is happy to continue as the Parish Council representative and Cllr. Norman confirmed that he is.

510. 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 Normwn

Mr G Sams	£62-80 (£61-50 & £1-30 for toilet rolls)
Clerk	£205-75
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	£69-00 (room hire and Aff Fee)
South West Water	£159-32

Cllr. Foster raised concern at the amount of the South West Water bill relating to the toilet block in the playing field. It was agreed not to send the SWW cheque until further investigation had been carried out.. A further discussion took place regarding the toilet block and considering the costs involved, whether it should remain open, or whether it is an expensive liability, given its infrequent use. The Clerk will look back through the records and let Cllr. Foster have information on previous bills for discussion with The Chairman. Cllr. Baigrie suggested that insurance can be obtained with SWW covering repair work to leaky pipes, and other maintenance issues.

511. Diary Dates

Slapton Line Advisory Forum – Wednesday 17th June 09

512. Correspondence Received

The Vice-Chairman read out an email from a parishioner, Nick Wood, expressing his concern at the Pampas Grass growing at the junction of the A379 New Road and Old Road, asking whether it could be removed. Cllr. Brazil advised that to his knowledge Pampas Grass isn't considered a nuisance, but suggested that The Clerk speak to the AONB department at SHDC and perhaps speak to the landowner.

The Vice-Chairman read out a letter of thanks from The Royal British Legion for the donation made by the Parish Council.

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Cllr. Foster took a survey to be completed regarding SHDC Development Control Dpt.

513. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A) 51/2146/08/F Sheelan, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PJ Retrospective application for swimming pool and glazed balustrading

B) 51/0119/09/F High Cottage, Church Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PX Retrospective application for the erection of twin wall stainless steel flue

C) 51/0149/09/F 15 Deer Park Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QW Alterations and extension to dwelling

D) DE/51/2275/08/F Silver Cloud, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PJ Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dwelling to include decks and swimming pool – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Cllr. Baigrie reported that The Chairman had asked him to draft a letter for consideration at this meeting regarding the planning application at Silver Cloud, in view of the realization that only a proportion of the land proposed for re-development is registered as being owned by the applicant. After much discussion, it was agreed that the letter would

not be considered by the planning department as both Cllr. Longrigg and Cllr. Brazil advised that it is not necessary to own land on which you apply for planning permission. After much discussion all were in agreement that this letter was not appropriate. Cllr. Longrigg reported that the application had been withdrawn due to the fact that he had not been happy with the siting of the plans on the cliff edge.

DECISIONS

A) 51/1116/08/F Upover, Redlap, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0JR Demolition of existing dwelling house and replacement with a new dwelling – GRANTED

514. Correspondance Circulating

The Playing Field
South West England Construction Products Digest
CPRE Annual Report 2008
SHDC Executive Forward Plan

Emails Circulating

None

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.15pm. The date for the next monthly meeting is Wednesday 1st April 2009, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

514. Correspondance Circulating

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.