

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

227. A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
228. Present: Lady Newman (Chairman)
Mr B. Shearwood (Vice Chairman)
Councillors: Mr H. Yabsley Miss L. Willetts Mr K. Baigrie
Mr B. Norman
229. Apologies: Cllr. R. Harris
230. Absent: Cllr P. Elliott
231. In Attendance: County Councillor J. Brazil, District Councillor I. Longrigg
232. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated, read and agreed as a correct record of that meeting.
233. Declarations of Interest: (A) Chairman. 6d Car Park, Mill Lane
(B) Cllr. Longrigg 8c Planning Matters for comment. Deer Park Camping & Caravan Site, Dartmouth Rd, Stoke Fleming
234. Public Question Time: No points were raised.
235. Law & Order: The clerk reported that a window had been broken in the hut on the Community Composting Site. However, nothing had been stolen. The Chairman reported that a car had had its diesel stolen whilst parked at Blackpool. Also on the same evening diesel was stolen from the wood yard in Blackpool Valley.
236. Matters Arising
- a. Parish and Neighbourhood Maintenance
New bus stop signs have been installed at 'Bidders' and at the entrance to Leonards Cove. Both are now official bus stops for the village. The clerk also reported that he had painted over the graffiti, which was on the rear of the village sign on Blackpool Hill.
- b. Cluster Meeting 8th May 2008. Report
The clerk reported that he had attended the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. There were two major points on the Agenda: Local Government Review & Waste Review update. Mr. A. Robinson, Director SHDC gave a full preview of the plan SHDC had forwarded to the Boundary Commission and answered questions.
- The Waste Review update also included the cuts in staff at the Dartmouth Depot. The clerk informed the council that he had spoken in strong terms against the loss of the Area Manager and a member of the gardening staff. Cllr. Tucker also attended the meeting and answered questions with reference to all parts of the agenda. The Council agreed to submit a story to the Dartmouth Chronicle concerning these cuts and in appreciation of Les Barnes, Area Manager of Dartmouth for many years.
- c. Notice Board – Venn Lane
The clerk informed the meeting that Mr. M Hyne was constructing the new notice board. The Chairman would recce Venn Lane to see where the new board could be placed.
- d. Car Park – Mill Lane
The clerk reported that a final meeting would take place shortly with Sir. G. Newman following talks with Mr. C. Dixon and Mr. D. Harris. Several points had been raised and were being dealt with.

e. Parish Web Site – Report

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council, report submitted to the editor of the Parish Magazine, should also be sent to Mr. B. Eaglesfield to put on the Parish web site. Following the Monthly Meeting the full approved minutes would be placed on the website. The Council agreed this. The clerk reported that he was making progress in obtaining funding for the annual costs for the website from local businesses.

f. Project Proposals:

(i) Proposed public meeting (Digital transfer 2009). The Chairman felt that it would be a good idea to hold a public meeting later in the year with a speaker about digital technology to answer the many questions local people may have with this transfer from Analogue to Digital Television due in April 2009. The Vice-Chairman would research the subject and make a full report at the July meeting.

(ii) Proposal for a Parish Co-operative for fruit & vegetables was rejected.

g. Parish Playing Field

A new wooden boundary fence and gates have been installed around the Childrens Play Area. All the materials were fully sponsored by Jewsons and fitted free of charge by Cllr. Elliott and his staff. The picnic table has also been fitted to a new concrete plinth and new 'home' and 'away' team benches installed either side of the football pitch at the halfway line.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Elliott for his work. It was agreed that final approval for the new fence and gates would be sought from SHDC to ensure full safety regulations were met. The Chairman had sent an email to Cllr. Elliott with regards to the two posts between the 'home' and 'away' benches. As yet she had not had a reply. A letter from Mr Emberson was read and discussed. The clerk explained the problems that had occurred with the last set of 5-a-side goal posts and how this had been resolved. The new 5 a-side goal posts, which are currently being made, must only be used on the present football pitch, well away from any properties. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Playing field should be discussed at the July meeting and the management plan brought up to date. All councillors to bring ideas and suggestions to this meeting.

g. Training

The Vice Chairman would report back at the July meeting regarding a computer and printer for the clerks use. This information would include any costs involved, grants available etc.