

**Stoke Fleming Parish Council**  
**Monthly Meeting**

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors - M Newman (Chairman) B Shearwood (Vice Chairman)  
R Foster H Yabsley  
B Griffiths B Norman  
P Elliott  
Devon County Cllr. J Brazil SHDC Cllr. I Longrigg  
PCSO Sam Broad 1 x member of the public  
3 x Clerk candidates

**734. Apologies** Cllr. L Willetts

**735. Minutes**

The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and the site meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 were circulated and read. Cllr. Shearwood proposed and Cllr. Foster seconded the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr. Shearwood proposed and Cllr. Norman seconded the site meeting minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> October. All were then agreed and signed as a correct record of those meetings.

**736. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman declared an interest in the Proposed New Car Park. Cllr. Shearwood declared an interest in the payment due to Stoke Fleming Village Shop.

**737. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Hunkin wanted to clarify the position of the Village Hall Trustees with regard to the new shower block/toilets. He raised a couple of concerns one being the water supply which he advised would need to be separate and also the fact that one proposal had been made to shut the public toilets. Notwithstanding the issues raised, he reiterated that the Trustees are in support of the proposed new scheme.

Mr Hunkin went on to advise of a request for a car rally in two years time of which details would be forwarded by the applicant to the council for their consideration.

**738. LAW AND ORDER**

PCSO Broad reported that:

There were no reported crimes last month,.

An incident relating to the possible poisoning of trees which the homeowner has asked PCSO Broad to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

She will be at the January Parish Council meeting.

**739. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Brazil reported that:

The signs in the area stating that the road between Torcross and Stokenham is closed is very misleading and is having a detrimental effect on the local businesses in these villages.

There is no further update on the possible parking meter installation in Dartmouth, and he thanked the Chairman for her letter of support.

All councils are going through the budget process and there will be cuts. The Chairman raised concern at the poor level of funding received by SHDC when compared to other district councils.

**740. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Longrigg reported that:

The affordable housing scheme proposed for the village is still at a stop due to the search for a new housing association to become involved.

He has spoken to Leonards Cove and that the 'fly tipping' area which a parishioner has raised as an issue twice, has now been cleared and should remain clear.

- 741. NEW COUNCILLOR**  
The Clerk confirmed that 4<sup>th</sup> November is the deadline for an election to be called by 10 parishioners and that she should receive the go ahead from Helen Jarvis tomorrow. Cllr. Shearwood confirmed that he knew of two people who had expressed an interest and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Shearwood will contact these people and arrange meetings with both.
- 742. NEW CLERK**  
The Chairman welcomed the three candidates and gave them the opportunity to ask questions. It was agreed that the applicants will complete their application forms and that the Parish Council will then meet with them, with the current clerk, prior to formal interviews.
- 743. PROPOSED NEW TOILET / SHOWER BLOCK – Sub committee to report on progress**  
The Chairman confirmed that she had written to Cllr. Elliott to try to move this matter on. After much discussion it was agreed that the agreement between the Parish Council and the football club is a high priority must be sorted out and until agreed, this matter has been put on hold. Cllr. Elliott confirmed that the football club have a meeting to discuss this next Wednesday and at this meeting he will reiterate to them the level of involvement and commitment they need in order for this scheme to progress. After discussion and a show of hands, it was agreed that the toilet block should remain open at all times to the public. It was furthermore agreed that the sub-committee will meet prior to the next meeting and report back on progress at the next monthly meeting, prior to proceeding with the planning application.
- 744. PROPOSED NEW CAR PARK**  
Cllr. Foster reported that he has written to Devon County Highways regarding moving the entrance and that they could see no problem with this in theory. He has written to Devon County Highways regarding the re-structuring of restricted parking within the village centre and is waiting for a response. He has also sought advice on the three or so spaces which may be lost in the current car park if the new car park entrance is re-sited and again has been advised that in theory this looks ok. The Plymouth Valuation Office have forwarded an annual rateable value figure of £2145p.a. up to April 2010 and £2950p.a. after this. He has furthermore asked SHDC for advice on whether a grant may be available to fund rates. Finally he has written to the Estates Agent raising various queries and has yet to have a response. Cllr. Shearwood and The Chairman both expressed their thanks for the continued efforts of Cllr. Foster in this matter.
- 745. PARISH CLUSTER MEETING**  
The Chairman confirmed that she attended this meeting at which affordable housing was discussed, and she stressed that anyone interested in affordable housing within the village must have their names on the council waiting list in order to be considered for this affordable housing. Cllr. Longrigg confirmed that the policy on affordable housing will change as of 2010 in that available housing will be offered to recipients who currently live locally, whereas previously they would be offered to people outside of the area based on the points system.
- 746. STOKE FLEMING CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
The Chairman stressed that this must be supported by each Councillor and not from the precept and therefore asked for a small donation from each councillor. The agreed theme is ‘The Key To Xmas’ and it was agreed that keys of any sort would be collected by each Councillor to decorate the tree.
- 747. CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA**  
Cllr. Shearwood held a letter from SHDC confirming that they are asking Parish Councils to take over the running and funding of village assets. This includes the Childrens Play Area in the playing field. The Chairman reiterated that she and Shirley Tonkin had submitted a bid for a grant in May but it was an expression of interest and it had not been successful. They will now have another go in bidding for grants which are available to update play equipment.
- 748. PRINCES FOUNDATION AND SHDC PLANNING / AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
The Chairman and Cllr. Longrigg reported that there has been no further information available regarding this scheme.
- 749. SHDC ASSETS**  
The Chairman held a letter which advised that in addition to offloading the childrens play area, SHDC also wanted the Parish Council to take over the current car park in the village. After discussion the letter was passed to Cllr. Foster to look at and to report back at the next meeting.
- 750. LOCAL COUNCILS AND CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**  
The Chairman asked everyone to read the email which has been forwarded regarding this and gave a form for ‘new cheque signatories’ for the current account to Cllr. Norman for completion and to brought back to the next meeting.
- 751. LETTER TO DELYTH JENKINS EVANS – SHEELAN**

The Chairman confirmed that she has sent yet another letter requesting a response to her letter of July 2009 and as yet has still had no response. Cllr. Longrigg advised that he would be seeing Delyth Jenkins Evans this week and will prompt her to respond to The Chairman's letters.

**752. WEED SPRAYING**

The Clerk reported that she has yet to receive a response since the holding response letter of last month.

**753. COLERIDGE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS**

The Chairman reported that the next meeting will be in December.

**754. MAINTENANCE**

**A) Village Maintenance – Bench repairs. Mens toilet – playing field**

The Chairman thanked those who had made repairs to the broken benches. The pan in the mens toilet at the playing field is loose and a plumber is needed to look at it. Cllr. Foster thanked The Chairman for her help in clearing back the brambles from the Deer Park bus shelter. Cllr. Shearwood reported that new signs placed at the bottom of Old Road are incorrect and he agreed to put in a call Devon County Highways informing them of this. Everyone agreed that Pegs Copse looks much better having had the bottom of the trees cleared and Cllr. Foster reported that the tress in the playing field will be done shortly.

**B) Grass Cutting DCC**

The Chairman commented on the correspondence copied to the Parish Council by two parishioners to Devon County Council about the poor state of grass verges which have been allowed to grow too long.

**C) Grass Cutting SHDC**

**D) Grass Cutting Within The Village**

**755. A) LIBRARY USERS GROUP**

Nothing to report. Mr Hunkin advised of an arrangement with Stoke Fleming Primary School whereby groups of children come up and use the facilities in the library.

**B) PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Nothing to report.

**756. FINANCE**

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

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| Alliance & Leicester | £11,421.89  |
| Lloyds TSB           | £3847.66 statement dated 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 09 |

**B) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**

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| Cheques to be approved for signature proposed by Cllr. Shearwood and seconded by Cllr. Norman |   |
| Mr G Sams   | £82-50 – wages  |
| Clerk   | £205-75 – wages   |
| Stoke Fleming Village Shop  | £15-36 – <u>an error had occurred and no payment is due</u> |
| EDF Energy  | £13-64 – electricity use at toilet block                    |
| The Compass Office Shop   | £15-14 – ink cartridge and copying re: car park meeting     |
| Devon Assoc Of Parish Councils  | £15-00 – Chairman's attendance at DAPC AGM 26/09/10         |
| Mrs M Newman  | £25-00 – reimbursement of book token purchase for J Harris  |
| RGC Building Supplies   | £24-06 – village repairs                                    |
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| KH & DA White   | £97-75 – hedge trimming                                     |

**757. DIARY DATES**

SDCLAG Forum Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.30pm, Sixth Form Centre Kingsbridge Community College – it was agreed that The Chairman and Cllr. Foster will attend this event.

The Chairman asked for a volunteer to attend the Empowering Communities event at Kenn on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Cllr. Norman confirmed that he will attend if free.

**758. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Chairman read out letters received from charities asking for financial support. It was agreed to offer support to the Stoke Fleming Village Magazine immediately, and write to them to let them know that if there is any profit from the Stoke Fleming Website advertising revenue at the end of the year they will also receive a proportion of this. Furthermore Cllr. Longrigg advised that he will make a donation from SHDC of £100 to support this worthy cause.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Ring and Ride charity acknowledging their letter and advising that the request will be considered towards the end of the current financial year.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Shearwood to get some feedback for the General Community Survey.

**759. CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATING**

Letter from Gregory Borne re sustainable community's research. Tor Homes Open Door newsletter Autumn 09. Minutes of the Executive Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 09. DAPC AGM Main Points. Empowering Communities In Devon Report. NALC Final Salary Awards Information. LCR Autumn 09 publication.

**760. PLANNING**

**APPLICATIONS**

- a) **Mrs K Thorogood 51/1252/09/F Proposed car park and site for re-cycling – WITHDRAWN**  
**Stoke Fleming Parish Council 51/1710/09/F Extension to existing public w.c. and changing room, to include construction of two changing rooms and conversion of existing changing area to shower facilities Stoke Fleming Football Club, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QT**

**DECISIONS**

- a) **51/1331/09/F Mr A Watson Householder application for re-submission of 0149/09/F for extension to existing dwelling 15 Deer Park Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QW – GRANTED**
- b) **51/1441/09/F Mr R Shiffner Household application for two storey porch and canopy Westholme, Redlap, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0JR – GRANTED**
- c) **51/1697/08/F Mr H Gunn Change of use from 25 bedroom Nursing Home to 9 residential apartments with minor changes to external appearance Windward Nursing Home, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QS – GRANTED**
- d) **Letter from The Planning Inspectorate re: Appeal by Mr M Simons, High Cottage, Church Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PX - APPEAL ALLOWED**

**The date for the next monthly meeting is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**