



**965. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr Julian Brazil reported that the County Council had won its court case regarding unitary status and was recovering its costs. There is uncertainty about whether Dartmouth Community College will be awarded the funding previously promised. Totnes have been training local people to use speed guns in the town to raise awareness of speeding issues. Cllr Brazil suggested that PCSO Sam Broad be asked whether Speed Watch Training may be available for Stoke Fleming parishioners if machines become available in the Dartmouth area. A full Council meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July but no other events until September. He reported that there is some Japanese Knotweed just outside the Stoke Fleming boundary on the Strete side and will report it to Highways Dept.

**966. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Longrigg advised that he had been barred from dealing with planning issues for the year because he had been unable to attend the required 80% of SHDC training days due to holidays and illness. He felt that he had been unfairly treated and concerned that he was not now able to represent the parishioners who had voted for him as Ward Member on planning issues when he had more experience of local planning issues than anyone else. Cllr Hilary Bastone has been appointed to deal with planning issues for the Skerries Ward. He stressed that Cllr Longrigg continues to represent the Ward for all other issues except planning.

**967. EXETER UNITARY STATUS**

The Chairman confirmed that Exeter would not be given unitary status.

**968. SOUTH HAMS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Chairman reported that she and Cllr Foster had collated comments from Councillors and submitted the response form regarding the planned development sites in Stoke Fleming, for which Cllr Shearwood expressed Councillors' appreciation. She advised that a form was not submitted relating to the Dartmouth D1 proposed site. Comments had been made about it at the Parish Cluster meeting in May but at the time it was a vague area. The response form asked only whether the proposal was sound or justified and therefore it was felt that a letter should be sent regarding both the Stoke Fleming village sites and the Dartmouth D1 site to the Chief Executive of SHDC expressing the Parish Council's concerns. It was proposed by Cllr Shearwood, seconded by Cllr Griffiths and agreed by all that the letter should be sent with a wide distribution.

**969. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

The Chairman had emailed Councillors before the meeting with the history of the Play Area in Stoke Fleming, an update of the position to date and options for the future regarding renovation of the area and new equipment. A letter had been received by Shirley Tonkin, copied to the Chairman, advising that SHDC would continue to insure play equipment, inspect the play space and undertake routine maintenance of the equipment, but no timescale was given. The merits of refurbishing current equipment were discussed which could involve, for some pieces, taking out of the ground and sending away for de-rusting and renovation, at unknown cost as yet. Mrs Tonkin advised that the audit of equipment had identified 3 items past their 'sell by date' out of the 6 items in the park. It was agreed that, without costs of the various options it was impossible to decide on which to take; the Parish Council has to ensure that it does not end up, in time, taking full financial responsibility for the play area when it may not be able to, or want to, afford it.

Mrs Tonkin advised that the architect was visiting on 9<sup>th</sup> July and will look at costings and what equipment can be saved. She stressed that the desired play area was not to be full of modern, new equipment. After considerable consultation with children in the Parish, a natural

environment was agreed to be the best design, with landscaping forming a large part of the play facilities, so not all activities in the park would be high cost. A plan will be available for viewing the play area design. Mrs Tonkin gave an update on funding, advising that £6,500 had now been received or promised. She gave assurances to the Parish Council of her, and the Group's, ability and commonsense in planning the play area and fundraising, and the need for the facility.

As SHDC own the current equipment, Cllr Shearwood asked whether the new equipment would also be owned by them. It is possible that an additional £5,000 maintenance grant could be obtained as a one-off from the lottery. Cllr Bastone detailed funding received from the Playbuilder scheme for Dartmouth, some for play areas which are maintained by SHDC, the difference being that Stoke Fleming own the land where Dartmouth Town Council does not. Cllr Longrigg offered to investigate and the Clerk was asked to write to Alex Whish to clarify what and how long SHDC are responsible for in the play area.

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

Cllr Elliott declared an interest in this item but updated the meeting on progress. The grant of £15,000 had been received for the new building. Planning and building approval had been received and work had commenced. There had been some slight changes to the plans to give a good-size serving hatch. Cllrs Foster and Elliott are to agree how much of the upgrade of electrics etc. should be paid by the Parish Council. The dog waste bin had needed to be moved and was now re-sited beside the outer hedge.

Cllr Elliott reported that he had been asked to investigate the replacement of the mains water pipe system due to problems with stopcock covers and leaks with the current mains supply. He estimated that it would cost £300 plus VAT to trench in pipes 750mm deep to avoid damage by tent pegs used at the Stoke Fleming Show which have previously pierced the pipes currently much nearer the surface. The work was expected to take 1-2 days. Cllr Elliott is to send a hard copy of the quotation by email to the Clerk for distribution to Councillors but it was agreed unanimously that the work should proceed. District Cllr Longrigg kindly offered £200 towards the cost which was gratefully accepted and he will email the appropriate claim form to the Clerk.

**971. ASSET TRANSFER**

Cllr Foster reported that last year SHDC had asked the Parish Council whether it would be interested in taking on the assets of the toilet block and car park opposite the Bowling Club. He had asked 15 questions, answers to most of them had recently been received but some still remained unanswered. Cllr Foster illustrated the high current costs and the potential cost of the assets if the Parish Council took them on, estimated to increase precept by over 35%. Parish Council had been informed at the recent Parish Cluster meeting that the District Council would be required to continue to maintain the assets should the Parish Council decide not to take them on. It was agreed to wait for the final answers but that the transfer of assets should be refused.

**972. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3) SCHEME**

Cllr Mason reported that two of the major walks in the Parish remain to be walked and inspected, following which the P3 form would be completed. There are a few repair/maintenance issues and some signage to be made clearer.

**973. STOKE FLEMING WALK LEAFLET**

Cllr Mason reported that the current walk leaflet required amending and maps improving. The original text files were not accessible, although the drawings and photographs were on disk, so he was reconstructing the walk leaflet with a better layout and maps and updated text. He

suggested that printing could be on less expensive paper and in one colour, thus reducing printing costs. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mason for his work on the leaflet and looked forward to seeing the new edition. Cllr Longrigg requested supplies of the current leaflet for Leonards Cove Park which the Clerk offered to deliver.

**974. FOOTPATH SIGNS**

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to David Harris regarding suitable wording for signs to dog owners using the public footpath across his land. It appears that there are some legal restrictions on what can be printed on signs and Cllr Mason agreed to check with the Parish Paths Partnership Officer and with Devon County Council to find information.

**975. STOKE FLEMING WEBSITE**

Cllr Shearwood reported that he is working on contacting the current front page sponsors, most of whom, and the advert owners, were happy to continue their support.

**976. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

The second round closes on 16<sup>th</sup> July. It is not known if Stoke Fleming are included.

**977. STANDING ORDERS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS**

The review of Standing Orders will be reported on in due course.

**978. CLERK'S DUTIES**

The Clerk was asked to leave the room while her duties and hours were discussed. It was agreed to increase the number of hours per month that she is paid from 25 to 30 from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 with a review after 6 months. Councillors were asked to acknowledge emails from the Clerk so that she knew they had been received.

**979. CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's Church again this year. Offers of help were requested.

**980. MAINTENANCE**

- a) Village Maintenance:
  - i. Two road closures are taking place in September: Bowden Cross to Venn Cross, 8-10 September and Blatchmore Lane 9-10 September. The Clerk has submitted an article to the Parish Magazine and will place notices nearer the time on notice boards and in the shop to advise parishioners.
  - ii. Mr Ellis had quoted £190 for a new gate in the playing field by Ron's Corner in heavier duty wood with a new latch and a self-closing spring. It was agreed that he should carry out the work.
  - iii. Grit bins have been requested for Venn Lane and Bugford Hill.
  - iv. Venn Lane dog bin – Cllr Mason reported that the SGDC Operations Manager had visited to identify the best site for a dog bin at the top of Venn Lane and would try to get it approved.
  - v. Pot holes appear to have been repaired, if temporarily in some cases. Any further pot holes noticed to be reported to the Clerk.
  - vi. Street cleaning in Ravensbourne Lane has been done.
  - vii. Overseas sewerage smells – one further incident had been reported to Cllr Shearwood but the residents had reported it direct to SHDC.
  - viii. Village Flower tubs – the Clerk reported that she had received or been promised sponsorship of all flower tubs for 2010/11 except for 2 awaiting confirmation and 1 where the sponsor had not continued sponsorship this year. It was agreed that

Gardentime be requested to carry out planting up of all the tubs as soon as possible and the Clerk would try to obtain sponsors.

- ix. The Clerk raised the issue of Ron's Corner requiring attention. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- x. One environmental issue – a tractor and trailer with a large tank on the back had been seen going up and down the Blackpool Valley on several days during the week. This has been reported to the Environment Agency. Any further details or incidents should be reported to them on their 24-hour line at 0800 80 70 60.

b) Grass Cutting – all grass cutting appears to be satisfactory.

**981. a) STOKE FLEMING LIBRARY**

Cllr Mason gave a report on usage and a very successful author talk and book-signing event at the library. He stressed the importance of using the library.

**b) VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Norman reported that the Hall was running well.

**982. FINANCE**

**a) ALLIANCE & LEICESTER SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Alliance & Leicester to change the current savings account over to a Community Direct Account in order to earn greater interest.

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

Alliance & Leicester	£11,429.50	Statement dated 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2010
Lloyds TSB	£6,339.69	Statement dated 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010

**c) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**

Cllr Foster proposed and Cllr Norman seconded and all agreed that the following payments be approved:

S L Tweed	£228.58	Clerk's wages, telephone & postage
Mr G Sams	£72.00	Wages for cleaning toilet block & shelters
Stoke Fleming Village Shop	£4.36	Supplies
A F Pook	£250.00	Grass cutting May/June 2010
R V Harris & Son	£64.62	Full grass cutting Playing Field 18 <sup>th</sup> June.

**983. REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

- a) Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, Coleridge Association meeting, Frogmore. Cllr Newman reported on the meeting which heard updates from other parishes.
- b) Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, Development Control & Conservation User Group in the SHDC Council Chamber, Follaton House. Cllr Foster attended and reported on the change from having Planning Surgeries to a new system of Pre-Application meetings, with a fee, for applicants to discuss proposals prior to submitting a formal application which is supposed to speed up the application process.
- c) Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 pm, Slapton Line Advisory Forum in Slapton Village Hall. Cllr Newman planned to attend but was unable to.
- d) Attendance at meetings – Councillors were asked to attend external meetings where possible.

**984. DIARY DATES**

- a) 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm, Coleridge Association meeting, East Portlemouth Parish Hall – Cllrs Norman and Foster attending.
- c) Thursday 23 September, Parish Council Emergency Planning Support Sessions by the Environment Agency, venue tba.
- d) Wednesday 8th December, 6.30 pm, Slapton Line Advisory Forum, Strete Village Hall.

**985. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Request for parking on the playing field for a wedding, Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> August; copy of email from Mr & Mrs Teage to SHDC opposing Local Development Framework plans for Stoke Fleming; invitation to ‘Empowering Communities in Devon – a local perspective’ events; Minutes of the Parish Cluster Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May; Request for use of playing field for children’s party 10 July; Letter requesting permission for Cllr John Baverstock, Chairman of SHDC, to attend and address SF PC meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September; 6 responses to request for comments on village parking and speed limits.

**986. CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATING**

2011 Census: Councillor Handbook from Office of National Statistics; Village Green June newsletter from Community Council of Devon; South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership newsletter May 2010; Minutes of the SHDC Executive Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010; South Hams Society Bulletin June 2010; Dissertation: Investigation into the Provision of Affordable Housing in the South Hams, Devon by Danielle Petrie; NALC ‘Being a good employer – a guide for parish and town councillors’ booklets; DALC newsletter July/August 2010; Senior Council for Devon newsletter July 2010.

**987. PLANNING**

**APPLICATIONS**

**Mr & Mrs Slade** – 51/1120/10/F – Householder application for erection of outbuilding containing car ports and stores. Worden Farm, Dartmouth TQ6 0LD.

**Mrs Victoria Lockerbie** – 51/1348/10/F – Householder application for proposed summer room. Fords House, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NX.

**Mr & Mrs Martin Ferris** – 51/1392/10/F – Erection of agricultural building. Bugford Farm, Bugford Lane, Bugford, Dartmouth TQ6 0LT.

**Mr & Mrs Paul Hodge** – 51/1324/10/O – Outline planning application for provision of dwelling for horticultural workers. Bugford Nursery, Blatchmore Lane, Bugford TQ6 0LT.

**Mr P Drury** - 51/1356/10/F – Installation of free-standing (monopole) 15m mast supporting a 3 bladed wind turbine of 5.4m diameter. Quarry Lakes Farm, Ash, Dartmouth TQ6 0LS.

**Mr P White** – 51/1275/10/F – Erection of machinery storage building. Springfield, Little Cotton, Dartmouth TQ6 0LB. Replaces 51/0626/10/AG, withdrawn as not linked to an agricultural unit.

**PLANNING ISSUES**

**Leonards Cove Caravan Site**, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NR – 51/0991/10/CLE - Certificate of lawful development for existing use of land to site 10 caravans, 1 toilet block and 10 hook up points.

**Little Cotton, Dartmouth** - Request for Extended Rally THS770/2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (16 nights). Maximum 70 units per night including all tents and caravans. **APPROVED.**

**Fast Rabbit Farm** - Enforcement Notice (Material change of use). Expected to appeal.

**Frenchman's Creek** – erection of solar panels. Clerk dealing with Development Control.

**Sheelan** - pool and landscaping ongoing but under observation.

**Laurels** – Cllr Bastone detailed the history of the application as seen from SHDC correspondence but which was factually incorrect and so he will investigate.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

**Mr M Ashford** – 51/0809/10/F – Retrospective landscaping and external works to complete residential construction. Frenchmans Creek, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PH. **GRANTED.**

**Mr Allen Clarke** – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use or development. Lower Ridge Barns, School Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PR. **GRANTED.** Certificate of Lawfulness not granted for Garden area.

**Mr P Bond** – 51/0799/10/F – Householder application for retrospective temporary extension and stabilisation concrete skirting to existing mobile home. Greenacres, Bugford Lane, Bugford, Dartmouth TQ6 0LT. **GRANTED** with the condition that approval is given only until 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

**Mr P Gill** – 51/0231/10/F – Householder application for alterations to roof arrangement changing half hip to gable, insertion of roof light, revised porch & associated alterations. Albert House, Dartmouth Road TQ6 0NX. **GRANTED.**

**Mr K McCarthy** – 51/0966/10/F – Retrospective application for field shelter for haystore and water store/shed. Thorn Farmhouse, Venn TQ6 0LF. **GRANTED.**

**Stoke Fleming Parish Council** – 51/2248/09/F – Resubmission of planning ref 51/1710/09. Timber frame extension to an existing masonry public WC and changing building to include changing room and shower facilities. Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QT. **GRANTED.**

### Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

**Flat 1, Stoke House, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming** – 51/0785/10/TCA - Notification to undertake works. T1 – Eucalyptus crown reduction, remove 2 stems leaning toward house, reduce remaining stem by 25%. T2 Cupressus Leylandii – **GRANTED.**

The date for the next monthly meeting is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.23pm.