

Stoke Fleming Parish Council
Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th October 2009, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors - M Newman (Chairman) B Shearwood (Vice Chairman)
R Foster H Yabsley
B Griffiths

Devon County Cllr. J Brazil

705. Apologies Cllr. L Willetts Cllr. B Norman
SHDC Cllr. I Longrigg PCSO Sam Broad

706. Minutes

The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 24th September and the site meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2009 were circulated and read. Cllr. Foster proposed and Cllr. Griffiths seconded the minutes of the 2nd September. Cllr. Shearwood proposed and Cllr. Yabsley seconded the minutes of the 24th September. Cllr. Foster proposed and Cllr. Yabsley seconded the site meeting minutes of the 22nd September 2009. All were then agreed and signed as a correct record of those meetings.

707. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the Proposed New Car Park. Cllr. Shearwood declared an interest in a cheque payable to SFVS.

708. RESIGNATIONS

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had given two months notice of her intention to give up the position of Parish Clerk, due to an increase in her hours of work.

The Chairman read a letter of resignation received from Cllr. Keith Baigrie.

It was agreed that the Clerk would post the necessary notices seeking a new councilor and new Parish Clerk on both notice boards in the village and the notice board at Bugford.

It was agreed to write to Cllr. Baigrie to thank him for his efforts during his time as Parish Councillor.

709. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public present.

710. LAW AND ORDER

The Clerk read a report received from PCSO Broad advising that there was little to report apart from an illegal 'rave' a few weeks ago and a spate of thefts of large garden items from property in Dartmouth.

711. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Brazil reported that the road surface is being re-laid from Torcross to Stokenham which may lead to delays on this stretch of road. He reported that the future of the Youth Enquiry Service which is a drop in centre for teenagers and which he considers a vital source of support, may be losing its funding and that this decision is being fought at the moment. He reported that all local market towns are being considered for parking meters. A long discussion took place with a general agreement that for Dartmouth this would be extremely bad for traders, and, in view of this the Parish Council will write to Cllr. S Hughes, Executive Member for Transport at County Hall expressing their concern (copy to Dartmouth Town Council and Cllr. Brazil). The Chairman asked if there were any updates regarding a unitary authority and Cllr. Brazil expressed his opinion there is no longer enough time to go ahead with this prior to the next general election.

712. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Longrigg asked the Clerk to report that the latest developments from The Princes Foundation regarding future affordable housing will be discussed at the Parish Cluster Meeting on 14th October.

713. PROPOSED NEW TOILET / SHOWER BLOCK

Cllr. Foster confirmed that he had emailed a paper regarding an agreement between the football club and the Parish Councillor to both members of the sub-committee but neither Cllr. Norman nor Cllr. Elliott have responded. The agreement will have to go to a solicitor for approval so there will be a cost. In addition, Cllr. Elliott will need to discuss the proposal with the football club and agreement must be reached prior to any works commencing on this project. There is no more to do now until the next Parish Council meeting. After much discussion it was agreed that The Chairman will write to Cllr. Elliott in an effort to keep this project moving forward, particularly in view of the cost incurred by the Parish Council and The Chairman asked Cllr. Shearwood to email her with details of the Parish Councils concerns and points which should be raised in the letter. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Foster for his work so far on this project.

714. PROPOSED NEW CAR PARK

Cllr. Foster confirmed that a site meeting had taken place attended by himself and Cllrs. Griffiths and Norman, and the remaining sub-committee members Mike Simons and Tony Andrews. Cllr. Foster read through the minutes of this meeting together with a letter to George Bryant regarding moving the proposed entrance, together with a letter to the land owners agent regarding the draft agreement. Cllr. Foster confirmed that the planning application has been withdrawn until this and the issue of the agreement between the land owner/agent and Parish Council can be discussed further. Cllr. Foster further went on to advise that they then looked at the parking in Church Road and it was agreed by the sub-committed to ask Devon County Highways to come for a meeting to discuss this issue further. Cllr. Foster confirmed that it is now a waiting game for a response to the various correspondence he is sending out. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Foster for all his work on this project.

715. STOKE FLEMING WEBSITE

The Clerk read a report confirming the number of people who had continued advertising on the accommodation page, together with a list of those who had sponsored the home page this year.

716. STOKE FLEMING CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Chairman asked that this be given some thought and suggestions for a title and decorations to be emailed to her. She also asked that each councillor contribute towards the cost. Cllr. Shearwood suggested 'mini agendas and minutes' for decoration.

717. CHILDRENS PLAY AREA

Cllr. Brazil confirmed that Devon County Council are trying to off load the maintenance of play areas to parish and town councils. The Chairman confirmed that she is hoping that Shirley Tonkin one other parishioner new to the village may agree to put forward another bid. There was £5000 earmarked from SHDC together with some Parish Council savings to go towards some new play equipment but extra funding is available, although it is a very long, drawn out process applying for it. After discussion it was agreed that The Chairman and Cllrs. Willetts and Shearwood will look at the current facility and report back at the next meeting.

718. PRINCES FOUNDATION AND SHDC PLANNING / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

As mentioned in Item 712 this item will be discussed at the next Parish Cluster Meeting on 14th October.

719. RETIREMENT / AWARDS

Cllr. Shearwood is waiting for the right conditions to take a photograph to be copied for Mr R Harris. The Chairman suggested perhaps having the photo mounted. The Chairman had a proposal which needed Cllr. Elliotts expertise regarding a memorial for Mr J Gutteridge. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed that The Chairman will get a £25 book token for Jenny Harris in light of her pre-audit check of the Parish Council accounts.

720. HEDGE

Cllr. Shearwood confirmed that he is waiting to hear back from SHDC regarding the planning conditions relating to this issue.

721. LETTER TO DELYTH JENKINS EVANS – SHEELAN

After discussion, it was felt that this issue should now be closed, however, it was also agreed to write to Delyth Jenkins Evans as a reminder that the Parish Council are looking forward to her response to the letter of the 30th July 2009.

722. WEED SPRAYING

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a holding acknowledgement from Devon County Council to her letter of the 14th September requesting further information.

723. COLERIDGE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Nothing to report.

724. MAINTENANCE

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

The benches have been repaired. The Chairman reported that the brambles behind the bus shelter at Deer Park need to be cut back. After discussion, Cllr. Foster agreed to look in to this and report back. The Clerk reported that Mr Sams had advised that the mens toilet in the playing field block is broken and leaking. It was reported by Cllr. Foster how much better the bus shelters are looking since Mr Sams has been cleaning them and it was agreed that the Clerk would pass on the Parish Councils thanks to Mr Sams.

B) Grass Cutting DCC

In view of the account paid to Mr White for the hedge cutting in Redlap, it was agreed that the Clerk will try and submit this to DCC for reimbursement.

C) Grass Cutting SHDC

D) Grass Cutting Within The Village

725. A) LIBRARY USERS GROUP

The Chairman reiterated that the Stoke Fleming Library is very active and encouraged everyone to join to ensure that the village keeps this vital facility.

B) PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT GROUP

Cllr. Norman had asked for it to be reported that he had brought up re-routing the water supply from the village hall and that the committee are willing to discuss this further.

726. FINANCE

A) BANK BALANCE AT DATE OF MEETING

Alliance & Leicester	£11,420.95
Lloyds TSB	£4001.41 statement dated 25th Aug 09

B) ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

The following cheques were approved for signature proposed by Cllr. Griffiths and seconded by Cllr. Yabsley.

Mr G Sams	£61-50 – wages
Clerk	£205-75 – wages
Stoke Fleming Village Shop	£21-38
KH & DA White	£109-25 – Hedge Cutting Redlap Lane
Coleridge Assoc Of P/C's	£15-00 – annual subscription
Audit Commission	£155-25 – annual audit
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	£45-00 – Ron Harris room hire
Public Works Loan Board	£1,111.22 – loan repayment due 27th Oct 09

727. DIARY DATES

Parish Cluster Meeting – Weds 14th October at 7pm, Dartmouth Guildhall – The Chairman will go to this meeting and suggested that Cllr. Norman may also attend.

Development Control & Conservation User Group meeting Weds, 14th Oct at 9.30am – After discussion it was suggested that Cllr. Norman may attend this meeting.

Budget Consultation Meeting with Town and Parish Councils Weds 28th Oct at 6.30pm, Follaton House

Invitation to Stoke Fleming WI Diamond Anniversary Celebration Sat 24th Oct at 10.30am – noon, Village Hall
SDCLAG Forum Mon 9th Nov at 6.30pm, Sixth Form Centre Kingsbridge Community College

728. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Mrs Lesley Andrews on behalf of Junior Sods requesting the Parish Council change their meeting date in February to accommodate the Junior Sods production – It was agreed that the Clerk will write confirming that they will change the date of the February meeting.

Mr Cliff Bailey regarding his concern about continued 'fly tipping' at part of the Leonards Cove site at Shady Lane. After discussion it was agreed that The Chairman will write to the owners of Leonards Cove to raise this issue for the second time and stress their concerns.

Stoke Fleming Horticultural and Sports Society thanking the Parish Council for their support with the Hort and Sport. It was agreed that the Clerk will acknowledge the letter and confirm use of the playing field for next year, but advising that they cannot confirm the cost until work has started on the budget for next year.

St Peter's Church, Stoke Fleming requesting a donation for the continued upkeep. It was agreed that the Clerk will acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Stoke Fleming Horticultural and Sports Society regarding the use of the playing field for next year. It was agreed that the Clerk will acknowledge receipt of this letter.

729. CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATING

Agenda & Minutes of the Council and its bodies 17/09/09. Minutes of the executive meeting 10/09/09. Copy letter received from Miss L Willett, Channel View Guest House. Rural Devon Profile. South Hams Society Bulletin July 09. DAPC Newsletter Sept/Oct. Devon Countryside Access Forum report 2008/09. Clerks & Councils Direct. SHDC Executive Forward Plan. South Hams Magazine Aug 09. SHDC Gambling Act & Renewal of System Of Principles for 2010/2013. Village Green. CCD Review. R&D Express. Executive Forward Plan 8th Oct 09. Copy letter to SHDC from Mrs M Viney & Mrs J Mason.

730. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS

- a) Mr R Perry 51/1495/09/CU Re-submission of 51/1943/08/CU for change of use of agricultural building to yard area (B1/B8) for open storage and highway improvements with A3122 Great Cotton Farm, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LB
- b) Mr D Elliot 51/1506/09/F Householder application for erection of timber garage 6 School Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PR
- c) Mr & Mrs D Kendall 51/1532/09/F Amendments to householder application 51/0292/09/F for demolition of existing garage and erection of larger garage The Valley, Venn, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LE
- d) Mr C Sutton Scott Tucker 51/1666/09/LB Listed building application to remove existing asbestos sheet roof and replace with bitumen tin sheet. Demolish half blockwork gable and repair with stone work to match existing Great Coombe Farm, Bowden, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LJ
- e) Mr & Mrs T Slade 51/1635/09/F Retrospective householder application for amendments to approved application 51/0694/09/F for alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of storage building Worden Farm House, Worden Service Road, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LD

DECISIONS

- a) 51/1121/09/F Mr D Squire Householder application for two storey rear extension, loft conversion, addition of 4 dormer windows and porch to front elevation – re-submission of 0831/09 – Embleton, Bay View Close, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QQ - GRANTED
- b) 51/1113/09/F R V Harris & Son Agricultural building for livestock and the storage of fodder Field at SX 8548 Glebe Farm, Venn Lane, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0QF - GRANTED
- c) 51/1119/09/F Mr J Brown Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling and erection of detached garage Rose Cottage, Norton Cross, Dartmouth, TQ6 0NH – GRANTED
- d) 51/1158/09/F Mr & Mrs T Slade Retrospective householder application for construction of swimming pool and hot tub and indoor swimming pool, sun lounge and associated works Worden Farm House, Worden Service Road, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LD – GRANTED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm. The date for the next monthly meeting is Wednesday 4th November 2009, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.