

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Parish Hall, Strete
Thursday 17th September 2015 at 7.30pm**

PRESENTATION BY Sgt. D. Green re. Community Speedwatch, Sgt. Ian Simons

Sgt. Green has been involved in setting up two community Speedwatch groups in nearby Parishes.

- Establishing whether there is a speeding problem in the Parish is the first objective. Speeding in rural communities can be helped by having a Speedwatch group but it is often the case that the appearance of speed in the narrow lanes is faster than it actually is.
- The first process is to measure the speed of the traffic through the Parish. This is done using lasers at the road side at sites perceived by the Parish Council to be a problem.
- Traffic calming is a possibility but that is a matter for Highways.
- Speedwatch is carried out by a group of volunteers from the Parish who are vetted, trained and equipped to carry out the monitoring. When a car is registered as speeding the registration number is recorded and this is reported to the Police who then write to the driver. If a second offence occurs, the Police will visit the driver. In the event of a third offence being recorded, the registration number of the car is recorded on the national Police data base and that data would be used in any subsequent prosecution.
- There is a problem with 20mph limits in that they may not have been legally compliant when they were set up and until their legality is established prosecution for exceeding the limit cannot go ahead.

PUBLIC FORUM – 3 members of the public attended.

- A Music for All concert is to be held in the Church on the 21st November at 7.30pm. 50% of the proceeds from which will go to the Barnabus Trust to help create a village in Lebanon for Syrian refugees– not as has been thought to help refugees to come to this country. The other 50% of the proceeds will go to the church.
- A question was asked about the cutting back of the hedge near the Laughing Monk and the cost. Suggestion was made that a local farmer be asked to flail the hedge next year.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – None

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- The District Council has been approached about what they propose to do about the refugee situation. Until the government provides guidelines, the DC cannot act.
- T18 – Progress is being made but it is slow. Some departments are working well but planning is still struggling due to lack of staff.
- The cost of the transformation was estimated at 4.5 million and after 2 years there would be an overall saving. The projections as to cost are proving very accurate.
- The Locality Officer is coming to Strete on the 28th September and will be in the village shop between 10.30am and 1pm. Parishioners are encouraged to raise their concerns or queries.
- The Parish Council was urged to support a Speedwatch initiative.
- Hedgerows – DEFRA has changed to a new system in that hedge trimming can now not be carried out until the end of August.
- Finally, congratulations to the Parish on achieving the opening of the Coast Path and the Kings Arms.

PRESENT: Malcolm Hollis (Chairman), Ian Cumberlidge, Harry Fenton, Kate Gill (Vice-Chairman), Louise Newman, Ralph Clark and David Rothwell
In attendance: Cllr. R. Foss, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr. J. Brazil2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 16th July and 13th August 2015**

It was proposed seconded and *resolved that* the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – L. Newman in application 2010/15/F, personal.4. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- The Clerk's email address is streteclerk@gmail.com
- A decision about a new waste bin was discussed and it was agreed an enlarged bin by the bus stop was the best option.
- Clerk has taken over responsibility for PAYE saving the PC approximately £100 pa.
- Members are unaware if a bid was made for the TAP fund. Clerk to check.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A suggested budget was considered and agreed.
- The Locality Officer will be at the Post Office from 10.30am to 1pm on 28th September. It was suggested that he be asked, during his visit, whether there is any help from SHDC with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- The Coastguard has asked for a grant towards the provision of plastic bollards to close the Slapton Line at Strete in the event of severe storms.

6 PLANNING:**To consider the following application:**

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54/1848/15/F – SX837468 adjacent to The Crest, Hynetown Road, Strete, TQ6 ORS

Erection of 3 no. bedroom chalet bungalow with detached garage

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend support

54/1156/15/F Falloden, Strete TQ6 ORS

Demolition and erection of replacement house

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend no objection

54/1935/15 Sea Cliff, Strete, Dartmouth, TQ6 ORR

Non material amendment to planning consent (change cladding materials to garage doors and rain screen panels on upper ground/entrance level)

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend no objection

54/2010/15/F – Sea Cliff, Strete TQ6 ORR

Ground mounted solar array and oil storage tank

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend no objection

7. TO discuss the playpark and provision of goal posts

- Examples of goal posts were circulated. Further investigation is needed and Members will be circulated if any more examples are available. Some urgency was emphasised.
- An email had been received from Helen Hardwicke, the Mobile Locality Officer who is now inspecting the playpark. She had made several suggestions and it was agreed quotations would be sought for the work required.

8. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – To discuss Prideaux Lane and management of overhanging trees.

- The signs in Vicarage Lane and Hynetown Road are invisible because of hedgerow growth.
- Taking over the work done by DCC was discussed. Clerk to discover what DCC will do and what are the implications of taking over the work.
- The Clerk pointed that overgrowth of hedges and of overhanging trees is the responsibility of the landowner and trees should be trimmed to a height of 5m.

9. PHONE BOX – To consider taking over the phone box and whether it could be used for a defibrillator.

Following discussion it was agreed to reconsider during next year.

10. STANDING ORDERS. To adopt updated Standing Orders and consider where Minutes should be displayed.

Postponed until next meeting.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Report by R. Clark on the Neighbourhood Plan and to consider quote for printing.

- The Plan has to be registered and a grant applied for.
- At the Open days 80 people attended the first day and 50 people the second day.
- The newsletter was circulated to every household in the Parish.
- The SHDC Plan currently has no requirement for housing in Stretre but this may come up for reconsideration.
- The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be progressed as soon as possible and it is hoped to produce a draft document by February 2016.
- The Steering Group will consist of 4 Members of the PC and 8 volunteers and will be supported by working groups.
- The printing costs were agreed.

12. PARISH WEBSITE. To discuss the website, management, intent and requirement.

It was agreed the website needed updating. A quote for £1200 to produce a website similar to that of Stoke Fleming. The Clerk advised that it was necessary to obtain further quotes. It was agreed the company who quoted could be invited to the next meeting so that some basic requirements for a website could be defined.

13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.

b) Security – D. Rothwell

Defibrillator – As above.

Slapton Line – closure – it was agreed that the Budget include £300 for emergency closure.

Agreed a proposal is put to the PC next meeting as to whether the PC goes ahead with a plan to replace the defibrillator. Contact with Hynetown House will be made as to whether the cost could be shared.

c) Village Green + budget review – H. Fenton

J. Gilbert has cut verges.

A new gate post is required and an estimate of £80 has been received.

A new wooden sign is needed but these are very expensive. R. Clark to obtain quote.

d) Play Park – K. Gill – as above

e) Tree Warden – I. Cumberlidge – Nothing to report except that a tree came down at Stretre Gate causing the road to be closed.

Footpaths and bridleways – Complaints about the new coastal footpath, the surface and the steps. Also it is felt more hand rails are needed. Clerk to report.

f) Transport – L. Newman

T. Crawford attended a transport meeting in Dartmouth. Several members resigned and it may be that the group will be taken over by Dartmouth Town Council.

There were problems with the park & ride in the week after the bank holiday.

There has been an increase in the cost of the parking permit but not with the park & ride add on.

The No. 3 bus has failed to turn up on some occasions. Clerk to report.

The ticket machine at Stretre Gate car park has not worked for much of the summer.

14. FINANCE

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
- 1342 – £139.50 - I. Cumberlidge – Grass cutting
 - 1343 - £168.54 – S. Winstanley - Clerk's salary (July)
 - 1344 - £168.34 - S. Winstanley - Clerk's salary (Aug)
 - 1345 - £30.00 - DALC – Training for M. Hollis
 - 1346 - £40 – Hawthorn Accounting – PAYE
 - 1347 - £223.17 – A.Phillips – Clerk's salary (Aug)
 - 1348 – 100.00 – T. Hallett – Grass cutting and strimming (June)
 - 1349 - £364.00 – C. Ellis – Grass cutting and strimming and ground works
 - 1350 - £35.00 – S. Winstanley – To reimburse DALC for literature
 - 1351 - £210.18 – S. Winstanley – Clerk's salary (Sept)
 - 1352 - £136.60 – HMRC - £136.60
 - 1353 - £75.00 - Strete Parish Hall (Hire of Hall) 12/13/27 August, 2015
 - 1354 - ££120 - Grant Thornton (Audit)
- b) Cash at bank – Current A/c £12,069.18 – Business Reserve A/c - £10,259.34

Resolved

15. CONTRACT – To confirm appointment of Clerk on Local Government pay scale LC1 – SCP 22. It was *resolved* to appoint the Clerk as above.

16. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter from Parish Hall Committee – requesting a Member of the PC be a representative on the Parish Hall Committee. It was agreed K. Gill would be the PC representative.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – **15th October 2015 – Strete Parish Hall at 7pm.**

Signed

Chair

ACTION POINTS:

Clerk

1. Agenda – Coastguard request for grant next meeting
2. To contact Highways Officer re. DCC cutting programme
3. Agenda – Standing Orders next meeting
4. Register Neighbourhood Plan
5. Report complaints about the coastal footpath.
6. Report the No. 3 bus to Stagecoach.
7. Clerk to cancel Chairmanship course.
8. Clerk to write to Parish Hall Committee
9. Clerk to check up on the TAP fund status
10. To pursue estimates for repair of playpark fence and hinge repair
11. To obtain a quote for the Village Green sign
12. To decide where there are speeding hotspots for monitoring.

K. Gill

R. Clark

Members