

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Strete Parish Hall, Strete
Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.00pm

PUBLIC FORUM – 4 members of the public attended.

- The very poor broadband speed was highlighted and considered unacceptable.
- The flooding by the turning to Bowden is a problem.

PRESENTATION BY Matt Barrow of Devon C.C. – Update on high speed fibre optic broadband in Strete

- Matt meets BT and others each week to determine what progress has been made in meeting the installation targets of HSFO in the county.
- Matt provided a useful update and, from information provided to him from BT, confirmed that Strete is due to be linked to HSFO in November 2015.
- He informed the meeting that properties within 700 metres of the 'New Green Box' should receive speeds of 24mbs.
- This will reduce the further away from the 'box' you are, but should be significantly improved from what we are all receiving at present. However, to receive this it will be necessary to sign up to a new contract with your provider. It might be worth checking with your provider what speeds you can expect to achieve to ensure you are not having to pay for something you are not getting.
- He also advised that those with aluminum cable should not receive a reduced performance.

Keep a look out for possible road works as Openreach may start upgrading the cable between Stoke Fleming Exchange and Strete.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- From now on the County Council is required to accept green waste from highway cutting which they would have carried out in the past. It can now be taken to the recycling centre and there will be no charge though notice should be given to the centre.
- The Boundary Review of Devon has been delayed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- Members were encouraged to claim the current TAP fund allocation and to apply for the fund for next year.
- There is an urgent need to complete Neighbourhood Plans.
- Daniel Taylor, the Locality Officer, came to the village which has resulted in the village being swept and being put in touch with the Matt Barrow who came to explain broadband as above.
- A complaint was made about a lack of collection of communal waste for three weeks. Cllr. Foss will chase up.

PRESENT: Malcolm Hollis (Chairman), Kate Gill (Vice-Chairman) Louise Newman, Ralph Clark

In attendance: Cllr. R. Foss, Cllr. Brazil, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES –** Ian Cumberlidge (prior engagement, Harry Fenton, David Rothwell (work commitments)
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2015**
It was proposed seconded and *resolved that* the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. There were no Declarations.

4. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- The support of the Parish Council was sought while the Clerk undertakes the work to obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This was agreed.
- Hedge cutting – Members were urged to make arrangements for hedge cutting to take place very early in the New Year.
- The Parish Council needs to adopt Financial Regulations – a draft will be circulated shortly.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Congratulations to R. Clark and K. Gill who organized the new goal posts and to Mark Hanson for the removal and erection.
- Remembrance Sunday – the Chair has been asked to lay a wreath at the War Memorial. Members agreed that the PC should bear the cost of £29.80.
- Village Green Sign. Quotes were examined and it was agreed the Chair should order.
- Toxicara – the Environmental Health Officer advised that if the Village Green is used for dog walking it is probably not suitable for community events. If the Village Green is used for community events good hand washing facilities should be provided.
- Thanks to Ralph Clark for organizing the broadband presentation.
- Coastguard have not had a meeting to discuss the bollards for closing the A379 in the event of severe weather. The estimated cost for the bollards is £412.72.
- Defibrillator – DR to report next meeting.
- Website – Three quotes have been received. It was agreed R. Clark will try and arrange for Kingsbridge Websites to make a presentation in the pub.
- Coleridge Association meeting:
 - a presentation by the Fire Service Prevention Officer was interesting and highlighted that the vulnerable need to be identified. Free fire/carbon monoxide alarms can be provided.
 - the Police are facing substantial cutbacks. Dartmouth Station is closing. Strete has had three crimes since June.
- It was agreed the Chair sign the contract of employment for the Clerk.

6 **PLANNING:**

Decision: 53/1365/15/F – Forest Cove Cottage, TQ6 0RW - approved

7. **Update on the provision of goal posts and to receive quotes for playpark fence.**

Goal posts – as above.

Playpark fence – two quotes and one estimate had been received.

Playpark – it was agreed SHDC be asked to carry out the work detailed in the maintenance report

8. **STANDING ORDERS. To adopt updated Standing Orders and consider where Minutes should be displayed. *Resolved***

9. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Report by R. Clark on the Neighbourhood Plan**

- The Plan has to be registered and a grant applied for.
- A designated area now registered with SHDC and we have a 4 week consultation period.
- The PC has registered with the Ordnance Survey (PSMA).
- Grant allocation has not yet been applied for.
- The Steering Group met on Monday 12th October and 17 attended. Draft minutes will be circulated.
- There are 5 Parish Council Members and 12 volunteers.

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

As per Chair's report.

11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a) Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.
- b) Security – No report
- c) Village Green + budget review – as above
- d) Play Park – K. Gill – as above – being enjoyed already.
- e) Tree Warden – No report.
- f) Transport – L. Newman

The late bus service has been removed because it is not used.

12. FINANCE

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 1355 – £116.64 – R. Clark –(to reimburse for banner costs)
 - 1356 - £3535.09 – Playdale (play equipment)
 - 1357 - £85.93 – R. Clark (to reimburse for Kingfisher printing)
 - 1358 - £393.55 - R. Clark (to reimburse for goal posts Net World Sports)
 - 1359 - £182.49 – S. Winstanley (Oct)
 - 1360 - £72.00 – Portway Connections (domain renewal)

- b) To approve grant for Music for All concert - £100 agreed

Resolved

- c) Cash at bank – £26,025.03 (including 2nd Precept payment £4328)

The Clerk provided copy of the accounts – next meeting it will be necessary to consider the Precept.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th November 2015 – Strete Parish Hall at 7pm.

Signed

Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

1. Agenda – TAP fund
2. To contact Highways Officer re. DCC cutting programme
- 3 To complete forms to adopt the telephone box
4. To report road to Fuge to Highways
5. To report to police where speed checks should be.
6. Report flooding by turning to Bowden.
7. Send latest DALC newsletter to L. Newman

R. Clark

Chair

Members

8. To arrange for Kingsbridge Websites to make presentation.
9. To order Village Sign
10. To consider what the TAP fund for next year might be applied for.