

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Strete Parish Hall, Strete
Thursday 19th November 2015 at 7.00pm

PUBLIC FORUM – 6 members of the public attended.

- A complaint was made about the out of date website. It was explained that the PC is in the process of completely updating the website and it should shortly be greatly improved.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- Libraries are now to form a mutual owned and run by the staff. It is to be hoped that this is successful and will meet local needs. If unsuccessful, half of all libraries will close.
- HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee) – It has been agreed that Traffic Orders will now be applied for once a year to save on the very considerable cost of making an order. Hopefully, information will be provided as to when it is expected the Orders will be applied for.
- There are to be more large cuts in funding.
- The Chair reported that there is a problem with the community reed bed associated with sewerage disposal and Cllr. Brazil agreed to investigate who would be responsible for repairs.
- Fuge Road – Highways Officers made a site visit and it has been decided that some potholes will be repaired – but that is the extent of the work which will be carried out.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss – No report

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr. R. Foss

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15th October**

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**

A meeting took place with SGT Iain Simons when he explained the data collected during the speed check which had taken place for a week in October on the road outside the campsite and near Vicarage Lane on the A379. The officer who carried out the check is consulting with DCC to discuss how the speed of traffic might be reduced effectively. The Chair thanked Sgt. Simons for his help.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

There is a need to update the position on several items which have been discussed previously.

1. Defibrillator replacement /phone box/ issues. The Clerk will complete forms to take over the phone box. D. Rothwell is researching the best course for replacing the defibrillator.
2. Hedges and Verges – L. Newman confirmed that she is identifying locations where work is needed and contacting any landowners. She is obtaining quotes. DCC is responsible for verges but have reduced cutting to visibility splays.

The PC need to consider whether they will undertake cutting verges and the extent of this work and how footpaths will be managed.

3. Playpark Fencing to footpath – Three quotes had been received and it was agreed the quote from Mark Hanson should be accepted. Clerk to write and accept quote and request work to be completed by Christmas.
4. Village Green – It was agreed the sign remain at the two planks which had been agreed for the time being and if it is considered necessary further planks can be added later. The possibility of having an information board was discussed.
5. Superfast broadband is now expected to be operational by Christmas. Broadband speed in Devon is 4% that of the speed in London.
6. Maritime & Coastguard Agency – Nothing had been heard from the Coastguard concerning a grant towards the cost of bollards in the event of an emergency road closure.
7. The Clerk met with Sgt. Simons who provided the data obtained when the Police carried out testing near Vicarage Lane and outside the campsite. The data was analysed and it was decided to await the outcome of a meeting between the Police and DCC.
8. Waste bin in village by bus stop – awaiting response from SHDC

6 PLANNING:

To be considered: 53/2880/15/F – Antrim, Strete, TQ6 0RH

First floor extension to bungalow and alterations to garage.

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend support for the application.

7. To receive quotes for playpark fence – as above

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

- The designated area for the NP has been advertised for comments. The deadline for comments was 11/11/2015.
- Meeting at SHDC on 16/11/2015 to discuss progress of the NP and to obtain quotations for printing maps, booklets, etc. Comments received in respect of the Designated Area will be forwarded.
- Various quotations are being pursued to include with our grant application. The objective is to apply for funding up to the end of March and then re-apply for further funding in the new fiscal year. The total that can be applied for is £8k
- 2nd Steering Group meeting took place on 9th November.
Each group had arranged to meet independently to discuss and arrange for all the comments and ideas handed out at the previous SG meeting to be collated and entered onto Spread Sheets. By the next meeting on 7th December the SS schedules are to be condensed / summarized into practical issues together with proposed statements to be considered for the household survey. This will lead to a draft household survey document being prepared that is to be delivered to each household in the parish. Method of delivery is yet to be decided.
The household survey document and publication is still planned to be completed for distribution by February 2016.
- At the meeting with SHDC it was commented that Strete has very little going for it for a small development (16 to 20 homes is a small development for SHDC) in that there is no school, very little employment, poor road access and it sits in an AONB. All considered problematic for SHDC to include any development in their LP. The risk is that development of that size could be applied for by a developer and that, unless the community has decided how they would like to see any new development in the parish, there will be little opportunity to affect the outcome.
- Vital that NP is completed asap to ensure the community has their say.

9. PARISH WEBSITE. To discuss the website.

- A meeting was held with the web designer, Ian Judge of Kingsbridge Websites. A draft was circulated. The price includes for 5 additional pages if they were needed in the future. The hosting after the first year would be £49 p.a. – any additional work over 10 minutes would be £20 p.h. The quote is for £599. It was discussed whether the name might be changed to Strete Community Website.

10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a) Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.
- b) Security – No report
- c) Village Green – H. Fenton - hedges and grass will be cut soon.
Trees will be planted in the wildlife area. Wild flowers will be planted next year.
It was agreed that the sign be two planks which can be enlarged later if required.
- d) Play Park – K. Gill – as above
- e) Tree Warden – I. Cumberlidge - No report for the village but in the picnic area at Strete Gate trees are to be removed.
Footpaths are OK.
Car park at Strete Gate is being used for handbrake turns and the surface is being abraded.
- f) Transport – L. Newman - No report but buses are regularly breaking down.

12. FINANCE

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
1361 – £100.00 – T. Hallett (cutting playing field)
1362 - £96.00 – J. Gilbert (topping field)
1363 - £168.00 – Cumings (hire of skip)
1364 - £83 – Strete Parish Hall (Hire of Hall 16/17 September)
1365 - £100.00 – Music for All grant
1366- £30.00 – DALC – Training for K.Gill
1367 - £29.80 – M. Hollis (to reimburse for poppy wreath) S137
1368 - £182.49 – S. Winstanley (December)
1369 - £42.50 – Strete Parish Hall (Hire of hall for 12/15 October) **Resolved**
- b) To set the Precept (Budget & accounts forwarded) – To be confirmed next meeting.
- c) To decide on the application for the TAP fund 2016/17 - It was **resolved** to apply for funding for Village maintenance (hedge cutting, grass cutting, week spraying etc.)
- d) Cash at bank – £21,335.92

13. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter from J. Hansell re. additional development.

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

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

- Clerk
- 1. To report damage to Strete Gate car park.
- 2. To discover who is responsible for tree cutting at Strete gate.
- 3. To apply for the TAP fund
- 4. To write to S. Wollaston about Fuge road.
- 5. To include Precept in next agenda
- 6. To write to M. Hanson to accept quote.