

## To STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Strete Parish Hall, Strete  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 6.00pm

**PUBLIC FORUM** – One member of the public attended.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr. J. Brazil –

- The County Council budget is to be cut to the bone. Consequently the roads budget has been disastrously cut again.
- By 2018/19 there will no Government grant.
- The situation is now unsustainable and other ways of raising funds will have to be considered.
- £37 million savings have to be found. There will be a 1.9% increase in Council Tax with a further 2.1% ring-fenced for additional social care most of which will be taken up by the increase in the minimum wage.
- At SHDC there will be no cuts in services. The new IT system has caused many problems.

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

**PRESENT:** Kate Gill (Vice-Chairman) Ralph Clark, H. Fenton, Louise Newman, David Rothwell  
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES** – Malcolm Hollis, Ian Cumberlidge, Cllr. Foss
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 Coleridge Assoc. meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Stokenham Village Hall.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT \_ K. Gill Vice Chair**
  - The Chair is unwell and unable to attend.
  - The Village Green – complaints had been made that the provision of benches was a waste of money. It was noted that each Parishioner in Strete contributes £20 annually to the Precept and the PC makes great efforts to obtain funding for many of its projects which benefit the community.
  - The danger posed by toxicara on land where dogs or cats have defecated was discussed. There is a difference in professional opinions as to the extent of the danger. One Member suggested that dogs be confined to a small area of the Village Green whereas another Member felt that Parishioners enjoyed walking with other dog owners and that it is an important social activity.
  - It was acknowledged that if and when the Village Green is used for communal events, providing good hand washing facilities would be the most effective and responsible course for the PC.
- 6 **PLANNING:**  
**To be considered: 2674/15/HHO – Falloden, Hynetown Road, Strete TQ6 ORS**  
Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling with associated landscaping  
Following discussion it was *resolved* to support the application.

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

- It is important that the Steering Group maintains its numbers to ensure the workload is evenly shared and provides necessary input into the vision needed in developing a Neighbourhood Plan that is democratic and transparent for the community. With the sad loss of Ian Coates from the Steering Group, RC enquired if there were any volunteers to take up the vacant position. Liz Ferguson has offered to take up the position.
- The meeting was advised of a recent newsletter sent out by SHDC stating their objective of submitting their new Plan for independent examination in the Autumn/Winter of 2016.
- The newsletter provided a link to Land Availability where Land Assessments in various parts of South Hams had been carried out on land offered for development. The meeting was presented with details of the site assessment for Strete.
- This shows the site to be Cox's Field and, although no planning application exists for this site to be developed, the site assessment conclusion states 'Limited constraints and / or constraints which can be overcome' apply to this site.
- The site assessment also concludes the following:  
Strete has limited provision for local services e.g primary school.  
The local primary school is in Stoke Fleming where there is limited capacity and contributions towards facilities may be required from new development.  
The designated secondary school is Dartmouth Academy which has capacity for additional pupils but contributions to facilities and transport may be required from new development
- The grant application submitted before Christmas for various costs associated with developing the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved.  
This totals £1,900 and includes for the following:
  - a) Upgrade Strete Website to accommodate the Neighbourhood Plan
  - b) Hire costs of Strete Parish Hall
  - c) Various publications and printing costs for the Household Survey.
- A draft two-part Household Survey document was presented to the meeting.  
This had been prepared from the various summaries received from the Working Groups in respect of the comments raised at the Open Meetings held in 2015.
- RC advised the meeting that final version of the Housing Needs Survey was with the Parish Council and that a request for this to be made available would be submitted.
- RC advised the meeting that the draft survey documents would be circulated to all Steering Group and Working Group members for consideration and comment.
- The meeting was asked to consider the method for delivery and collection of the Household Survey. It is hoped this will be delivered before Easter and collected after the Easter Holiday.
- A prize draw of £100 was proposed as part of the process to encourage community members to complete and return the survey. This will need to be funded by the PC.

## **8. To discuss the Beacon at Manor Farm**

- For many years the beacon has been at Manor Farm.
- On 21.3.16 beacons will be lit to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- It was agreed the Parish be included, that the Beacon be lit at Manor Farm and that a BBQ be arranged.
- K. Gill will lead.
- 'Clean for the Queen' was discussed and it was agreed that a clean up be organized.

## **9. To consider re-instating a proper footpath from Hyne Town Estate to the Playpark and seeking funding from the Locality Budget.**

- It was agreed that the PC will go ahead with this project and Cllr. Brazil agreed to provide match funding from the Locality Budget.
- Three quotes will be obtained and considered at the next meeting.

**10. Update on the telephone box.**

- Agreement from the landowner has been received and forwarded to BT.
- The application will be filled out and sent off as soon as possible.

**10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

- Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.
- Security – D. Rothwell – Training for the Defibrillator scheduled to take place towards end Feb.
- Village Green – H. Fenton – Two new benches have been erected. It was agreed that a quote for a finger post be obtained.
- Play Park – K. Gill – Fence has been replaced. Where moles have been active there may be a need to repair the surface. SHDC have not repaired the gate spring. The goal posts need better siting and R. Clark will organize this. It may be necessary for parents to be made aware that the goal posts are not a climbing frame. The village magazine may be a good way to get the message across.
- Tree Warden – No report
- Transport – L. Newman - M. Toll owns the land where the field maple grows in the entrance to Cox's field. If the tree is removed it is possible that the estate may donate a replacement.  
Fuge road – Cllr. Brazil reported that what is happening to Fuge Road will happen to many other small roads and they will not be kept up. The occupants have made an official complaint and until DCC respond, the occupants cannot take the matter further.

**12. FINANCE**

- To approve payment of the following cheques:
  - 1370 – £39.23 – travel to training and flash drive
  - 1371 - Cancelled
  - 1372 - £191.92 – M. Hanson – installing goal posts.
  - 1373 - £80 – C. Ellis – replace gate post
  - 1374 - £299.00 – Kingsbridge Website deposit (if agreed)
  - 1375- £7.65 – travel to training 1/4
  - 1376 - £51.00 – S. Winstanley to reimburse for payment to DALC – training 1/4
  - 1377 - £182.49 – S. Winstanley (January)
  - 1378 - £136.80 – HMRC *Resolved*
- To set the Precept (Budget & accounts forwarded)  
Following discussion it was *resolved* to increase the Precept by £444 to £9,100, to make provision for Lengthsman services. This will result in Parishioners paying an additional £1 per year.
- To discuss the Transparency Code.  
It was agreed that the proposed new website would comply with the requirements of the Code and that grants be applied for to provide a Samsung tablet, a scanner & the website for the PC.
- Cash at bank – £22,045. 15 (including VAT payment £1193.95)
- To consider a request for a grant from Citizens Advice Bureau  
It was *resolved* to grant CAB £25.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE - None****14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Strete Parish Hall at 7pm.**

Signed .....

Chair

**ACTION POINTS :**

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| Clerk       | 1. To obtain a copy of the final version of the Housing Needs Survey   |
|             | 2. To remind Cllr. Brazil to provide Locality Budget application form. |
|             | 3. To obtain quotes for the footpath reinstatement                     |
|             | 4. To discover the contact at SWW for the reed bed.                    |
| D. Rothwell | 4. To arrange defibrillator training in February                       |