

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Strete Parish Hall, Strete Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7pm.

PUBLIC FORUM – One Member of the public attended.

- Sound insulation is to be installed in the Parish Hall.

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

- The road is being resurfaced at Totnes Cross.
- Now serving on the Childrens Scrutiny Committee and on the Dart & Severn Inshore Fishers Agency.
- SHDC is going to amalgamate with W. Devon. W. Devon pay a considerable amount more council tax and there are many more Councillors and there are concerns SHDC is being 'swallowed up'.

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

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair) Louise Newman, Ian Cumberlidge, Ralph Clark, Harry Fenton,
David Rothwell
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES – Mark Hanson, Cllr. Foss

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18th May 2017

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. None

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- Slapton PC is taking part in a pilot of paperless planning applications. Strete PC needs to consider the implications of this.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Drama! You will be pleased to know that Strete Gate has not shown up on the radar this month. So at the moment all seems to be peaceful.
- The Pub! Peace reigns at the pub as well. The tenant of Rose Cottage has now left, so the unfortunate behaviour allegedly attributed to his occupation seems to have ceased.
- The pub has also been put on the market through Bettsworths in the sum of £295,000 plus VAT Freehold a grand total of £354,000.
- A meeting has been called for Thursday 22nd June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall to discuss the path the Village Community should follow to preserve our precious asset.
- Community weeding was carried out in Start Bay Park on 3rd June and refreshments were served at Manor Farm.
- On the subject of weeding Louise and I had a discussion with regard to the knotweed at Matt's Point, with the idea of treating the offending plant by a qualified 'poisoner'. Sadly the bank has been strimmed. Watch this space.

- The Parish Hall Committee has had a rough time. Two key members decided to resign, so an emergency meeting was held on 2nd May.
- The AGM was held on 25th May. New members of the committee were elected and future meetings will be held in the evenings so that younger members of the community who work are able to contribute.
- This was followed by a meeting for Strete Village Day. A secret vote was taken as to whether Village Day should take place this year. It will not be held this year.
- This year the Strete Village Day Grand Draw 2017 will take place specifically in aid of The Parish Hall, to be drawn at the Horticultural & Craft Fair on 19th August in the Parish Hall.
- Road sweeping! I have been in contact with Daniel Taylor who says he will happily provide us with some sweeping with the mini sweeper. He has a problem however it is the lack of qualified/licensed operators. So watch this space as well.
- Adam Keay has now moved to responsibility for a different area as Neighbourhood Highway Officer. His replacement is Lisa Edmonds.

6. PLANNING: None

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. Report by Ralph Clark on the neighbourhood plan.

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Jane Hall resigned from the Steering Group due to work commitments. Thanks extended to Jane for her support over the past two years.

A grant funding and technical support application for a SEA has been submitted to DCLG through 'Locality'. AECOM made contact on 12/06/2017 to discuss SEA arrangements and advised the process would take 10 weeks minimum from the end of June.

Comments from SHDC in respect of the Draft Plan were reviewed with Lee Bray on 19/05/2017 and amendments discussed to address these points.

1. Designated Local Green Spaces require some written evidence to show an examiner that the proposed designations are National Planning Policy Framework compliant.
SG members to prepare a topic paper for each site. i.e. Play Park, Blackbird Wood and Village Green.
2. Ensure the Site Assessments are robust in their evidence. AECOM advise this is not part of the support package through DGLC. This will mean the Site Assessment process will have to be reconsidered.
3. Confirmation of registered population from the latest census and 2016 household questionnaire. Internet link to the information has been provided by SHDC.
4. Robust evidence and copies or links to relevant statistics to substantiate the proposed second home policy in the draft plan is to be researched.
5. An amended Vision and Objectives section has been incorporated into the plan.
6. Maps outlining the Settlement Boundary, Low Density Area, Proposed Development Site, Proposed Open Space area in Cox's Field and Site offered for development south of the A379 are to be included in the draft plan once the land / site assessments and SEA have been completed.
7. A hyperlink schedule detailing various documented evidence obtained to support the policies in the draft plan is being prepared.
8. Wording in respect of control of any new development for tourism may need additional clarification for SNP14: Sustainable Tourism policy.
9. Interpretation examples for SNP4 Low Density policy to be researched for evidence e.g. Size of property per acre.

Mr Charles Dixon Correspondence

SG members reviewed the points contained in the email received from Mr Dixon (Land Agent for Strete Estate) dated 30/05/2017 and agreed an appropriate response to each of the points raised.

A draft reply was circulated to all members before sending to Mr Dixon.

8. Proposal to consider quotes for a portable VAS - postponed**9. Proposal to consider quotes for notice for Picnic Are - postponed****10. To consider the play part report and quotes for the play park fence - postponed****11. Update on the Kings Arms**

A response from SHDC clarifying the position of the car park has been received. As a result a meeting has been arranged for the 22nd June to discuss the future of the pub, in the Parish Hall. Proposal to form a sub committee to discuss the way forward. There is a rumour that the pub has been sold but there is no further information.

12. To discuss wifi in the Parish Hall

The Chair attended the Parish Hall Committee meeting. There has been no demand for wifi. If the PC goes ahead the Parish Hall Committee will expect the Parish Council to fund the wifi.

13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – Has had a discussion with Mark Hanson on the best way to mend the fence.

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads – C. Ellis has been asked to quote for the repair to the bench.

Three helpers turned out to weed Start Bay Park. About 10 bags were collected. The weeds Have returned along the A379. Suggest a letter be sent to M. Wall at Lower Fuge Farm to ask Whether he would consider accepting spoil if the PC sweeps the road. The Chair will get a quote for the mini sweeper.

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – The defibrillator contract will run out next year.

H. Fenton – Village Green – Contractor who cuts grass had an accident with his machinery but is now back on track. Concerning the 12 manhole covers on Blackpool Hill, suggestion that sign be erected warning cyclists.

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – PROWs all seem OK. The life belt below Asherne is non existent and another needs replacing. The picnic area has been strimmed.

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above
Correspondence received about a footpath. If a development went ahead, the funding can be available but it would need agreement from the landowners and this has been denied in the past.

14. a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

- 1556 - £50.00 – L. Lindley – Audit fee
- 1557 – £1.00 – Toll Strete Estates – Playing field rents
- 1558 - £238.70 – S.Winstanley (June)
- 1559 – £88 - Strete Parish Hall – hire of hall (£29 NP)
- 1560 - £81.80 - HMRC
- 1561 - £286.10 – S. Winstanley (annual expenses)
- 1562 - £36.00 – O. Jenkinson (Acting clerks expenses)

b) Cash at bank – £19,104.83

15. CORRESPONDENCE – None**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 20th July 2017 - Strete Parish Hall, 7.00pm**

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

- 1. To write letter to M. Wall re. sweepings**
To contact Highways re. manholes at Blackpool
To include road sweeper in next agenda
To contact Heavitree re. JKW in the car park

**I. Cumberlidge
Chair**

- 2 To obtain quote for the Picnic Area**
- 3. To chase the mini road sweeper**
- 4. Quotes for VAS**