

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Parish Hall, Strete
Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM - Two Members of the public attended.

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

- The budget has been set and will result in a 5% increase (2% for adult social care). There will be an increase in the budget for roads of £6 million pounds.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss –

- Council tax has gone up and over the past 10 years the government has withdrawn £4 million of grant.
- Officers are looking into the provision of housing for local people by forming a limited company. The DC will be able to build affordable housing which will not be sold in the future.
- The route of the new road at Slapton Line has been marked out. Cllr Foss and Cllr Brazil are insisting that the back roads must be upgraded.
- It was suggested the PC make a list of priorities as regards highways.

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman, Ian Cumberlidge, Ralph Clark, Mark Hanson
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk), Cllr. Foss

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr.J.Brazil, David Rothwell was not present

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 15th February 2018

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 – Hedge cutting letters were sent out and some payments have been received. Work at the playpark is going ahead and it is hope will be completed by Easter. The VAS has been received and a claim made for the TAP fund grant.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The weather - an obsession with the British has been the centre of attention this last month. We thought the previous month's weather was bad – Storm Emma has done her worst.

Slapton Line - has as we all now know been breached again due to Storm Emma. During the aftermath of this destruction there was a Slapton Line Partnership meeting – held in Stokenham Village Hall.

All the representatives were present and an update was given by Peter Chaimberlaine from DCC on the details of how it is intended to proceed.

The work to clear it has gone on apace. The marking out of the work to be done is in hand and estimates are going out to tender. They have back tracked a little in their estimate of how long it would take to repair saying into the summer. It is my intention to lobby for better support for those of us who have to use the back lanes by way of making sure that passing places are kept in a useable condition.

The Kings Arms - During our latest bad weather the pub had some burst pipes, which I understand brought down a ceiling. This was during the week in which the completion was due to take place.

Thankfully it did not hinder progress. I'm led to believe that it will open in April.

Strete Gate Picnic Area – Grand plans are in place now it has been transferred to Slapton Field Studies Centre. I will leave Ian to give you the details. A pamphlet with events to take place is available. Alice Henderson who organised the meeting we had this week also said they would be doing a 'stock take' of the wildlife on 16th April.

Request for an Emergency Plan for Strete - Debbie Dugdall who runs The Transformation Trust at Avonwick suggested Strete Parish Council should create an Emergency Plan. The idea being to implement it especially in such inclement weather as we have had recently. Her suggestions are available.

I had intended bringing some hard copies but my computer went on strike.

Dog poo bin - we have had a request for another bin at Strete Gate. The previous one on the beach was damaged so we ordered another one. During the time it took to deliver some kind souls repaired/ replaced it. This means we have a spare one available which could be located near the Lime Coffee Kiosk as has been requested. The request was made by a parishioner and supported by Kim who says people like to put dog poo bags in her food waste bin.

6. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS - None

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. Report by Ralph Clark on the neighbourhood plan. Reg 14 Consultation Phase

A summary of the draft Neighbourhood Plan was hand delivered to each property in the parish in advance of noon on Monday 19th February 2018 when the start of the consultation phase began.

The two Open Meetings took place on 7th March 2018 in the Parish Hall. Lee Bray was in attendance for both to help and support with some of the technical aspects of the policies included in the draft plan and to assist with any specific questions.

Approximately 30 attended the meeting that started at 3pm followed by a presentation from RC that started at 3:30pm. The presentation explained why the PC decided to implement a Neighbourhood Plan together with details of the regulatory and legislative processes that had to be observed. Also included were details of early consultations with the community to determine the objectives for the NP followed by the build-up of evidence to support the objectives that, subsequently, evolved into policies.

Members of the community attending mingled with SG members and Lee Bray before and after the presentation. Questions raised were responded to / clarified to the best of everyone's ability. The plan appeared to be well received and supported by those attending.

The evening Open Meeting started at 7:30pm with the presentation starting at 8pm.

Approximately 30 attended this meeting with members of the community again mingling with SG members and Lee Bray before and after the presentation.

Specific questions were raised by four members of the community. RC suggested that questions relating to policies should be submitted in writing in accordance with the regulations and the requirements detailed in the documentation distributed.

It should be noted that Andy Pound has verbally resigned from the SG.

This is regrettable as Andy has contributed in many ways throughout his time as a Steering Group member.

On-going Works

Once the regulation 14 consultation phase has closed at noon on Tuesday 3rd April 2018, all comments received will need to be collated in a response register. Response to comments received will be discussed amongst SG members and LB to ensure compliance with the regulations. This will then be followed by a Response Report that is returned to SHDC as well as being available for all to see.

A six-week process of reviewing the plan and the response report by SHDC will follow. This is known as Regulation 15.

This is followed by Regulation 16 which involves an external examiner being appointed by SHDC to check that everything in the NP meets with the regulations and legislative requirements. Assuming the requirements are met, SHDC will then arrange for a referendum to take place in the parish where members of the community will be asked to vote Yes or No in favour of the plan.

8. Report on the repair of road at Slapton Line – As above

9. Update on the Kings Arms – as Chair's report.

10. To consider two applications for co-option

Submissions by the two applicants had been circulated to Members. A ballot took place and John Vallance was successful. He will join the PC next meeting.

11. To discuss installation of the VAS.

M. Hanson will meet the Chair to consider how to install the VAS.

12. Report on the land on which the telephone box is sited. Postponed**13. To consider production of an Emergency Plan.**

It was agreed that this could be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 19th April.

14. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – Repairs are being carried out.

54m of chain link fence needs to be replaced on the east side and 75% of the posts

need to be replaced. Quotes to be sought.

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – The road sweeper is needed. The litter pick took place before the snow and 5 bags of

rubbish were collected. Another pick may be necessary before Easter. The bus is being diverted down Totnes Road, turning round in the village. The need to address the flooding on Totnes Road is most urgent. Clerk to

report.

There are 2 buddle holes nearer to Strete which appear to have been

abandoned –

if these were cleaned out the flooding might be considerably less. Alarm about the bus being diverted along Hyne Town Road turned out to

be

baseless after contacting Stagecoach.

There is a problem with recycling bags being left by the road after the lorry has passed.

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – No report.

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. The PROWs are OK if muddy. Strete Gate car park is once again being used for 'donutting'.

There is a lot of dog fouling. The picnic area has been taken over by Slapton Ley Field Centre. There is pressure to keep the public lavatories open due the to area being used for educational purposes.

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

15. FINANCE

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1490 - £863.90 – L. Bray – (NP) (2 invoices)

1491 - £244.76 – S. Winstanley (Mar)

1492 - £40.00 – Strete Parish Hall (NP £20.00)

1493 - £239.62 – S.H. Newspaper NP Advertisement

1494 - £558.00- John Gilbert – Hedge cutting

1495 - £23.98 – R. Clark – Printer ink (NP)

1496 - £85.40 - HMRC

Approved

b) Cash at bank – £21,358.99

16. CORRESPONDENCE – Email from N. Shepherd**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19th April 2018 in the Strete Parish Hall at 7pm**

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

- 1. To check on delivery of VAS**
- 2. To contact Cllr. Brazil re. minor roads upgrade**
- 3. To obtain quotes for the replacement of the chain link fence**
- 4. Reply to N. Shepherd and inform G.Campbell re. co-option**
- 5. Meet M. Hanson to discuss installation of VAS**

Chair