

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7pm.**

PRESENTATION BY ADRIAN CABLE OF SOUTH HAMS CVS

- The CVS provides a range of services for voluntary groups across the South Hams.
- CVS operates on a charitable basis.
- Adrian Cable is the Group Development Officer and his remit is to work with any group which is voluntary to support them in achieving their aims.
- Two examples would be a Befriending Service and a Dementia Alliance.
- Dartmouth Caring Alliance has just been set up to identify groups such as socially isolated and those with mental health issues (which is a huge issues), those with transport issues.
- Members were urged to get in touch if there are any areas in Strete where the CVS could help.
- CVS can help with funding searches for various activities.

The Chair thanked Adrian Cable for his informative presentation.

PUBLIC FORUM – Three members- of the public attended.

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

- Council tax is to rise by 5%. 2% general rise and an extra 3% for Adult Social Care.
- The £3 per pupil cut is to go ahead to fund an overspend in Special Educational Needs. Devon MPs are threatening to rebel over the education settlement to Devon so there may be better news for Dartmouth Academy, Stokenham and KCC in respect of proposed cuts.
- Better news about the roads at Orestone & Higher Fuge. The County has at last decided to spend a bit of grant money to repair the road.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- The Government Grant has been cut by 33% in 4 years.
- Council Tax will be increased by £5 per month.
- Car parking charges are going up.
- The draft Joint Local Plan has been produced.
- The District Council can borrow money from the Government at 3% and hopes to lend to obtain a return of up to 6%.
- A return to building social housing is being considered but the problem of 'right to buy' has to be overcome first.

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

APOLOGIES – L. Newman, M. Hanson, Cllr. Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19th January 2016

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 –

- Application has been made to the Highways Improvement Fund.
- Application for the TAP fund for the VAS was successful and approximately 50% more grant was awarded than was applied for.
- The cost of a portable VAS is approximately £3,600.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The sewerage works had some maintenance done on the 31st January. New reeds may have been planted. The PC needs to nudge SWW every 3 months to make a special check on the filters because the village has had to suffer some very unpleasant strong smells of late.
- The PC notice board is being delivered on Monday 20th February to Manor Farm and the contents will need to be checked.
- I attended the Slapton Line Beach Management Plan meeting on the 7th February. It was agreed that the preservation of the A379 was of paramount importance to the economic wellbeing of this area and should be protected as far as possible for the next 20 years.
- At the CPRE meeting on the 10th February concern was expressed about affordable housing in conjunction with the preservation of the surrounding countryside.
- The moles had had a fest in the Play Park to the extent that the surface of the ground needs serious maintenance.
- Fly tipping at the recycle banks has been a constant nightmare over the last months. It was removed most recently on 14th February.
- On the 15th February Jane Devonshire of South Hams Newspapers kindly gave us permission to make a link between our website and their community directory website. This is a direct result of my attending South Hams CVS on the 1st February when we discussed connections/support for our community with other areas. I would like to thank Adrian Cable for his contribution to that result.

6. PLANNING: None

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark – February 2017

- Following the decision at the Parish Council meeting in January to defer engaging a policy-writer again until a third quote had been obtained, no further realistic progress has been made.
- However, it was important to hold a meeting on 8th February to ensure the momentum and interest amongst Steering Group members did not wane to the point where all that has been achieved to date is forgotten and lost.
- The letter and map received from Mr Dixon of Savills identifying land offered for development was discussed amongst SG members.
- It was decided that advice should be sought before responding to the content of the letter and map. However, an email reply was submitted to Savills thanking Mr Dixon for approaching his clients in this matter.
- The circular received from SHDC in respect of Community Housing Funding was briefly discussed and members were asked to consider the points detailed in the circular, to determine if any might be appropriate for inclusion in the NP, before the next meeting.
- RC reported that he had received an email from the PC chair on 08/02/2017 advising Dr Kelly had withdrawn from providing a policy-writer quote. In addition, the email requested RC to obtain a third quote so that PC members could consider all three before voting on selecting a candidate for the policy-writing role.
- Subsequently, RC has contacted Devon Communities Together who is based at Matford Park, Exeter. They are an organisation that provides services for NP Groups. RC has provided them with the same enquiry documents issued to others. RC hopes to hear back from them before the end of February.

8. To consider quotes for Policy Writing for the Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair explained that to follow due process it would be necessary to postpone to next meeting when it is hoped to have a third quote.

9. To discuss flytipping near the recycle banks and the possibility of signs and or surveillance cameras.

- SHDC had been asked to supply a sign warning that up to £50,000 fine could be the result of someone found flytipping.
- Members agreed that if no sign is forthcoming very soon, the PC should go ahead and order a sign.
- A Parishioner had been seen flytipping by three passing cars this week. A letter will be sent to that person.

10. Proposal to seek quotes for a portable VAS and 20mph roundels

- It was agreed three quotes had yet to be obtained for a VAS but this is in hand.
- About 16 20mph roundels have been put up in the village. Many complaints have been received as they are thought to be unsightly, unnecessary and ineffective. Highways to be contacted.

11. To discuss road sweeping and consider quotes

Three quotes had been obtained and after discussion it was agreed that Thorburn's quote be accepted. It is hoped that the Highway Management Grant will contribute towards the cost.

12. To discuss the problem of moles and the damage caused in the Play Park.

Ways of deterring the moles were discussed and it was agreed that special deterrent bulbs be purchased which will be put in place by H. Fenton & I. Cumberlidge. The surface will be restored following successful removal of the moles.

13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – As above

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads – No report. But flooding had been reported

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – The defibrillator box is beeping. DR to check.

H. Fenton – Village Green – All is well but complaints about dogs becoming ill after visiting the green will be Investigated.

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – Trees have been taken down at Matts Point. Strete Gate car park - the fence in the top right hand corner has not been repaired and the car park badly needs sweeping.

The picnic area still needs a new sign 'Strete Gate Picnic Area – No dogs allowed'.

Following discussion it was agreed that I.C. would order an appropriate sign from Totnes Fire.

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

14. FINANCE - To agree payment of the following cheques:

1464 - cancelled

1465 - £23.50 – Strete Parish Hall (hire of hall Jan)

1466 - £492.00 – J. Gilbert (hedge cutting)

1467 - £34.75 – SLCC sub ¼

1468 - £400 – St. Michael PCC – Grant for churchyard, 2015,16,17

1469 - £35.00 – Information Commission

1470 - £25 – Dartmouth & Totnes ring & ride (grant)

1531 - £25.00 – CAB

1532 - £83.60 – HMRC

1533 - £248.84 – SHDC – Maps for NP

1534 - £100.00 – C. Ellis (grass cutting)

1535 - £305.70 – Greenspace – grass cutting (2 invoices Dec & Jan)

1536 - £23.50 – Strete Parish Hall – (Jan PC meeting)

1537 - £228.97 – S. Winstanley – (Feb)

b) Cash at bank – £24, 639.89 (including £2740 NP grant)

Resolved

15. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter objecting to the 20mph roundels which have appeared in the village.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 16th March 2017 – Strete Village Hall – 7pm

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

- 1. To check invoices with Greenspace**
- 2. Contact Highways re. roundels and potholes**
- 3. Quotes for VAS**
- 4. Contact SHDC re. fence at Strete Gate and sweeping car park**
- 5. Write letter re. flytipping**
- 6. To obtain a sign for Strete Gate Picnic area**
- 7. To arrange for Thorburns to clean A379**
- 8. Obtain quotes for repairing telephone box and get defib. checked**

I. Cumberlidge

R. Clark

D. Rothwell

