

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 17th November 2016 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM – Two members of the public attended.

- A question was asked about a property which has not been occupied for some years. The Chair has been in contact with the owners and arrangements have been made for the garden to be tidied.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- Confirmed that there was nothing that could be done by CC about property left unoccupied unless it was unsafe. Congratulations to the Chair for making good progress with a property in Crestfield.
- Representative of the CCG came to the Coleridge Association meeting. The plan is to close local hospital beds and to look after people in their own homes. It is yet to be seen how well this will work.
- There was a Highways Conference yesterday – issue of particular interest were the road warden scheme.
- Devolution – no progress at present.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- A new phone system has been installed in SHDC and there have been major problems.
- A claim can be made from the Locality Budget.
- Slapton shop is to close.
- Enforcement – many notices have been sent out to close cases which may not be satisfactory.
- Local Authority Controlled Company – seems to be bogged down.

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman (Vice Chair), Ian Cumberlidge, Harry Fenton, Mark Hanson, Ralph Clark, David Rothwell

In attendance : S. Winstanley (Clerk), Cllr Foss, Cllr Brazil

1. APOLOGIES – None

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20th October 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.

L. Newman declared a personal interest in planning application 3395/16/HHO

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- Attended a meeting organised by Highways designed to inform and hear views about Highway issues. The Road Warden scheme has not worked well because of a lack of communication but there is a scheme to devolve some monies to PCs to carry out work previously carried out by DCC – of particular importance to rural parishes is buddle hole clearance and gully clearance – other issues may be sign cleaning. It was agreed that a grant be claimed for buddle hole clearing and street cleaning. There is a possibility of making use of the Offender rehabilitation scheme to have work done in the Parish.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Following Western Power's visit, arrangements have been made to remove the power pole from the middle of the field which I have offered to Air Ambulance for night landings use. The power cables will be underground by Christmas.
Toby Russell, Air Ambulance co-ordinator visited the site on the 11 November. No decision will be made until the surveyor has made his assessment.
2. I have made an encouraging contact with the owner of 1 Crest Fields. I would ask any interested who have any questions to contact me direct.
3. On 24th October I spoke to Hugh O'Rourke at the King's Arms about the future of 'our pub'. He was happy to tell me that they were taking steps to find a new tenant. In fact, prospective tenants were just leaving. I had a tour of the premises which was fascinating.
4. I am endeavouring to make contact with Rob Kingdon 'asbo-co-ordinator' for our area to see if he can help with our problems at Strete Gate. On the 26th October the double yellow lines were repainted at Strete Gate. The first session of 'doughnuts' was 'cooked' in the carpark on 28th October.
5. I laid the wreath at the War Memorial in St. Michael's churchyard on behalf of the Parish on the 13th.
6. There is a broadband voucher scheme available up to £500 for people who receive less than 2MB. Visit >connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk< and look for vouchers. Apply before 30.11.16.

6. PLANNING: To be considered

Application No. 3395/16/HHO – Sea Cliff, Strete TQ6 0RR

Ground mounted solar PV array.

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend support.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark - Report for NP November 2016

- Following the distribution of Chapter Heading Questions raised by RB to members after the meeting on 3rd October, each Chapter Heading Group presented a summary of their responses to the questions raised.
- Richard Boyt will edit the comments and provide draft policies.
The edited comments are expected to form the evidence needed for the NP and help provide an introduction in the NP to the special aspects of the parish.
- Richard Boyt produced two marked maps having taking into consideration the points discussed by members at the previous meeting. RB explained the reasons for hatched markings on Plan 1.
- The hatching identified areas of land exposed to the south coastal AONB, the west of the village over rolling hills towards Slapton Ley and Slapton and the north western edge of the village.
- These are considered to be sensitive areas where SG members have suggested the prospect of housing or other massed built development to be unacceptable as a matter of principle.
- Plan 2 has three recommendations for managing future development. This identified a possible future development boundary where development could be acceptable in principle.
- The Conservation Area, some land south of the A379, land and homes on the periphery of the village that are more exposed in the coastal landscape, could become areas of restraint where development may be acceptable but with specific rules and scrutiny of the type of development proposed.
- Three areas of importance to the area and village that would not be available for development in the future. Blackbird Wood, Village Green and the Play Park.
- Areas for potential housing development will eventually be added after considering the constraints in Plan 1 and the three recommendations in Plan 2.
- Discussions took place in respect of a 'Call for Sites' advert.
A draft was circulated for information and comment.
- A circular to all members of the community is being arranged to inform every one of the reason for the advert to avoid any possible concerns.
- It is hoped this will be hand delivered by volunteers during week commencing 21st November.
Costings for the advert in the Dartmouth Chronicle will be £153.60 plus vat.
- Space has been booked on page 7 for 9th December.

8. To discuss the provision of new notice boards.

Following discussion it was agreed that K. Gill and M. Hanson meet to decide on a specification for repairs, seek quotes and the PC can then consider whether to refurbish or replace the notice board.

9. To discuss Allianz report on the playpark

The Chair read out the report. The difficulty of getting SHDC to quote for the work was discussed. It was agreed that an email be written requesting a quote and pointing out the urgency of receiving a reply.

10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – as above

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads

A quote had been received for hedge cutting and it was agreed this be accepted.

A letter had been received about the debris on the road to Fuge. It was acknowledged that it was unlikely that anything could be done but the Highways Officer will be informed.

The hedge at Brock Hall and the hedge near Vicarage Lane need to be cut back. To be arranged.

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – Phone box – the offer to refurbish the box will be discussed with a local resident.

H. Fenton – Village Green – All is well

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – No problems to report

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

11. FINANCE

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1446 - £25 – Coleridge Association

1447 - £228.97 – S. Winstanley (Nov)

1448 - £4 – R. Clark (to reimburse for VAT)

1449 - £25 – K. Gill – reimburse for wreath

1450 - £123 – Strete Parish Council (Hire of Hall) NP £104, PC £19 (October) **Resolved**

b) Cash at bank – £25,831.57

c) To discuss a budget proposal for the Precept for 2017/18

Following discussion, it was agreed Members would consider whether any expenditure was necessary in their area of responsibility. The provision of a reactive speed sign needs to be included.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter from SHDC to say they will not replace the fence on the bottom of of Strete Gate car park.

Letter of thanks from a resident thanking the PC for its support in the many Planning applications made on their property.

Letter of complaint received about debris on the road to Fuge

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 15th December 2016 - Strete Parish Hall at 7pm

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :
Clerk

- 1. Send hedge cutting list to L. Newman**
- 2. To include new notice boards in next agenda with quotes**