

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 20th October 2016 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public attended.

- A complaint was made about a property which is unoccupied, falling into disrepair and looking unkempt. It was agreed the Chair should speak to a neighbour who is in contact with the owners who have not been at the property for some years.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- The road maintenance contract has been awarded to a company called Skanska. It is hoped that Skanska will communicate effectively with PCs.
- More piles are to be put in place at Torcross which will mean the tank car park will be closed for 4 months.
- Clinical Commissioning Groups – The Coleridge Association Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th October when a representative of the Torbay CCG will be present. Dartmouth Hospital is to close and the minor injuries unit will be transferred to Townstal. The savings from the hospital closure are to fund new community nurses so that people can be treated at home – it is hoped.

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

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman (Vice Chair), Ian Cumberlandidge, Harry Fenton,

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

1. APOLOGIES – R. Clark, David Rothwell, Cllr. R. Foss

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15th September 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 –

- Attended a meeting organised by SHDC to keep Clerks informed about procedures at DC. A significant part of the meeting was devoted to planning and it was noted that SHDC is the only DC still sending out paper copies of planning applications.
- The badger cull has caused extra work for Police and 8 badgers found by the hedgerow in the Parish, had been gassed. H. Fenton reported that 1436 badgers had been culled in the South Hams.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Just after our last meeting I met Paul Westlake with regard to working on maintaining our village buddle holes. When further contact is made we will hope to progress, so that we have a road that is flood free this winter.

2. I have liaised with Philip Knight with regard to his having put an electric fence across a public footpath. This was to protect both his cows/bullocks and walkers from one another. He is happy to put plastic handles on the fence so that walkers can move it safely in order to access the path. This is normal and permissible .
3. I attended the induction of our new Vicar Alison Shaw at Blackawton Parish Church on 26th September and also her coffee evening at Strete Parish Hall on 10th October. She lives in Stoke Fleming and has a Border Collie called Don.
4. On 29th September I met John Ayres with regard to moving the power pole on my field at Manor Farm to facilitate the creation of The Air Ambulance Helipad. We discussed putting the cables underground. He will be contacting me on Western Power's deliberations.
5. Slapton Line Partnership Meeting was held at Follaton House on 11th of October. The work to pile drive 12 metre sheets and upgrade the defences by the Environment Agency will take 4 months. Inevitably there will be some disruption to car parking and traffic flow which is hoped will be kept to a minimum. The reflector markers have been removed and the paper and bottle banks have temporarily been re-sited at the Middle Car Park. There is an ongoing Beach Management Plan in place which will study how best to protect the whole length of Slapton Line.
6. The damaged netting on the path to the Play Park has been replaced by Mark Hanson. Please discourage any persons from causing further damage. Thank you Mark.
7. Tomorrow I shall be attending an evening at Stokenham Village Hall to meet our MP Dr Sarah Wollaston. If you would like me to put any specific questions to her please speak to me after the meeting tonight.
8. To my knowledge there have been no further raves at Strete Gate. Before next season I'm hoping together with Cllr Richard Foss to gather all interested.

6. PLANNING: None

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

- Steering Group members were provided with two OS maps of Strete and were asked to discuss, agree and mark any provisional increase to the existing development boundary for the village. This process included identifying provisional areas within the boundary where housing development could be considered and could not be considered.
- The reason for this is to eliminate the likely risk of receiving a number of suggestions offering land for development that had already been excluded in the NP when a 'Call for Sites' is advertised.
- Richard Boyt was asked to take the two working maps that had been marked out, to compare and combine them ready for the next meeting.
It has also been suggested that, with a pragmatic approach to this issue, members would be better able to communicate the reasoning for this approach to the community during the consultation process.
- Informal discussions with Devon C.C. Highways Department with regards to access from Lower Cox's Field onto the A379 suggested a traffic speed survey should take place to establish how much visibility is required due to passing speeds.
What happens to the site of the old village water pump may also need to be considered due to it being part of the Conservation Area.
- However, until it is known what Devon C. C. Highways Department will eventually ask for and members decide how matters should proceed, this issue is to be held in abeyance.
- Some members also commented that another route for traffic to exit Cox's Field via a road through The Plat should be considered.
- This exit would allow traffic to filter out onto the main road through other parts of the village.
- Prepared NP Chapter Headings and a Responsibility/Completion Charts were circulated and allocated to members.
Four groups each with 4 to 5 members were confirmed. The target date for completion is 31st October 2016.

8. To consider co-option

Mark Hanson had volunteered to serve on the Parish Council having previously been a Member. Thanks were expressed to Mark and it was agreed he would officially become a Member at the next meeting of the PC.

9. To discuss the provision of new notice boards.

Members to research the possibilities and consider next meeting.

10. To discuss the Wifi for the Parish Hall

This is being progressed by the Chair of the Village Hall who will report back with more information.

11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark

Thanks to M. Hanson for repairing the fence.

The report from Allianz was received today and will be considered next month.

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads

The Dartmouth public transport group - there have been problems with Stagecoach who have Staff issues.

Free parking is now available at the park & ride.

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

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety - no report

H. Fenton – Village Green

There was a problem with wild animals digging up part of the green which encouraged dogs to dig.

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate

Rights of way - the problem with the electric fence has been resolved.

Strete Gate - Fly tipping has occurred . The fence at the top side of the picnic area no longer exists.

The farmer will be contacted. SHDC need to replace the fence opposite the loo in the car park.

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

12. FINANCE

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1441 - £375.00 – SH Planning (NP)

1442 - £1125.00 – S. H. Planning (NP) – 3 invoices

1443 – £137.60 – M. Hanson (repairing fence)

1444 - £40.25 – Strete Parish Hall (£19 PC, £21.25 NP)

1445 - £228.97 – S. Winstanley (Oct)

b) Cash at bank – £27540.97 (including £4550 for Precept)

c) To approve 6 months accounts reconciled to bank statement

Resolved

d) Report on Audit – the Audit has been successfully completed.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 17th November 2016 - Strete Parish Hall at 7pm (if necessary)

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

- 1. Send hedge cutting list to L. Newman**
- 2. To include new notice boards in next agenda with quotes**
- 3. To include WiFi for the village hall next meeting.**
- 4. To contact SHDC re. repair to fence adjoining car park**
- 5. To look up legislation regarding hedge cutting**
- 6. To include Allianz report in next agenda**

I. Cumberlidge

L. Newman

- 7. To contact farmer re. fence adjoining picnic site**

- 8. To organise hedge cutting**