

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Strete Parish Hall, Strete Thursday 21st June 2018

PUBLIC FORUM - Four Members of the public attended.

- The owner of 2 The Plat explained the procedures he had gone through prior to building his porch. The porch had been built after full consultation with SHDC Planning under permitted development. Following a complaint at the last meeting, Cllr. Foss was asked to investigate. He visited the property immediately following the meeting and checked with Planning at SHDC.
- A request had been made to enforcement about the Porch and the Parish Council have now received a letter confirming that no action would be taken.
- The owner of 2 The Plat expressed his dismay that a hate campaign has resulted in considerable upset to him and his family and his children do not feel safe to play in their garden.
- He felt that the PC should have a policy for dealing with situations such as his but thanked Members who had offered him their support.
- Simon Buckler introduced himself. He had become a Parish Councillor in Strete when nepotism and cronyism were rife. With other Members, hard work over 10 years transformed the PC into a democratic & transparent council.
- It was to be hoped that the Neighbourhood Steering Group, governed by the PC regulations, would echo that philosophy and the Terms of Reference require the NP Steering Group to manage the decision making process in an open and transparent way.
- Evidence suggests that the governance of the Steering Group is questionable.
- Following one meeting which I attended, I was physically assaulted and insulted by one Steering Group Member. What does this say about the neighbourhood group.
- The Administrator is ill-mannered, appears to be self-serving, autocratic and far from open and transparent.
- A vote taken at the SG Meeting in December 2017 had not been an item on the agenda. The vote was 6:1 in favour of the development in the southern section of Cox's Farm Fields to include the Paddock, which is within the Conservation Area. All 6 Members lived adjacent to the northern site. How was this vote allowed to happen and why was the validity not questioned?
- Since then, one of the 6 has moved from the village, 2 more currently have their houses for sale – should they not resign from the SG.
- Following the Open Meeting, parish returned Feedback Forms were received by, collated and data produced by the Administrator – why was this not done in open session by more than one member.
- A Response Report created by Lee Bray from feedback letters was shown by very poor projection, no hard copies were provided and a written request to the Administrator with various queries has remained unanswered. I would ask the PC to send me a copy of the Report and the Administrator to answer my queries.
- The Administrator is not elected but he represents the PC and as such has a duty of care to be factual -his assertion that the AONB has become a National Park is wrong and misleading.
- The owner of Cox's Farm Fields has withdrawn the land proposed for development, in the main, due to the way the SG is run.
- I have little confidence in the Administrator's motives and abilities and ask how the PC intends to proceed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil – No report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- The owner of 2 The Plat did consult fully with SHDC before going ahead with the erection of the porch. There is great concern that bad feeling in the village has affected his family.
- A question was asked about the route which would be taken by the construction traffic for the Slapton Line Road. The construction of the road will commence on the 2nd July. The hardcore used must be granite. There is £750,000 for the upgrading of the back roads.
- The Tap Fund has been replaced by a new scheme.

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman, Ian Cumberlidge, Ralph Clark, Mark Hanson, David Rothwell
John Vallance

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

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr. J. Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17th May 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 –

L. Newman declared a personal interest in Item 8.

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- The 3 areas of Japanese Knotweed on the waste ground which have been cut down.
- The Parish Council must adopt a Privacy Policy.
- Confirmed resignation and will leave at the end of July.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

Slapton Line – Preparations are well underway for the start of work.

Alun Griffiths workforce arrive in Strete on 28th June. I have had confirmation from Jess Barker, Alun Griffiths sub agent - by email.

There will be a drop-in session at Strete Parish Hall next Monday 25th June between 4 & 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be available – tea, coffee and cake.

There will also be regular bulletins.

Strete Gate – this will clearly be a very busy place. The proposed 'Beach Party' which has been held there every Summer has not been granted a licence by SHDC this year because of the work/construction activity which will be taking place.

There have been other issues arising.

1. There has been a statement made by a Strete Resident about a man deliberately defaecating in front of her and not clearing up after himself.

2. Today there has also been an issue with regard to camping on the beach and the tremendous quantity of rubbish generated by the campers. SHDC has been informed and intend to take action.

3. A visitor at Strete Gate car park has complained to SHDC about the dogs who are let out of their owners cars to run free and poo everywhere; where no effort is made to clear up the mess.

The Kings Arms - Mark Hildyard is progressing well with the decorating and repairs and hopes to open very soon.

The VAS sign - has now been put up on the 20mph post at Totnes Road. From my observations it has had a really profound effect on most drivers. Thank you Mark (Hanson). In order that we are able to move it to different sites two separate sets of brackets have been purchased to fix to other poles.

Planning Issues – There has been a considerable amount of unpleasantness in regard to the erection of a porch on Hyne Town Road. It has been put into the safe hands of Cllr Richard Foss who sits on the Planning Committee at SHDC Follaton House.

At the time of writing I am advised that the matter has come to an end and hope there will be no further intolerant behaviour regarding it.

Finally - as you all know now Sall has formally handed in her resignation as of 6th June, to formally cease at the end of August - so I have taken active steps to replace her by taking the advice of Gill Claydon who is Clerk to both Stokenham and Salcombe Councils.

6. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS - To be considered

1940/18/HHO – 8 Crestway, Strete TQ6 0SF

Extension and alterations to dwelling to form an additional bedroom

Following discussion it was **resolved** to support the proposed development with the suggested condition that there is a reduction or removal of the balustrading to prevent overlooking of the adjacent property.

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

Minutes of the Steering Group meeting on 06/06/2018 have been circulated and published on Strete website and the parish hall notice board only. There is no room on the village notice board.

Whilst the response report prepared by Lee Bray provided clarity on most of the comments received about the policies in the plan, some of the comments from SHDC required a meeting to discuss their suggested changes and concerns to some of the policies.

A meeting was arranged for 20/06/2018 with representatives from SHDC, DCC Highways and SNP. The following were the key points discussed:

1. Settlement Boundary – SHDC consider this should be drawn much tighter to exclude pockets of land that could be used for development. It was suggested this would provide better control of development. Implementing these changes is likely to require another six week consultation period.
2. Low Density Area – SHDC advised more justification for this policy is needed and should not include land where no development exists.
3. Development in Cox's Farm Fields – SHDC advised the whole site should be made available for development as this would enable the community's aspirations for a car park, footpath and open space to be more viable and deliverable by a developer. This is likely, in the long term, to lead to more than 15 homes being delivered on the site. The dilemma is this is not what the community have confirmed they are comfortable with for the village.
Interestingly the representative from DCC Highways intimated that access onto the A379 from Cox's Farm Field could be made possible although this may require dialogue with the owners of the pub car park to improve the visibility aspect. A car park without access onto the A379 is considered pointless. A site meeting with DCC Highways to visit the access locations is to be arranged.
4. Primary Residence – SHDC advised sound evidence must be provided to support the 20% referenced. SHDC to assist with guidance. Graham Campbell has volunteered to assist in compiling additional evidence needed for this policy.
5. Consideration to be given as to the future direction of the NP.

8. To discuss Natural England's proposal to divert the coastal footpath away from the village.

- It was agreed that there should be a traffic management plan to make the highway through the village safer. A meeting to be arranged with Highways to consider possibility.
- Natural England are seeking to change the original agreement.
- A letter had been received concerning the position of the path and asking the PC to support the two landowners affected.

9. Update on Slapton Line. – As per Chair's report.

Discussion took place on the re-siting of the Memorial.

10. To discuss Environmental Health and hygiene issues at Strete Gate

As Chair's report. There is a major dog fouling problem on the road damaged by the sea.

11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – The repairs to the equipment has been carried out.

A basket ball post tips over in the wind and the situation needs to be made safe.

L. Newman– Transport & Road – Vicarage Lane is overgrown.

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – Work on the phone box has started. The electrical situation for the defibrillator needs to be clarified.

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Two trees have been taken down at Frogwell. A tree has been planted on the verge in Hyne Town.

Complaint was made about overnight parking at Strete Gate. Two signs put up by the PC have been stolen. Parking tickets have been given out.

J. Vallance – Village Green – All well.

