

## STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7pm**

**PUBLIC FORUM** – One member of the public attended.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil**

- Highways have increased the time to respond to a reported pothole, from 7 days to 28 days.
- The contract for highway maintenance is now under consideration.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss**

- Local Authority Control Company (LACC) – financial plans have been put forward but it is still to be seen whether it will go ahead. The expenditure to set it up will be great and it will be several years before this it is recouped.
- Devolution – Somerset, Devon, Torbay & Plymouth will join forces but Government may have realised that there is no appetite for a mayor. Until the proposed finances are known nothing can be decided. There will be an increase in the number of houses.
- SHDC has finally admitted that T18 has not worked as they expected or as quickly as envisaged. Another £550,000 is to be spent on communication.
- Brexit is expected to impinge further on the District Council's finances.

**PRESENT** Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman (Vice Chair), Ian Cumberlidge, Harry Fenton,  
David Rothwell

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

**1. APOLOGIES** – R. Clark

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

It was proposed seconded and **resolved** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record following some amendments.

**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

**4. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- There are continuing extremely tiresome and lengthy discussions with NatWest in an endeavour to get internet access to the Parish Council's bank accounts.
- A check has been made on the maintenance of the fire hydrants in the Parish. The Fire Service has confirmed that the hydrants were serviced in February 2015 and are maintained every 3 years.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - K. Gill, Chair**

- Apologies for the postponement of the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, due to adverse weather.

- Met Adam Keay to discuss VAS (vehicle activated signs) in the Parish. Mobile battery operated signs are effective. If a third ACARF assessment is made at the Kingsbridge end of the village, the PC would be enabled to move the sign from one place to another at 3 sites.
- L. Newman has had great difficulty finding out exactly which bits of the verges DCC will cut. It was agreed Greenspace be asked to quote for cutting the verges.
- A proposal to have a directory of business in the Parish is put on the website, was suggested. Also, there are concerns about how the website is managed. Members agreed to network the businesses in the Parish to ascertain whether they would like to be listed on the website. Agenda item next meeting.
- Thanks to H. Fenton for the photo of the phone box as a library. This could also include a defibrillator but nothing can be done until the phone box is refurbished.
- An emergency situation has developed at Strete Gate with raves taking place, apparent drug taking, handbrake turns in the car park damaging the surface, racing up to the corner with handbrake turns at the corner. Damage has been caused to the beach (a SSSI) by a Landrover taking supplies back and forth across the beach through the gate by the café. An attempt was made to set fire to the ticket machine. Vandalism has taken place in the middle car park. It was agreed that it was necessary to have a meeting with SHDC officials, PC Members, Charles Dixon, Andy Pratt, the Police and Natural England.
- WiFi for the Parish Hall – the Village Hall Committee are hoping for financial support from the PC. Agenda item next meeting.

## **6. PLANNING: None**

## **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark**

PC Report for NP June 2016

The meeting opened with RC referring to the email circulated to all members with details of NP consultancy services received from Richard Boyt of South Hams Planning Ltd.

Details of the proposed services to be provided together with estimated costs are:

I am happy to work at a reduced rate of £75 per hour (no VAT payable) and I can envisage 4 or 5 hour 'chunks' of time to feed into your process.

You might retain me on a contingency to advise, attend meetings or other tasks on the hourly rate through the course of the process.

In a worse-case scenario, I would suggest 5 sessions of 5 hours, at £375, therefore £1875 at the maximum.

Once we know exactly what is required, there is a strong possibility of this reducing to £1500 and maybe lower.

It should be noted that costs incurred should be recoverable through grant funding.

Mark Hanson proposed that Richard Boyt be appointed.

Jeremy Swainston seconded the proposal.

Members present voted in favour of the proposal.

RC has, subsequently, emailed Richard Boyt to confirm the appointment.

The meeting turned to the priorities determined from the Household Survey.

RC suggested the following points could form the basis of the NP policies:

- \* 5 to 10 housing development
- \* Sustainable development – energy efficient
- \* Protected areas
- \* Road Improvements

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- \* Additional parking area

- \* Footpaths

Members decided to concentrate on the issue of housing development using sustainable construction materials and the incorporation of energy efficient systems as the first priority. Some discussion took place about community energy systems for any new development such as ground and air source heating.

Large scale maps were used to familiarise members with the layout of the village.

Areas of land that were considered to be of a suitable size for development were identified on the maps and listed for on-going discussion.

## **8. To consider co-opting Rebecca Prideaux and Mark Keane to the Parish Council.**

It was agreed that the applicants be asked to provide a brief note setting out the contribution they feel they can make to the Parish Council

#### **9. To discuss Members responsibilities/resumes**

It was agreed to postpone till next meeting when all Members are present. Meantime Members who have not provided a resume agreed to do so.

#### **10. To discuss complaints relating to the playpark**

- K. Gill and I. Cumberlidge visited two irate complainants who live at Hyne Town. The goal posts are felt to be too big and need to be moved which has caused a considerable nuisance. It was agreed that that the situation be monitored.
- There is a problem with adults treading on and over the new fence which has caused considerable damage to the fence which needs to be repaired. It was agreed I. Cumberlidge will construct a stile and Mark Hanson be asked to mend the fence.

#### **11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

- a) Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - no report.
- b) Defibrillator – D. Rothwell – Defibrillator training has been organized for 6.30 on the 11<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall. Members will organize advertising.
- c) Village Green – H. Fenton – All well , grass cutting is going well and trees have been protected from strimming.
- d) Play Park – K. Gill – As above but the fence posts need to be replaced. To be monitored.
- e) Tree Warden – I. Cumberlidge – Nothing to report. P3 scheme to be investigated.
- f) Transport – L. Newman - There was a meeting of the Transport Group on the 21st June.
- g) Buddle holes – Dereck Hallett has been identified as a person who will clean out buddle holes. There are two areas which need attention – on the bend beyond Manor Farm just past the speed Sign and 80 yards on the Strete side of Westcombe.

#### **12. FINANCE**

To approve payment of the following cheques:

- 1418 - £233.01 – S. Winstanley (June)
  - 1419 - £73.60 - HMRC
  - 1420 - £48.00 – Strete Parish Hall – PC - £19, NP (£29 -2 meetings)
  - 1421 - £150 – L. Lindley – Audit fee
  - 1422 - £225.00 – South Hams Planning – NP advice
  - 1423 – 413.90 – S. Winstanley – Annual office expenses + travel **Resolved**
- b) Cash at bank – £22,142.27
  - c) To consider changing the accounts headings  
Following discussion the Clerk will provide a suggested layout.

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**13. CORRESPONDENCE -** None

**14. DATE OF NEX MEETING - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 - Strete Parish Hall at 7pm**  
(Members to arrive at 6.30 for photos)

**Signed .....**  
**Chair**

**ACTION POINTS :**

**Clerk**

- 1. To include management of the website on next agenda.**
- 2. To include proposal for new notice boards in next agenda**
- 3. To include WiFi for the village hall next meeting.**
- 4. To include Members responsibilities in the next agenda**

**H. Fenton**

- 5. To obtain quote from Greenspace.**
- 6. To consider their responsibilities for next meeting**