

# STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY 17 September 2020 AT 7.00 PM

### PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill, Chairman (KG); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Mrs. Helen Darch (Clerk); 7 members of the public.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Jilly [JF] and Roger Freeman [RF] then spoke on Falloden. JF pointed Councillors to their response lodged on the South Hams District Council [SHDC] portal. They were reasonably happy with work at Falloden until recently. There are concerns now with the new proposals that have been put forward. In particular the north west view on the house plans. Original plans included a Juliet balcony which did not permit the householder to walk out and look over other properties. The latest plans suggest a larger balcony which people can step out onto and would lead to a pathway and set of steps down. The Freemans now have a view of the bedroom which they can see at night from their living room. Also, they will be able to see people standing on the balcony looking around and impinging on their privacy. RF added the problem arose because the conifers were cut down by the householder removing a natural screen.

IC observed some laurels had been planted but these would take time to grow and he agreed the cutting down of the conifers was aggravating the lack of privacy. He said the green natural barrier should be enlarged to reinforce the privacy. RF felt the replacement trees should have been more mature to get to a decent height. JF felt the laurels wouldn't shelter the stairway. IC agreed with her and said it would be a good idea to plant something hefty, dense and fast growing by the stairway. He suggested this be a condition of the planning permission. Councillors agreed a form of screen possibly frosted glass at the top of the stairway and certainly trees as discussed should be put there to maintain the privacy.

Mr Allwood was invited to speak on 24 Start Bay Park. He declined and was happy to listen. Mrs Ellis [JE] then spoke on the planning application for 24 Start Bay Park. They had put in an objection and sent a petition to the Council. They will update this with a couple of late signatures. The objections and petition are argued on the basis that the application as they saw it was going past the building line. JE then cited from her deeds and land certificate for her property which is common to all the properties on that estate. *No buildings of any nature permanent or temporary shall be erected on the land between garage and houses on the fronting of the property.* She noted although it is a side of No 24 it is still a frontage.

JE felt there was overdevelopment as the bungalow had already been extended twice: once to the garage to the right-hand side, and a day room was added at the back. She noted the dayroom was built at an angle to stay within the guidelines of the building line. JE expressed concern over the visibility of the corner as had others who had spoken to GC. It is a busy corner with farm traffic and delivery vehicles. There is also traffic from the dog boarding business at No 24. Children on the estate play outside. The OS map with the application is incorrect as it makes the house appear 'further in' than on a 'proper' up to date OS map. JE submitted a Google map satellite picture copied in her correspondence to the Council which she said is much clearer and accurate on the siting of the property.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB reported on the Local Outbreak Management Plan [LOM] committee which governs how Devon will react to a local spike or outbreak. There were three cases in Loddiswell all linked to international travel rather than holiday makers into the area. He confirmed Devon has its own local track and trace with adequate resources to cover individual cases and track all contacts because there have been so few cases in the county. JB also said if there is an outbreak [in his county area] he gets informed and so far, this is the only outbreak he has been told about.

JB reminded the meeting of the Pothole Action Fund [July minutes] with around £1.9m extra money for road maintenance for Devon in 2020/21 handled by Lisa Edmonds and bids to go to Lisa and him. He noted though there isn't much money for each county councillor.

JB mentioned the carparking problems up the road from Strete Gate. Enforcement can be done but this is county-wide so resources are stretched. With RF he is looking at ways to mitigate the impact of visitors and activity. One possibility is extra parking at Strete Gate and Stokeley. JB observed the vital role tourism played in the local economy and facilities should be developed to make people welcome.

He finally mentioned the paper circulated by RC on the state of the verges. SHDC had responded to this and suggested weed-spraying could be done. Devon County Council [DCC] don't spray weeds now. In that case the Parish Council could look at getting estimates for annual weeding and precept for this.

RC mentioned how the influx of visitors had seen some abuse of local facilities. He also stated that it was very unlikely that the A379 could be cleared of weeds for just £500. Previously the PC had spent over £4k to do an extensive sweep and clear of the A379 down to Blackpool Sands with the agreement that the district council would do 4 sweeps a year. This has not happened. **The report was received.**

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

RF mentioned there will be changes to collection rounds for rubbish prior to the changeover to the new collection system which will now be next spring. Everyone will be informed of this by letter.

Along with JB he has managed to focus officers on the problems down at the Line and responses have come from senior officers to the PC. There is a better understanding now in SHDC on what land SHDC leases from the Strete Estate and so what they could do as actions and enforcements on the beach. In the short term SHDC has managed to clear the footpaths. In the longer term there will have to be a proper in-depth discussion on what is to be done with parking problems. The barrier at the monument carpark is a temporary one and will be moved and raised as some locals can't use that carpark now. He asked people to bear with him: Covid 19 has brought things to a head but SHDC had been dealing with problems over the past 5 or so years. In common with JB he felt we should welcome people down as tourists.

RF responded to the paper sent by RC. He suggested the PC precept for work as DCC and SHDC don't have the money or resources to do these works. In the long-term parishes may end up with more work if the district council is dissolved and replaced with a unitary authority. He couldn't say what powers the Parish Council would end up with but it would be expected to take on some of the roles of the other tiers of council.

IC noted the barrier at the middle car park now meant large vans went to the Strete Gate car park thereby shifting the problem not getting rid of it. RF is aware and has made officers take action. He also expressed disappointment at the behaviours of some visitors, a total lack of respect, and which meant we had to curtail some of their activities. He acknowledged it had been a difficult time but he hoped to come up with some answers.

GC noted the correspondence he received from SHDC said they would be doing a full review of the issues. He felt any review should include the villages. Unfortunately, the correspondence from the Leader of SHDC sent to him was addressed to Slapton PC. The correct letter arrived just prior to the meeting. He said we needed to make a plan now for next year. RF reassured GC that this would happen and a plan would be drawn up with the involvement of the three local parishes of Strete, Slapton and Stokenham. The limiting factor is money.

IC endorsed the work being done by RF and JB and noted the sorting out of all the issues down at Strete Gate and on the Line was a struggle. He also said though we welcomed visitors there was some abuse of the local facilities and the behaviour had been appalling. People needed to learn to respect the area and its AONB status. RF agreed that there was a need for education and to remind visitors that this was a special area. **The report was received.**

**0920/1 APOLOGIES – None.**

#### **0920/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20 August 2020**

The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **0920/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **None were declared.**

#### **0920/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

**2662/20/HHO Householder application for extension to form larger day room and living space. 24 Start Bay Park Strete TQ6 0RY.**

Councillors thanked the householder for the site visit. They had studied the information submitted by the householders including the petition, and the planning application submitted by the householder. However, they couldn't comment on the technical detail in these papers. It was clear both sides had done research and this was evident in their arguments on the building line. But the Parish Councillors could not really comment on the technical aspects of the planning discussion as lay councillors. Against that there is a large amount of public feeling and the petition that was going round was attracting a number of signatures. In summary, it was felt the Parish Council should object on behalf of the residents but without a response to the technical points raised. It was noted in view of all the above facts this matter could only really be determined by the planning committee at SHDC.

Comments for the planning portal were invited. GC said the council was passing on the decision to make on the technicalities of various documents and the issue of the building line to the District Council. **Resolved: to object with the comments as minuted. This was unanimous.** KG reminded all that the parish council is a consultee not a decision maker in the planning process. IC asked if RF had commented on it but he hadn't.

**2432/20/HHO Part retrospective householder application for proposed rear sunroom and regularisation of work done on existing applications. Falloden, Hynetown Road, Strete TQ6 0RS.** The householder and agent were thanked for arranging the site visit. Councillors referred back to the earlier discussion on visibility and overlooking of the house by neighbours. They agreed this can be solved with greenery and screens as discussed by IC earlier. **IC said greenery screening needed to be stepped up and enforced with a comment to be made on the planning portal.** He recommended a physical enforcement of the screening. RC would support the application if the householder kept their promise to deal with the screening matters with the Freemans on their next visit.

However, there was concern that in this application retrospective permission was being sought for quite a large number of items. PH commented that retrospective applications for large and diverse scopes of work deny the opportunity for consultation, comment and opinion before these schemes of work go ahead. This was endorsed by other councillors. However, it was also noted in this instance the outcome is of little consequence and the design is fine from that point of view. But in general, this situation is an unacceptable state of affairs. **PH felt the PC should include in the submission on the planning portal a comment to SHDC critical of the way in which retrospective permission had been put forward. It was resolved to support with comments as above.** RC reminded all that enforcement issues in his opinion hadn't been adequately followed up and maybe this would have picked up any divergence from the original plans earlier.

**0920/5(a) FINANCE**

Four cheques were listed for payment and invoices sent to all Councillors before the meeting. An additional cheque, 1734, was added to the list of payments at the meeting.

1730 – Brooking Hire Limited invoice for sweeping services August 2020 £855 plus VAT.	1731 – Terry Hallett grass cutting April to August £375.
1732 – Clerk salary September £291. This includes £35 catch up on pay award from April 2020.	1733 – Clerk training course October SLCC Enterprises Limited £25 plus VAT.
1734- Mr I Cumberlidge work on buddle holes January 2020 to August 2020	

**It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payment as enumerated above.**

**0920/5(b) FINANCE**

A monitoring report for 2020/21 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection to the end of September 2020 of CR7,759.09. **Resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

**0920/5(c) FINANCE**

Cash at bank – £7,859.66CR Current account at 08/09/20, £10,297.56CR Business Reserve account at 08/09/20.

**0920/6 CLERK'S REPORT**

**The report had been sent round before the meeting.**

**a. Personnel and pay matters.** The Clerk reported a 2.75% national pay rise from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 which takes her pay up from £249/mth to £256/mth. Karen Hales had drafted a form to use in a performance appraisal. This is due September on the anniversary of the Clerk's appointment. Two councillors to do the appraisal. **For action.**

**b. Playpark including reply to queries on draft agreement.** SHDC had replied on the questions raised on the playpark draft agreement [minute 0820/8]. Councillors thought their responses were vague on the timing of reports and when they expected the Parish Council to act on any defects notified but they had little option but to agree.

**Resolved: to accept the new agreement which starts from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. To renew the insurance taken out on the Council's behalf by SHDC. The Clerk to monitor the responsiveness of the Localities Officer and liaise with SHDC.**

**c. Plunkett Foundation re advice on loan to Strete Community Pub Limited.** The Clerk reported the Plunkett Foundation had promised to come back with advice on loans when they rang on 7<sup>th</sup> September. **For information.**

**d. Tree in village green.** A parishioner had asked to plant a tree in the Village Green [Green] as a memorial to her father. The covenants between the Parish Council and the County Council in the management agreement had been circulated before the meeting.

Councillors discussed where to put the tree. PH thought it was a dangerous precedent to allow planting of a tree on the Green given the number of villagers who used the Green and had views on its use. Councillors agreed somewhere else in the Village could be set aside for this though there may be concerns raised about any location. PH suggested by the bench on the main road [A379]. LN said if a tree was planted by the road it would need upkeep as it would grow. RC also said it would be on the traffic line of site. **Resolved that councillors think about a suitable spot for the tree and report to the next meeting. This will be on the next agenda.**

**e. Move VAS to Frogwell.** The Clerk received a request for the VAS to be moved down to Frogwell to record the speed of cars coming down the hill. In DCC's original safety review in 2016 Frogwell was identified as one of the three locations for the VAS in the Village. There is a mount down by Severns Cottages. RC approved the location on an interim basis but it would need a stanchion. Vicarage Lane is another location. PH would investigate this further and look at cost. Other solutions were discussed including sleeping policemen, or even a speed trap which was being used down by Stokenham. LN had passed the VAS machine and thought it wasn't working. PH would check the battery was charged. **Resolved: move VAS down by Severns Cottages. KG to lend traffic cones for works.**

#### **f. Coronavirus updates and risk assessments**

The Clerk reported on the risk assessments she had prepared for meeting in the Parish Hall and the playpark. These took into account the government changes which came in on 14<sup>th</sup> September. The Village Green remains open. The Council does not intend to close it at this point as the 'Rule of Six' allows enough leeway for most users though this will be kept under review. **For note. The report was received.**

#### **0920/7 CHAIR'S REPORT**

##### **Report submitted before the meeting. Chair's Report Strete Parish Council 17.09.20**

**Coronavirus** –Boring though it may be the advice as before still applies: RISK ASSESS – look around – STAY ALERT and now the RULE OF SIX. We hoped that the pandemic would decline; sadly, that has not happened. I hoped that we might have had this P.C. meeting, socially distanced, in our Parish Hall but the R number is again on the rise.

**Strete Gate and Slapton Line.** I spoke at considerable length to Bryan and Peter Tolls' agent Charles Dixon on the management of Strete Gate. Strete Estate owns the foreshore which is leased to SHDC who currently administer it. Bryan and Peters' father Michael liked it to be deliberately low-key so that it looks wild – rural and appears to be unmanaged. The estate continues as far as 'The Gun' which is the boundary between Strete and Slapton parishes. His brief is to see how Covid-19 pans out and next year review possible actions/restrictions to improve matters.

There is now a height barrier in place at the Memorial Car Park installed by SHDC measuring 1.9 meters (6ft 3ins). Unfortunately, it has caused traffic mayhem. The parking at Strete Gate has gained volume by size and numbers. I specifically visited Strete Gate yesterday in the middle of the day. I was appalled by the dangerous congestion and immediately called SHDC for some help who raised a report straight away to the appropriate department.

Yesterday there were several large motorhomes parking in a chaotic fashion, taking up two spaces. While others, plus cars were circulating and waiting for others to exit spaces. Vehicles were also parked on the grass verges. I watched this chaos for about an hour from the relative safety of Old Hill. I warned one motorhome driver that there was no space and that he could get trapped. He said he had purchased a ticket at Torcross to be told he was not allowed to occupy a coach space and was determined to use it. He circled and eventually left after about 20 minutes. I later found him back in Torcross Car Park in a coach space! On Facebook there is uproar on this subject!!

**Play Park** – has recently had its Allianz annual check and an update of the insurance policy. The grass is being cut regularly. I understand that it is being used by young footballers at the weekends. Currently it is not being locked – but this might have to change because of the RULE OF SIX. This is up for discussion on Thursday.

**The Kings Arms** – The event at our King's Arms was a great success. More people wish to buy shares so the date for application is being extended for a short time – apply to Andy Edwards on [andy.kingsarms.strete@gmail.com](mailto:andy.kingsarms.strete@gmail.com)

I would personally like to thank '**OUR STRETE POST OFFICE**' for their contribution in helping us all feel comfortable and stay safe. It is after all our only community service/base. Thanks also go to all those you look out for and help their neighbours. *Stay safe.*

IC mentioned the homeless man down at Strete Gate who had been visited by SHDC and, it was thought, Dartmouth Caring. He is being moved off the beach to the picnic area. The promise is he will be monitored and the liaison is Bridget Bowden. KG thought the police may have to be more involved as the individual is quite disturbed. IC thought the Field Centre didn't know about this. **The Chair's report was received.**

#### 0920/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**A report was submitted prior to the meeting. A full report is also on the 'Where are We Now' page within the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish website under 'September 2020 Neighbourhood Plan Update'.**

##### **Neighbourhood Plan Report – September 2020**

Recommended policy wording amendments to address various changes related to Policy SNP8: Housing Development together with new maps for SNP6: Settlement Boundary and the Proposals Map are underway following discussions with Duncan Smith (SHDC) and Lee Bray (our consultant).

Following desk top publishing work to update the Plan, (already underway) a revised Neighbourhood Plan is expected to be ready for circulation to SNP6 by the end of September. Subject to the approval and acceptance of the changes included in the revised SNP by SNP6 members, the Plan will be submitted for Regulation 15 approval by SHDC. If approved and accepted by SHDC, the Plan will then proceed to Regulation 16 and Examination. **The NP report was received.**

#### 0920/9 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV) and STRETE GATE

**Reports were submitted prior to the meeting. Full reports can be found on the website.**

**The Kings Arms – renewal of the ACV.** SHDC granted our application for the ACV to be extended (including the car park) for a further five years, effective 8th September 2020. This excellent result sets the scene for the Community Pub group to go ahead and finalise a long-term lease with the owner. Following a successful public share offer and volunteer appeal, it is hoped it will be possible for the pub to open and trade as a Community enterprise shortly.

**Strete Gate.** GC gave an account of the responses to his letter [0820/14] sent out after the last meeting. The Police and Crime Commissioner's response offered a support scheme for affected areas to include extra toilets and wardens. The police had not regarded this area previously as a priority area for help but the parishes of Strete and Slapton should now submit a joint application for the scheme. The chairman of Slapton Parish council wants to meet in October to discuss plans and budgets. Unfortunately, the budget suggested by the Commissioner to spend is far larger than the annual precept for Strete. She also recommended the parish nominate a Councillor Advocate [see 0620/6] to liaise with the police. **Resolved: The Clerk to be the Councillor Advocate for Strete in the interim.** Other responses are awaited from the Leader of SHDC, Chris Brook at SHDC and Charles Dixon at Savills. Anthony Mangnall MP phoned GC and promised to chase up all the various bodies and locate funds for sorting out the problems. Dartmouth Chronicle gave a comprehensive coverage of issues. **Resolved: GC will circulate the response of the Leader at SHDC and discuss at the next meeting of the Council.** He felt what was received so far did not tackle most of the problems at Strete Gate. GC endorsed RF's plan to include the parishes in any discussion on Strete Gate. GC then questioned who would patrol camping on the beach as the police disavow responsibility. It was unknown whether the Field Centre had a warden and if this warden would take on this work.

Councillors reiterated their thoughts from last month that the toilets and the parking were the main issues with extra parking and better toilets called for; and somewhere to locate them. PH felt there must be other innovative solutions to the provision of toilets. IC said these issues were ongoing but accentuated at the moment. Resources were not available as priorities were higher elsewhere especially policing which was focused in the urban areas.

RC recalled the £44,380 award made from the Coastal Revival Fund to the Slapton Line Partnership in 2019 to relocate the Monument and renovate the tank memorial [0419/8]. The works included expansion of the carpark and RC felt this should be followed up. KG said Charles Dixon informed her probate was continuing on the Toll estate[s]; they could not commit to anything at this point. This will include any provision of land for the site. KG clarified the site for the works is the field site not the existing leased area or the carpark which SHDC acquired by compulsory purchase some years ago. **Reports were received.**

## 0920/10 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

**A report was submitted before the meeting. The full report is on the website.**

**Village Road Sweeping.** On 25<sup>th</sup> August Brooking Hire Ltd [BHL] did a sweep and removed weeds from Start Bay Park through the agreed routes in the village. The original quote was for two days at approximately £1,500 plus VAT. Due to conditions [weed growth and traffic on the A379] works were halted until traffic is quieter. BHL charged £855 plus VAT for the works done that day. They advise a 12-week cycle to help contain weed growth and quoted £275 + £75 tipping costs for the village routes listed. This cycle takes us to 17<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021. In total this will be within the £1,500 road sweeping budget this financial year.

After an onsite meeting on the A379 from Southwood Lane at Landcombe to Hynetown Road junction, BHL submitted a quotation of £4,256 ex VAT for in depth works [*breakdown in the report*]. Tipping charges are extra at £75/tonne. Costs are based on a 2-day operation to ensure the works are completed satisfactorily. RC had canvassed JB and RF before the meeting to joint fund this work as it was county and district responsibility to maintain the roads. **Their responses are in their reports above.**

RC reminded Councillors similar works took place in April 2017 at a cost to the PC of £4,850.00, part-funded by a 50% grant from DCC. Thereafter SHDC was to do routine sweeping to keep weed growth under control. This has not happened despite DCC being responsible for highways maintenance and SHDC for sweeping. RC observed the A379, between Strete Gate and Blackpool Sands is becoming unsafe as a primary route as routine maintenance is neglected. Buses are unable to travel this route without crossing the white line.

The Clerk asked to clarify if we still needed any sweepers from SHDC. **Resolved: The Clerk to chase SHDC on scheduled sweeping in the village. Resolved that Brooking Hire Limited continue to be engaged to do the two further sweeps as described in RC's memo.** RC noted the road would become more dangerous as the two other layers of council didn't do their obligations. The contractor had also advised RC on environmentally friendly weed spraying and is happy to attend a PC meeting with their supplier to explain the product. **The report was received.**

## 0920/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.**

**KG (Chair) Playpark.** A report was circulated on the risk assessment made on the playpark by KG and the Clerk on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Councillors were asked to decide whether the playpark should be closed under the new restrictions on movement announced on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The discussion included who used the playpark, how many at any time and the advice given by SHDC who were keeping their playparks open. Hand sanitiser could be provided but it was felt parents could tell children to wash their hands. **Resolved: to keep the playpark open for the meantime. To replace the NO dog signs one of which had gone missing. GC to replace the tape on the pipes. GC to repair and redo the wood surfaces in the playpark on reimbursement of materials.**

**LN Transport and Roads.** LN had nothing further to report on the roads, the milestones seem fine. Hedge cutting was raised by RC under his report below.

**DR Health and Safety.** DR reported he will check all salt bins in October, removing all old contents, and preparing them for filling as the weather dictates. There is sufficient salt to see us through this forthcoming winter.

**IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate.** Two sycamores on the end of Vicarage Lane were felled as these overhung telephone lines. A couple of large elms were removed on the Old Vicarage site. IC noted it happened too often that trees would be felled and permissions asked later. **Rights of Way.** Byways have been trimmed.

IC also referred to the road stretch between Blackwell Cross and Combe Cross with potholes in the pull-in which had been mentioned to him by a parishioner. The Clerk informed the meeting that DCC had repaired the potholes on the highway but would not do these ones as they were not deemed highway. RC suggested maybe the contractor doing the works at the Old Vicarage might be able to dump some shillett and that could fill in the holes.

**Nothing was resolved. IC noted he was happy with the revised application for tree works [2394/20/TCA]** discussed in August. This is now a crown reduction by 3 metres which gives the tree scope to grow.

**RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.** RC asked about plans to cut the hedges as there was considerable growth and some farmers on the Totnes Road had cut their hedges recently. LN noted it is early to cut as hedges would grow up again and this is usually done in February. Also, John Gilbert is busy at the moment. LN reminded everyone that 1<sup>st</sup> September is the first time people are allowed to cut their hedges back. The Clerk noted that DCC will only act when the hedge is out around a metre and pushing vehicles over the centre line. Otherwise the farmers should be asked to cut their hedges back. LN said she would inspect the roads and then speak with farmers as necessary. A section of hedge between the end of Hynetown and the community wood is also overgrown. GC said 'George' deals with this.

**PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. VAS Monitoring.** Nothing to report. Operation continues.

**Local transport liaison.** As promised after the last meeting [0820/13] PH had circulated to Councillors a draft Resident’s Survey aimed at gauging the level of interest in a publicly available vehicle charging facility as part of our Parish Council response to the Climate Change emergency. This would be match-funded 75% from grant and 25% from Parish Funds. He thanked Councillors who responded with suggestions for the survey. The survey is now final and ready to print. The intention is that it will be circulated to households shortly with the next Neighbourhood Plan communication. He is also in discussion with Western Power Distribution over the most cost-effective form of power connection at various sites in the village.

**Parish Benches and picnic tables.** Three quotes have been sourced to carry out the required maintenance work. It is hoped that we will have sufficient information to evaluate the bids at the end of the month and make a recommendation to the October meeting. GC reported on the interim quote from Chris Ellis in his report below.

**GC Village Green.** Grass cutting quotes had been received from Terry Hallett (£150 per session) and Greenspace (£100 a session). Greenspace will also do some flattening of the bridleway this week at £100 as originally quoted. Kim Tucker will give a quote on the Prideaux Lane job. His machinery is heavier weight. **It was resolved to continue with Greenspace, and hold other quotes in reserve subject to satisfactory performance by Greenspace.**

The Field gatepost has been replaced by Chris Ellis who has also submitted a quote for the work on the benches but is waiting for prices on timber. Dartmouth Community Hub looks to extend its community support into the villages around Dartmouth, including Strete, Stoke Fleming and Blackawton. They have a big project funded and will be looking to discuss with Strete what we can achieve together.

**0920/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence is forwarded to Councillors and continues in the main to focus on the COVID-19 emergency.

**0920/13 OTHER BUSINESS**

PH asked about the pub. RC said the lease is still being negotiated with completion expected in the next few weeks. The share option was fully subscribed and there will be an update by Facebook and email by the weekend. The target opening date is around October 9<sup>th</sup>. This hinges on any changes to government legislation on the pandemic. A contingency plan is in train in case another lockdown happens.

**0920/14 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE ON ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.20 p.m.**

Signed: ..... Cllr Kate Gill (Chair)

Dated: 15 OCTOBER 2020