

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Parish Hall, Strete
Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM - One Member of the public attended.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil – by email

- The budget has been set and will result in a £5 increase + 2% for adult social care. There will be an increase in the budget for roads.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss –

- SHDC has lost £4 million from government grant in the last 10 years. At present there is a £600,000 shortfall.
- Some of the options for saving/raising funds, are closing public lavatories, charging for their use or having the lavatories taken over by PCs.
- The planning fee for applications was increased by 20% in line with government policy and this will be used to pay for additional planning officers.
- Beach huts in the appropriate place might generate income.
- Rubbish collection will not be changed. All of SHDC grey bin waste is incinerated which produces electricity and the waste residue is being used in concrete. Recycling in Devon is the third best in the country.
- The business rate – Devon is taking part in a pilot which could result in DCs being allowed to keep 40% of the increase in business rates.
- Questions were asked as to whether SWW could contribute to the cost of running the public lavatories or whether an increase in car parking could be ring fenced for upkeep of the lavatories.

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Ian Cumberlidge, Ralph Clark, Mark Hanson
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk), Cllr. Foss

1. APOLOGIES – Louise Newman, David Rothwell, Cllr.J.Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 18th January 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 - None

4. CLERK'S REPORT – No report

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Sadly this month we have had exceptionally bad weather, this has taken its toll on the Village Green.

Dog walkers/exercisers have had a very soggy time with a very muddy entrance.

Richard Soans has very kindly been trimming the inside hedge, since the exterior hedge has been flail cut.

Dog walkers are looking for some seriously better weather.

There is nothing to report this month on the Kings Arms - it still remains silent.

Strete Gate Picnic Area – the transfer from Devon County Council was completed just before Christmas and Slapton Field Centre are now looking forward to liaising with Strete Parish Council about the future/potential opportunities – wishing to share ideas, views and expertise. There will be an informal meeting before the end of this month.

It has been half-term this past week and I was very pleased hear a family from the village making preparations for an excursion down the Coastal Footpath to Strete Gate – taking the family dog with them.

Ian Cumberlidge very kindly went to see Mrs Watt with regard to the landslip into the road near Sea Cliff. Her gardener removed the hazard.

It was brought to our attention last month that anonymous persons had complained about cars being washed near the junction of Hynetown Road with Church Hill/Totnes Road. This is of course actually not Council business. It is the same position which delivery vans and the domestic fuel oil lorry occupy when doing their deliveries, because it is the widest part of the road. Vehicles normally approach blind T junctions with extreme caution.

I. Cumberlidge – The picnic area at Strete Gate is a very important asset and preserving it as a 'no dog' area is important for hygiene reasons and for the preservation of the diverse wildlife. It is important that the PC maintains a good relationship with the Field Centre.

Cllr. Foss said that Cathy Aubertin will provide 2 proposals for the Monument Car Park. The problem of dog fouling is very serious.

6. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS - None

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

Lee Bray, our consultant, attended the meeting to respond to any technical queries from members and to provide assurances in respect of the plans content.

Declaration of Interest

Forms for those wishing to declare a non-pecuniary interest on the issue of including a map in the draft plan identifying a suggested housing development location in Lower Cox's Farm Field on the basis that they own property that is close to the site as proposed at the previous meeting, were circulated.

RC, LN, JW, LF, DR and GC each signed an appropriate form.

RC to retain these DOI Forms along with a register.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan

RC informed the meeting that desk top publishing to date had produced a 5th version with minor amendments. These include a revised AONB map, an updated Conservation Area map, removal of the map for the site south of the A379, additional policy wording for item 1 of policy SNP11 and the Proposals Map on the back page. It is hoped most people will download their own copy from Strete website. RC advised 70 hard copies would be available at the planned Open Meeting and for those without access to the internet who request a hard copy.

Draft Plan Summary

RC produced an updated version that includes the Proposals Map on the back page.

RC confirmed arrangements for collecting printed documents on 14/02/18, issue to volunteers on 15&16/02/18 and distribution on 17&18/02/2018. Volunteers include KG, LN, JW, PP, LF, DF, DR, JS and GC.

Feedback Form

A feedback form has been prepared to encourage a response from the community on the draft plan. Completed forms can be placed in the ballot box used for the household survey at the Open Meetings. Alternatively, completed forms could be returned to the email address provided. The form is to be used to demonstrate that community consultation has taken place together with an analysis of the plan as a whole, or specific policies.

Comments on specific policies will need to be emailed or posted separately to the address details provided as required by the regulations. Regulations also require that those raising a specific comment separately must include their name so that it is publicly available.

Advertising

A press advertisement that will appear on page 3 or 5 of the Dartmouth Chronicle on Friday 16th February 2018. This advises the start and end dates of the regulation 14 consultation phase as well as two Open Meetings planned for 7th March 2018.

Posters will also be placed in the village notice boards and on the counter in the shop.

An email with a copy of the draft plan is to be forwarded to all statutory bodies and organisations listed in Schedule 2 of the Draft Statement of Consultation.

At the open meetings in the Parish Hall it is intended to prepare a display of the work completed by Steering Group members and Lee Bray, including details of the policies in the plan together with maps, etc.

On-going Works

Once the regulation 14 consultation phase has closed, any comments received will need to be collated. Response to comments received will be discussed amongst SG members and LB to ensure compliance with the regulations. This will be followed by a Response Report.

8. Discussion on Strete Gate and Slapton Line and the closure of the public lavatories –

As Chair's report and report by I. Cumberlidge

9. Update on the Kings Arms – as Chair's report but the PC was informed that the advertisement for the sale of the Kings Arms is still on the internet.**10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – As per discussion in Finance.

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – No report

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – No report but the quotation for the telephone box to be refurbished was provided. The situation regarding the land on which the telephone box is sited needs to be regularized.

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. The PROWs seem in good shape for the time of year. No report on trees. Strete Gate car park is once again being used for 'donutting'.

Reported that the warning chevrons on the bend above Strete Gate are missing and The 40mph signs further up the road had fallen into the field.

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

Queried the traffic issues raised at the last meeting. The Chair said that she had met with the Highways Officer concerning the surface of the parking area. Suggested the PC enquire whether the area could be resurfaced on a self help basis together with the yellow speed warning stripes near Manor Farm.

M. Hanson – Dog walking field. Examined the entrance which is quite firm. The area at the side of the fence is a quagmire which would need a considerable amount of hardcore to achieve a hard surface. Suggested Cllr. Brazil be consulted re. the possibility of a footpath by the hedge from one gateway to the other.

Queried whether a catamaran left on the beach could be moved. The owner is known and the Chair will have a word.

11. FINANCE

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1482 - £52.66 – SLCC membership (1/3)

1483 – £34.96 – R. Clark (reimburse for printing)

1484 - £50.00 – I. Cumberlidge (reimburse for Christmas tree)

1485 - £216.00 – BBH Architects (NP) (to replace chq. No. 1572)

1486 – £60.00 - Kingsbridge Websites (hosting package)

1487 - £750.00 – L. Bray – (NP) (2 invoices)

1488 - £245.56 – S. Winstanley (Feb)

1489 - £120.00 – Strete Parish Hall (NP £30.00) **Approved**

b) To consider quote from SHDC for repairing playpark equipment

Following discussion it was agreed that due to the urgency for some of the repairs to be carried out the engineer be contacted to discuss the quote and when the work could be completed.

c) Cash at bank – £20,754.82

12. CORRESPONDENCE – Email from G. Campbell**13. To consider applications for co-option – postponed to next meeting.****14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 15th March 2018 in the Strete Parish Hall at 7pm

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

- 1. To contact engineer re. quote for repairs to playpark**
- 2. To contact Highways re. highway issues**
- 3. To check on delivery of VAS**
- 4. To contact Cllr. Brazil re footpath in dog field.**
- 5. Installation of VAS on next agenda**

Chair

- 6. To contact owner of catamaran**
- 7. To contact owner of the land on which telephone box is sited**