

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public attended.

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

- Council tax is to rise by 5%. 2% general rise and an extra 3% for Adult Social Care.
- The £33 per pupil cut is to go ahead to fund an overspend in Special Educational Needs.
- Highways have appointed Skanska to maintain the highways from the beginning of April.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- The Joint Local Plan has been published. The consultation period is from the 15th March for 6 weeks and can be accessed on the SHDC website. The suggested allocation for Strete is for 10 houses and the Neighbourhood Plan will sit alongside the Joint Local Plan as a legal document.
- Two additional planning officers have been appointed.

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

APOLOGIES – Harry Fenton

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16th February 2017

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 –

- Roundels – the 20mph speed limit has not been enforceable because the signage was not compliant with the law. The new roundels have achieved this. Members feel that there are far too many and Highways will be contacted to discover if it would be possible to restrict the 20mph to the A379 and the Totnes Road.
- The Highways Management Fund will only provide 50% of the cost of any approved application.
- Payment for the hedge cutting has been received for all but two of the properties.
- The lifebuoy near the Strete Gate public lavatories is in need of refurbishment/replacement.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Happily last month has been relatively quiet.
- The biggest event has been to do with pre-season preparations. The litter picking comes top of the list – Louise Newman should feel she has a golden halo.
- Without prior warning DCC have been removing the ivy from the wall along the 379. They are investigating the stonework which is in a poor state of repair. Proper trees are growing out of the tarmac. The operatives agreed to remove them.
- Dough-nutting/side winding has seemed to have quietened down, mainly perhaps because the miscreants were known and the information was passed on to the Police.
- We have been visited by a humpback whale in Start Bay which has enthralled many visitors.

- I have contacted Hugh O'Rourke from Heavitree with reference to the pub progress. There is none. The last potential tenants withdrew. The Brewery are open to sensible suggestions. He says that the public tend to be testing the Brewery out, making wild/inaccurate suggestions on social media. Discussion took place as to how the future of the pub could be secured.

6. PLANNING: 0437/17/HHO Old Byre Lower Court Barns, Strete , TQ6 0RW

To replace rotten wooden window frames with new
Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend support.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark – March 2017

Details provided of neighbourhood plan income of £9,000 and expenses of £5,825.50 explained, leaving a current balance of £3,174.50. Unless further grant funding becomes available, it may be necessary to authorise PC funds to complete the NP process.

Reference was made to the circular received from SHDC in respect of the £1.8 million government funding SHDC have received for community housing.

After discussion it was agreed that these proposals would be considered should possible future housing development in the village be considered in partnership with a recognised housing association.

Land Offered for Development

Reference was made to the recent draft Joint Local Plan issued by Plymouth & South West Devon in which Strete was identified as a village able to accommodate 10 dwellings over the plan period to 2034. This number meets with the housing number preference expressed by the community in the household questionnaire in 2016.

Professional assistance is needed to ensure views can be set out clearly in a policy, in respect of the land offered for development, that the community can consider and comment on during the consultation process.

Previous advice received recommended members identify an alternative development site. A majority considered this is likely to raise concern with landowners and the community.

It was agreed that this matter should be postponed pending further consultation.

NP Policy-Writer

Following the last SG meeting in February two enquiries for a policy-writer had been forwarded to candidates to obtain a third quotation.

Details of online policies from Ugborough PC were provided as examples that could be utilised by Strete NP.

This may result in completion taking several years due to inexperience and failure of members to meet the presentation and content criteria expected by an Examiner.

Discussions took place about the appointment of a policy-writer.

SG members voted unanimously in support of appointing a policy-writer without further delay to allow progress of the NP to resume.

A third quotation was received on Monday 13th March.

The consultation period for the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan would commence on 15th March and finish on 26th April 2017.

The Guildhall in Dartmouth is the local venue for this on 20th March from 3pm until 7pm.

8. To consider quotes for Policy Writing for the Neighbourhood Plan

Following discussion it was *resolved* to award the contract for Policy Writing to Lee Bray.

9. To discuss the Joint Local Plan

Members were encouraged to study the plan which will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Proposal to seek quotes for a portable VAS and 20mph roundels

- It was agreed three quotes had yet to be obtained for a VAS but this is in hand.
- Roundels – as above

11. To discuss arrangements for erecting the new notice board.

M. Hanson will consider whether he has time to put up the new notice board. It is necessary to contact the land owner to arrange for the vegetation to be cut back.

12. To confirm arrangements have been made to repair the defibrillator.

D. Rothwell will again report the problem with the defibrillator.

13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – The mole deterrent bulbs have been planted. The metal arch has been repaired But there is further rust which needs attention.

L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads – There is a problem with the bench on Totnes Road which needs repair. The bus shelter guttering is loose.

The litter picking was a great success. 11 bags of rubbish were collected. A further effort should be made at Strete Gate. The necessary gear was provided by SHDC.

D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – A quote for refurbishing the phone box is expected at the weekend.

H. Fenton – Village Green – No report

I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – There was a complaint about sycamores which have been felled. Posts have been replaced on the A379.

Awaiting quotes for the picnic site notice.

R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

14. FINANCE - To agree payment of the following cheques:

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1538 – £375.00 - S.H. Planning (NP)

1539 - £34.97 – Gardening Naturally (moles)

1540 - £60.00 - Kingsbridge Website

1541 - £33.50 - Strete Parish Hall (£10 NP)

1542 - £1366.51 – Greenbarnes (information board)

1543 - £202.77 – S. Winstanley – (Mar)

1544 - £152.85 – Greenspace – (Feb)

Resolved

b) Cash at bank – £22,199.10

15. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter objecting to the 20mph roundels which have appeared in the village.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 20th April 2017 – Strete Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting
Will commence at 6.30 followed by the
Parish Council meeting at 7pm**

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

Clerk

1. The lifebuoy at Strete Gate needs to be replaced/refurbished.

2. Contact Highways re. roundels

3. Quotes for VAS

4. Put the JLP on next agenda

L. Newman

5. Contact landowner of the notice board site

I. Cumberlidge
R. Clark
D. Rothwell

- 6. To obtain a sign for Strete Gate Picnic area**
- 7. To arrange for Thorburns to clean A379**
- 8. Get defib. Checked again**