

## STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Strete Parish Hall, Strete Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Kate Gill was nominated and seconded. There being no further nominations Kate Gill was elected and signed the Acceptance of Office.

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

There were no nominations and the election of vice chair was postponed.

#### PUBLIC FORUM - One Member of the public attended.

- The signage for the road works at Slapton Line is seriously inadequate.
- It was suggested that the road from Hyne Town downwards be closed except for access.
- The legality of the building work at 2 The Plat is questionable. Cllr. Foss to investigate.
- Request for a temporary bus stop at Start Bay Park.

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

- All the plans are in place for the construction of the road at Slapton Line.
- The contractors are in place, the works will start this summer and be completed by October.
- The funding came from central government. There will be a surplus and the main priority is to upgrade the back roads where necessary. Members of SHDC are to make a site visit to decide where works are necessary. There are some awful potholes on the back roads.

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

- SW Coast Path will be on the landward side of the new road.
- The Annual SHDC meeting has taken place. The Inspector has made some changes to the wording of the Plymouth and SW Devon Plan.
- Ugborough N. Plan was passed today.
- Complaints have been received about the 20p charge for the use of the public lavatories.
- The new chair of SHDC is Tom Holway.

**PRESENT** Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman, Ian Cumberlidge, Ralph Clark, David Rothwell

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

#### 3. APOLOGIES – Mark Hanson, J. Vallance

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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

#### 5. 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 10.

#### 6. CLERK'S REPORT –

- Heavitree have emailed to say that they are not intending to sell the waste land.
- There are 3 areas of Japanese Knotweed on the waste ground which will be reported to Heavitree.
- A Temporary Road Order will come into place on the 21.5.18 to restrict parking at Strete Gate and Slapton Turn which will mean that enforcement officers can impose fines.

## 7. CHAIR'S REPORT –

Slapton Line – I'm happy to say that I attended a meeting of SLP at Follaton House today. Much was discussed but the most important piece of information everyone is waiting for is the work will commence at the beginning of July. There have been a few hiccoughs on the way but the contractors have been chosen and they are Alan Griffiths. Information about them can be viewed on line. They will also put out regular bulletins. Upgrading the minor back routes will be regarded as a priority.

Strete Gate – Following the debacle of the last Bank Holiday the correct legislation has been put in place. Anyone committing a parking offence is very likely to be issued with a penalty ticket. I will leave Ian to enlighten us on what exactly went on, in his report.

The Kings Arms - Mark Hildyard the new owner/publican is now working on preparing the pub for opening. He told me he had originally hoped to open the bar as a starter for the 1<sup>st</sup> June, but has now decided that would be pushing it a bit too hard. But rest assured it will be open soon.

The Coastal Footpath – Jane Beech requested a meeting with me about the possibility of realigning the footpath nearer the sea and not through the village. Said meeting was had and amicable - however I said that the parishioners/owners of adjacent property would not agree. She told me she had received several communications.

She assured me there were exemptions for spreading room (the term used to allow walkers to wander around in the area) under the 2000 countryside act. The original cooperation from landowners was given as I understand it on condition walkers were able to enjoy our village eccentricities and facilities.

Strete as a parish has the least road walking in all the 650 odd miles from Minehead to Poole – something just over 100 yards. One of my campers who has walked the whole of the Camino Way in Spain says that the joy of that walk and the ones in England are the punctuation marks of helpful friendly small villages where you can rest and be refreshed.

She promised me some specific information by email on the preliminary stage of investigation and the legal aspect but as yet I have not received it. She does realise that we are definitely against any change in our existing route.

The safety measures for pedestrians were also discussed – rumble strips – VAS –and traffic calming (parked cars). She was impressed by our safety preparations and understanding.

## 8. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS - To be considered

### 1123/18/FUL – The Laughing Monk Restaurant, Strete TQ6 0RU

Resubmission of planning application 2638/17/COU for proposed change of use from Restaurant and dwelling to dwelling.

Following discussion it was **resolved** to object to the proposed development for the following reasons:

1. The proposal represents a loss of amenity for the Parish
2. The loss of the business will have a deleterious effect on the sustainability of the Parish
3. The loss of the business will have a knock on effect on the remainder of the businesses in the Parish particularly businesses associated with tourism.

### 1369/18/FUL – Driftwood House, Strete TQ6 0RR

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling

Following discussion it was **resolved** to support the proposed development with the condition that nonreflective glass be used.

## 9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. Report by Ralph Clark on the neighbourhood plan.

Comments regarding the draft plan from SHDC were received on 26 April 2018 and have been incorporated into the draft Response Report prepared by Lee Bray.

This is to be circulated to SG members before the meeting planned on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in readiness for discussion and potential amendments prior to publication for public knowledge.

SHDC have suggested a meeting to discuss the points raised and, subject to any comments raised at the SG meeting on 6 June, it is likely this will be arranged asap after the 6<sup>th</sup> June meeting.

Lee Bray will attend the SG meeting to guide and assist members through his draft Response Report as it is 48 pages of content that deals with all of the comments received.

Lee has commented that some amendments and compromises will need to be considered.

A majority acceptance of amendments and compromises will be sought from SG members to avoid the need for further public consultation as well as meeting with SHDC and an Examiners approval of the plan.

**10. To discuss Natural England’s proposal to divert the coastal footpath away from the village.**

It was agreed discussion be postponed until next month when essential information is received from Natural England.

**11. Proposal for control of traffic to Strete Gate during the time which it takes to reconstruct Slapton Line.**

It was agreed Ralph Clark would order a sign directing vehicles to the car park.

**12. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS**

- K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – The repairs to the equipment should soon be completed.  
A basket ball post has appeared – the ownership needs to be ascertained.
- L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Work to the pavement in Start Bay Park is continuing.  
There is a collection of plastic on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – In communication with SW Ambulance re. the defibrillator. Buying a defibrillator would be considerably cheaper. S. W. Ambulance cost would be £1800 for a 4 year lease.  
The quote for the works to the telephone box will be reduced because some of work has already been carried out.
- I. Cumberlidge – Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. The PROWs are beautiful and ok.  
It was suggested at the Slapton Line Partnership that the Strete Gate Car park should be enlarged.  
The dog waste bin should be placed soon.
- R. Clark A property has been sold and the garden sold to a developer.

**13. FINANCE**

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
  - 1501 - £255.35 - S. Winstanley (May) (to be advised)
  - 1502 - £292.50 – S. Winstanley (Annual expenses)
  - 1503 - £1020.00 – Peter Tanner Ltd.
  - 1504 - £50.00 – L. Lindley (Audit)
  - 1505 - Cancelled
  - 1506 - £30.00 – Strete Parish Hall
- b) To approve the Annual Governance Statement
- c) To approve the Accounting Statement
- d) To approve the accounts to the year ending 31.3.18
- e) To confirm increase in Clerk’s pay scale to SCP25 **Approved**
- f) Cash at bank – £ 27,887.42
- g) To consider a request for a grant from St. Michael’s Church for graveyard maintenance.  
It was agreed to make a grant of £200 towards the cost of the upkeep of the graveyard.
- h) To discuss a budget for the remaining Neighbourhood Plan expenditure  
It was agreed that £3,000 be set aside for the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE – Email from Stagecoach.**

**15. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR: in Strete Parish Hall at 7pm**

- 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (if necessary)
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (if necessary)
- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019
- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019
- 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Annual Parish Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

**Signed .....**

**Chair**

**ACTION POINTS :**

**Clerk  
R. Clark**

- 1. To contact Heavitree re. JKW**
- 2. To order car park sign**