

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7pm.**

PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public attended.

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

- Highways have introduced a highways improvement fund the invoice for claiming has to be sent off by the middle March.
- It looks as if extensive patching will be carried out on the road to Fuge.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- The Parish Council have been successful in their TAP application for a portable VAS.
- The Local Authority Company proposal has now been abandoned but funds must be raised to meet the shortfall.
- Two additional planning officers are being employed and 3 additional part time officers.
- The work at Torcross to reinforce the sea defences is nearly complete.
- DCC are putting up Council Tax to go towards the cost of social care.

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

APOLOGIES – None

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15th December 2016

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.

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- If the PC is to benefit from the Highways Improvement Fund, the invoice will need to be received at DCC by the middle of March.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Happy New Year

Over the Christmas period we had a huge amount of fly tipping at the Recycle Banks. Bottles and general rubbish were both deposited there. Sall had requested its removal on more than one occasion; it was taken away this afternoon whilst I was on site. The bottle bank has been replaced but not the paper bank! The paper bank was still full.

Possible Air Ambulance night landing site. The work to underground the HV cables in New Park field has been completed and the ground re-instated. An upgraded un-metalled road is being constructed to provide better access to the site. The Air Ambulance surveyor will be invited to assess the site on completion of the road.

The replacement of the roadside wooden posts along Slapton Line has now I believe become a priority - thankfully. Unfortunately the land affected seems to come under two separate owners/estates. It is now in the hands of Cathy Aubertin (Operational Manager of Environmental Services), via emails from Andy Pratt and Richard Foss.

Doughnuts on Christmas Day! Harry was fortunate enough to be on scene when n'er do wells were enjoying doughnuts for lunch in Strete Gate car park. He was able to take a number plate and film another in action. This information has been forwarded to the police by Cllr Foss. Apparently they 'scarpered' when they realised they were being filmed. Thank you Harry.

I have again been contacted by Bruno Peek – he is Pageant Master to the Queen. As we had a successful beacon lighting in June last to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. We are invited to participate in the Tribute to honour the Servicemen who fought for us in WW1 with a Beacons of Light Celebration to mark 100 Years of the end of hostilities next year 11th November 2018. I accepted the invitation on behalf of the Parish, and in doing so I forwarded the photograph which was printed in the Gazette and Chronicle newspapers. I had an immediate response by phone asking if I was willing to allow it to be included in the publicity for the above celebrations. My response was I'd be delighted to help. So come April if you were in that picture see if you can see yourself in the publicity material on line and elsewhere. Bruno tells me he has been pageant Master now for 35 years. So it seems we are now a minnow in his very big pond!!!

As Dawne is now a private matter and nothing to do with the Parish Council I offer you this information as a courtesy. Mrs Walford and I have had several telephone conversations and emails. There have now been two double days of work done on reinstating the overgrown garden, with more to follow.

She has asked me to put more work in hand, which I shall be happy to do. Part of that is to reinstate the fence between her and Mrs Constance Snook at the rear of the property. When gardening takes place I will still be available on site to field any questions that might come up.

Finally, you will all have had forwarded emails with regard to items which appear on tonight's agenda, including information on costings for repair to the spinner in the Play Park.

6. PLANNING: None

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark –

- No meeting took place last month because a decision about a Policy Writer had not been settled.
- After discussion, it was agreed that a decision would be deferred until a quote had been received from a third policy writer, until Monday.

8. To discuss the provision of wifi in the Village Hall

- The Chair confirmed that the Village Hall Committee is adamant that they will not pay for wifi for the Village Hall.
- After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the VHC be asked to install wifi on a two year contract paid for by the Parish Council, to be reviewed but that funds will be sought towards the cost.

9. To discuss the current position on the Kings Arms

There are prospective tenants interested in the pub but nothing has been agreed. It was agreed Ralph Clark would advertise the pub on the Strete website.

10. Proposal to seek quotes for a portable VAS

- It was agreed that three quotes be sought for a VAS.

11. To discuss road sweeping costs

A quote of in excess of £4,000 had been received to scrape and clean the A379 from Blackpool Sands to Strete Gate. R. Clark to obtain 2 further quotes.

12. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

- K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – A quote from the manufacturers of the spinner for repair is £786.
The equipment is not dangerous and it was agreed the equipment is monitored.
- L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads – Hedge cutting has been completed and letters need to be sent to landowners to recoup the cost.
The road has been swept at Snails Castle.
- D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – Phone box – a meeting took place to discuss the cost of refurbishing the phone box and an estimate is awaited.
- H. Fenton – Village Green – All is well
- I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – Four sycamores have been taken down in Frogwell.
Strete Gate car park the fence in the top right hand corner needs to be replaced
The picnic area needs a new sign 'Strete Gate Picnic Area – No dogs allowed'.
- R. Clark – Planning & Neighbourhood Plan – as above

11. FINANCE

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 1460 - £184.32 – S. H. Newspapers – NP advertisement
 - 1461 - £25.00 – S. Winstanley (to reimburse for computer repairs)
 - 1462 - £70.44 – R. Clark – (to reimburse for printing) NP
 - 1463 - £255.17 – S. Winstanley (Jan)
 - 1464 – Cancelled
 - 1465 - £23.50 – Strete Parish Hall (hire of hall Jan)
 - 1466 -£492.00 – J. Gilbert (for hedge cutting)
- b) Cash at bank – £23,205.00
- c) To discuss a request for a grant for the upkeep of the churchyard
It was agreed that a grant of £400 be made to the PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard for 2 years.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter requesting a grant from St. Michaels Church

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 16th February 2017 – Strete Village Hall – 7pm

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

- Clerk**
 - 1. To obtain quotes for a VAS**
 - 2. Send letters to landowners re. hedge cutting**
 - 3. Contact SHDC re. fence at Strete Gate and arrange for a picnic area sign**
- K. Gill**
 - 3. Chair to push for quote from Mike Kelly**
- R. Clark**
 - 5. Obtain quotes from road sweepers**
- D. Rothwell**
 - 6. Obtain quotes for repairing telephone box**

