

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm

Strete Parish Hall, Strete
Thursday 20th April 2017 at 7pm.

PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public attended.

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss – as APM

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

APOLOGIES – Police

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16th March 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 – No report

5. CHAIR'S REPORT – As APM

6. PLANNING: To consider

1049/17/FUL Southwood Farm, TQ6 0PN

Provision of an agricultural livestock/general purpose building
Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend support.

1043/17/FUL Southwood Farm, TQ6 0PN

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7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – R. Clark – April 2017

Following approval by Parish Council members to appoint Lee Bray as a Policy-Writer for Strete NP a meeting was arranged with Lee to discuss a provisional timetable, etc.

From a review of the evidence documents and draft policies provided by SG members from the work completed in 2016, Lee produced an Outline Structure of the Draft NP with guidance and advice requests that SG members subsequently responded to.

Response note requests to the Outline Structure have been returned to Lee Bray.

In addition, copies of policies from Plymouth & SW Devon JLP, referenced by Lee Bray in the Outline Structure, were reviewed for compliance with the views of SG members as the policies of the JLP cannot be repeated in the NP for Strete. These policies concurred with the views of the majority present and were generally supported.

Support for these JLP policies has been submitted to SW Devon Neighbourhood Planning.

As a result a total of 12 policies for Strete NP are likely to be required.

Despite a majority decision at the previous SG meeting not to pursue a second site with landowners, the issue was raised by a minority group of three and discussed at length. The majority consensus at the meeting was, again, not to pursue a second site.

However, correspondence has been received from the minority group of three requesting a formal vote on the following issues:

1. Cox's Field as the preferred site for housing development and village facilities.
2. Approach landowners to consider alternative site/s for housing development.

Subsequent correspondence has been received from three SG members with the opinion that the issue of a second site should not be included on the next agenda.

Following contact with Lee Bray on this matter he has advised the following:

- The likelihood of a site coming forward for development is inevitably raised whenever it is identified for consideration in a public plan or consultation.
- If the idea of a second site is to test alternative sites but then to go on to choose only one, then there are risks. Although the plan might go on to propose just one of the sites, the alternatives considered might still be promoted by landowners or developers (as alternative or additional sites) and may therefore also come forward either through the plan, or as separate planning applications, or through the appeal system.
- None of that might happen, but the possibilities are raised as soon as a site is included as suitable for consideration in the plan-making process. That raises it above sites which had not been so treated. The planning history changes things for the future - and it doesn't ever really go away.
- The advice is to weigh and consider the balance of risks as to how many sites to include.

At a meeting in SHDC offices it was explained that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) are needed to meet the requirements of a screening report alongside our neighbourhood plan (regulation 15). SHDC provide the initial screening opinion to ascertain if further work is needed. If further work is needed it will be the responsibility of the NP group to organise.

8. To discuss the Joint Local Plan

Discussion took place and various points were highlighted. So far as the Parish is concerned Members felt that no formal response was necessary.

9. Proposal to consider quotes for a portable VAS

One quote was provided. Discussion took place as to whether the VAS should be battery or solar powered. The Chair will investigate further and report next meeting.

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

It appears the batteries for the defibrillator are getting too cold and causing the alarm to go off.

11. To discuss hand weeding between the pavement edge and the road in Start Bay Park

It was agreed that the PC try to raise a list of volunteers. Meantime, H. Fenton and L. Newman will Carry out the weeding.

12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- K. Gill (Chair) – Playpark – It was agreed that between the last two fence posts where the chain link fence has again been broken down, post and rail fencing should be erected.
- L. Newman (Vice Chair) – Transport & Roads – The siding out has made a big difference but one of the easements has been filled up. The siding out has revealed that the tarmac at the side of the road has disintegrated and is hazardous.
A letter had been received about the state of the road at Orestone. It was agreed L. Newman and The Chair should make a site visit.
The bench on Totnes Road has two loose slats. Agreed K. Ellis be asked to repair.
- D. Rothwell - Health & Safety – The quote for refurbishing the phone box was accepted.
- H. Fenton – Village Green – All well – some of the trees are suffering from lack of water.
- I. Cumberlidge – Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate – It was agreed the trees growing out of the tarmac on the A379 should be removed .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:
 1545 – £65.00 – I. Cumberlidge – Christmas tree expenses
 1546 - £23.97 – R. Clark – reimburse for printing cost
 1547- £2500.00 – L. Bray – Policy writing
 1548 - £38.50 - Strete Parish Hall (£14.50 NP)
 1549 - £238.70– S. Winstanley – (Apr)
 1550 - £126.10 – DALC subscription
 1551 - £5,800.50 – KTJ Ltd (for siding out A379)
- b) To confirm the increase in Clerk's pay scale to SCP24
- c) Cash at bank – £22,199.10 (including £634.98 VAT rebate) **Resolved**

- 15. CORRESPONDENCE -** Letter re road surface at Orestone and Highway Maintenance Grant
 Email re fence at Strete Gate

- 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th May 2017 at 7.00pm**
– Strete Village Hall – Annual Parish Council Meeting

Signed

Chair

ACTION POINTS :

- Clerk
1. The lifebuoy at Strete Gate needs to be replaced/refurbished.
 2. Contact Highways re. Orestone and broken tarmac on the A379
 3. Contact SHDC re. fence at Strete Gate
- Chair
3. Quotes for VAS

