

STRETE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Strete Village Hall, Strete
Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7pm**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

K. Gill was nominated. There being no other nominations K. Gill was elected Chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

L. Newman was nominated. There being no other nominations L. Newman was elected Vice Chair.

PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public attended.

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

- Devon County Council are proposing to withdraw the subsidy for over 16s from low income families for their travel to school. The subsidy was 50% of the £520 cost.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- Congratulations were extended to Kate Gill on becoming Chair.
- Planning – it is hoped that the new IT system is improving at last.
- The setting up of a Local Government Company has been deferred until June.
- The DC is in a good financial position at present but the Government subsidy will be removed by 2018.
- A scientific survey is going ahead at Torcross.
- A complaint was made about the lack of maintenance of the fire hydrants in the Parish. Cllr. Foss will chase up.

PRESENT Kate Gill (Chair), Louise Newman (Vice Chair), Ralph Clark, Ian Cumberlidge, Harry Fenton,

David Rothwell

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

3. APOLOGIES – Cllr. Brazil

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20th April 2016

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

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 prejudicial interest in the Planning applications 1105/16/HHO & 1106/16/LBC.

6. CLERK'S REPORT –

- The Coleridge Association will meet on Wednesday 15th June at Stokenham Village Hall.
- There have been extremely tiresome and lengthy discussions with NatWest in an endeavour to get internet access to the Parish Council's bank accounts. A complaint has been made.
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7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - K. Gill, Chair

- Thanks were expressed to Malcolm Hollis for all his work for the PC. There is great regret that he was forced to resign due to ill health.

- It was proposed that the website have a directory of all the businesses in Strete. This was agreed.
- The website should have a list of Members, with a resume, and possibly a photo. A photographer will be organized and Members are asked to provide a resume.
- Next meeting Members' responsibilities will be re-visited. Members were asked to consider whether they are happy to continue in their roles.

8. PLANNING: To be considered

1. 1151/16/HHO – The Ark, Hynetown Road, Strete TQ6 0RS
Proposed alterations and extensions to dwelling
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support for the application.
L. Newman left the meeting
2. 1105/16/HHO & 1106/16/LBC – Asherne Coach House, Strete TQ6 0RW
Refurbishment of existing coach house & conversion to ancillary residential accommodation.
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support for the application.
L. Newman returned to the meeting.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Report by R. Clark on the Neighbourhood Plan

- The meeting on 25th April provided Steering Group members with a summary of the responses from the community in relation to the questions in the survey document.
- It was decided that the information presented needed more time to evaluate and properly comment on. It was agreed to meet on 9th May, with the objective of determining the priorities of the community from the responses received.
- These will be publicised on the website www.strete.org.uk under the section for Neighbourhood Plan, in a Newsletter (to all those signed up to receive one) and the Public Notice Boards in the village once approved by the Steering Group.
- South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth have agreed to work on a Joint Local Plan. All three Councils have come to a view that a Joint Local Plan is the most efficient and effective way to set out a robust evidence base and a spatial strategy covering the three local authority areas.
It will set out very clearly the relationship between the city and the surrounding rural areas. The important point to be aware of is that both the evidence base and the development strategy will relate to the whole of the plan area as distinct from the individual local authority areas.
- Depending upon what form the development strategy takes, the plan will still identify housing and employment numbers as well as policies for some, or indeed all, of the towns and villages in South Hams. The aim is for engagement with local communities during the summer and submission of the Joint Local Plan for Examination in the winter.
- In an effort to assist everyone in understanding the requirements for determining the evidence needed to satisfy scrutiny by an examiner Alan Storah of South Hams District Council, who is a new temporary officer brought in to assist with progressing neighbourhood plans across South Hams and West Devon, was invited to the meeting to explain what guidance and support was available from SHDC.
Alan provided a PowerPoint presentation that included some guidance although members felt too much emphasis was placed on researching what other communities had achieved as a way of guidance. The support from SHDC would be in advising if the evidence submitted would be acceptable or not.
Members thanked Alan for his presentation and response to questions raised.
The meeting then turned to the summary of responses received from returned Household Survey documents that everyone had received following the previous meeting.

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- RC suggested that members focus on three or four priority issues as a way of simplifying and speeding up the process of completing the NP.
- Kate Gill proposed that the members formed three Groups at the next meeting to consider the following proposed priorities:
 1. Housing – 5 to 10 size development
 2. Parking – Could this be combined with development
 3. Infrastructure – Roads and Footpaths

- RC advised members would need to consider setting up meetings with various stakeholders to discuss the issues of land availability for development, highway access and communication improvements, sewerage capacity, impact on the existing facilities, etc.
- However, subsequent to this meeting some members suggested that the housing questions should be re-visited and for another survey to be sent out for the community to respond to.
- After discussing and considering the points raised, members present at the meeting, held on 16th May 2016, considered another survey on this issue would not be accepted by the community and voted against producing another survey.
Instead a system for establishing an overall view of those in favour of housing development and those against from the recent Household Survey documents was discussed.
Those members present voted in favour to proceed with this system.
- As a result, members present counted those in favour and those against in accordance with the approved system and, on completion, voted to confirm that the numbers counted were correct.
From 221 survey documents returned, the overall numbers in respect of Housing Development in the village are as follows:
In favour of Housing Development – 175
Against Housing Development – 35
Don't Know – 11
It was therefore concluded that the majority of the community are in favour of development and that, from the returned survey results, the preferred size of development is 5 to 10 houses.
- The Steering Group and Working Group members were asked to consider the priorities discussed with the objective of setting out their vision, at the next meeting on 13/06/2016, as to the key requirements needed to achieve the priorities.
These could then be submitted to the community at an open meeting for feedback.

10. To discuss quotes for purpose made notice boards. Postponed to next meeting.

11. To consider an application for co-option.

12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.
- Defibrillator – D. Rothwell – Defibrillator training is being organized for the end of June and is publicized.
- Village Green – H. Fenton – All well and grass cutting is going well.
- Play Park – K. Gill – The path is very good but the new fence is being broken because people are climbing on the fence to retrieve balls that have gone over. The fence is now dangerous. Chair to contact farmer about putting in a stile.
- Tree Warden – I. Cumberlidge – Nothing to report.
- Transport – L. Newman - It was agreed C. Ellis will cut agreed areas in the village. An email from David Whitton of DCC had been received re. Fuge road.

13. FINANCE

- To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 1410 – £227.05 - S. Winstanley (April)
 - 1411 - £19.00 – Strete Parish Hall
 - 1412 - £150.00 – T. Hallett – grass cutting Nov 2015, March & May 2016
 - 1413 - £26.97 – R. Clark to reimburse for printing
 - 1414 - £85 – Strete Village Hall – (NP meetings in April)
 - 1415 - £226.85 – S. Winstanley (May)
- Cash at bank – £23,436.24

c) To approve the accounts for the year ending 31.3.16 **Resolved**

The Annual Return was signed.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - None

14. DATES OF MEETINGS for the coming year in Strete Parish Hall at 7pm

16th June 2016
21st July 2016
18th August 2016
15th September 2016
20th October 2016
17th November 2016
15th December 2016
19th January 2017
16th February 2017
16th March 2017
20th April 2017 (to include APM)
18th May 2017 APCM

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS :

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| Clerk | 1. To chase up fire hydrant maintenance |
| | 2. To include proposal for new notice boards in next agenda |
| K. Gill | 3. To investigate a stile by the new fence at the play park |
| | 4. To organise a photographer for next meeting. |
| Members | 5. To send Clerk a resume |
| | 6. To consider their responsibilities for next meeting |

