



## **5. REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEES**

It was AGREED to amend the representatives on Committees and outside organisations list as below.

Beeson Village Green – Cllr Rogers

Beesands Village Green – Cllrs Ansell and Rogers

Beesands Flood Gate Co-Ord – Richard Foss as selected by the Environment Agency

Coleridge Bus – Cllr Cowley

Chillington Community Association – Cllrs Mrs O’Dwyer, Gardner and Mrs Doust

Coleridge Association of Parish Councils – Cllrs Ansell and Hoeksma

Community Voluntary Service – Cllr Mrs Nuttall-Smith

Emergency Plan – Cllrs Baverstock and Nuttall-Smith

Footpaths – Cllrs Rogers and Goodman

Health Care Meetings – Cllr Gardener

Kingsbridge & Salcombe Estuary Forum – Cllrs Ansell, Spence and Hoeksma

Parish Council Finance Working Group – Cllrs Spence, Rogers, Cowley and Gardner

Parish Website Working Party – Cllrs Gardner, Cowley and Spence

Slapton Line Partnership – Cllrs Goodman and Lynn

Snow Wardens – Cllrs Rogers, Lynn, Baverstock and Hoeksma

Stokenham Parish Hall Committee – Cllrs Mrs Nuttall-Smith and Mrs Doust

Stokenham Parish Tree Warden – Cllr Spence

Stokenham Village Community Association – Cllr Cowley

Stokenham Village Green Committee – Cllr Hoeksma

Young People and Schools Liaison – Cllr Mrs Doust

## **6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The following annual payments were noted and APPROVED:

Devon Playing Field Association and Community Council of Devon £50.00

Devon Association of Local Councils £441.80

Coleridge Association of Parish Councils £20.00

Data Protection Act £35.00

Society of Local Council Clerks (subscription shared with Salcombe

Town Council for the annual membership of £210p.a.) £105

Insurance renewable 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at £775.59. This quotation was valid if parish council continued on a long term agreement for a further four years to expire 2017 which they ratified at this meeting. It was noted that the play equipment at Chillington together with playing field, gates and fences were still not included as the land was not yet transferred.

## **7. INSPECTION OF DEEDS.**

The following documents were APPROVED and noted:

- A letter had been requested and sent by parish council with regard to relinquishing the Tenancy Agreement to Stokenham Playing Field. No further payments were expected on this land and confirmation of termination was awaited from the landowners solicitors.

- Beesands Village Green Constitution signed 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 wherein the District Councillor acts as Chairman with two parish councillors nominated to represent Stokenham Parish Council along with four residents of Beesands elected to serve thereon. They were currently Cllrs Rogers and Ansell and later agreed under ‘Open Forum’ to continue as Rob Steer, Alan Steer, Mrs Dean and Joe Johnston. Every four years (i.e. 2015 and hereafter 2019) if alternative residents wished to be considered for the committee a ballot would be held by Stokenham Parish Council to decide on such village representatives. Parish Council retain or change their representatives, as applicable, at this annual meeting each year.

- No documentation had ever been provided by Devon County Council or South Hams District Council in relation to the placement of bus shelters on land at Beesands, Carehouse Cross, Stokenham and two in Chillington opposite the post office and at Meadowside. However purchase invoices exist for Kellaton Bus Shelter. Two further bus shelters had been placed by Parson Brinkerhoff on behalf of Devon County Council at Fairfield and Robins Field, Chillington during May 2008 but no legal documentation had been received apart from plans. Parish Council were also gifted these with the understanding that they were now responsible for maintenance and insurance of such.
- Devon County Council had entered into an agreement with parish council for the erection of hanging baskets and the placement of a Christmas tree on County owned land within the triangle at Torcross. Such agreement terms with nominee residents as to maintenance required updating with current representatives in Torcross.
- The Permissive Path Footpath Agreement between all landowners that the footpath passes across from Stokenham to Torcross dated June 2005 was noted. This was to run for at least a term of 15 years, due to funding criteria, until June 2020.
- There were currently no loans, leases or other agreements in relation to land or equipment save for the maintenance agreement for the council Kyocera photocopier held by the clerk.
- The current Bank Mandate allowed for cheque signatories Chairman Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley and Cllr Goodman, together with the clerk also being a signatory to enable occasional necessary cheques to be signed in the absence of two of the aforementioned and for the clerk to be able to obtain bank balances and action inter account transfers. Currently internet banking was in the process of being set up.

## **8. WEBSITE**

The website was noted as up and running but more work was required. It was AGREED that advertising for local businesses would be provided and commence this coming season at no charge for this first year. Cllr Gardner offered to upload information to the website.

## **9. OPEN FORUM**

Ann Bowyer and Angela Lockwood were in attendance on behalf of Stokenham Village Green Association. They advised that the association were disappointed with the time it had taken to create the parish council website as they wanted to promote village events and wished their own page. It was noted that nobody from the association had been in touch with Parish Council even though the website had been up and functioning for some time and it was stated that David Hilliier was their contact. Angela Lockwood suggested her business would have folded had she waited for the parish council website to be created. It was advised that a contact from Stokenham Church had been aware and already been in touch with Cllr Gardner and he was carrying out these updates. The Chairman then explained that when Parish decided to go with a website provided by South Hams District Council there was a question mark as to whether parish could include advertising on that site but they persevered with them. In time the District site was not found to be workable and another solution taken. The Chairman noted the comments and the representatives were advised that the contact details were clearly stated as the parish clerk for any requests for information to be placed on the site.

Sandra Westlake from Torcross was in attendance with Bill Ireland representing a few neighbours with regard to the application for a new dwelling adjacent to Little Beeches Torcross. Their concerns were with regard to two types of water that gathered at that part of the village. Sewerage heading for the pumping station was regularly backed up way back from the new proposed property. Initially the applicants had indicated there would be a septic tank but they were now joining the main system. The application also stated that in respect of flooding the proposed property did not sit in an area for flooding. Mrs Pengelly noted that having lived adjacent for 50

years she accepted the flooding in this area but did not want it to be deeper. Both properties adjacent possessed pumps to pump such water across the road in times of flood. If further water was directed behind the Chapel due to infill building this was worrying to current residents. Previously it was stated that the land was sold as 'not for building land' and anything built thereon would need stilts. The current owners thought they would build and now with combined sewage this was going to facilitate the proposed property and the extension to their existing house Little Beeches to enable five bedrooms. Storm and foul water was adequately dealt with during the dry period but not rainy such as Christmas 2014 when current property owners spent weeks with sewage in their gardens and South West Water could do nothing until the water went down.

The residents were asked if this land was ever raised to alleviate this problem. The property that was there originally had a sunken garden with trenches in the dry season and in the wet season it flooded into them. These trenches had been filled in and built up but there had been more flooding since the trenches space had been taken away. There was an extra concern with regard to well water and they needed to speak to a water engineer. Flooding did not come from Ley the but was the water table height below the 400 year cottage so that any heavy rain washed down from the higher fields. However the KRS Environmental Report stated that surface water flood imposed a low significant impact risk. There was a stream that runs along the back but in times of flood it exited from a pipe by the Chapel under the road and into the Ley. However it was believed that this had been broken and rather than going under the Chapel and into the Ley the water went into gardens. In 2002 there was a District proposed project to alleviate this problem but funding was never allocated for it.

The residents also did not feel that the design was sympathetic to the area and neighbouring properties as there was a lot of glass which was not in keeping with the pebbledash in this area.

Lee Johnson attended to represent the Chillington Housing Action Team and wanted to make everyone aware of this newly formed group who came together having heard of a potential planning proposal in Green Park Way, Chillington. They had called a villagers meeting last Thursday which he went well with strength of feeling from about 75 people attending. It was noted that Cllrs Cowley and Rogers were present and that Cty Cllr Brazil had been present at the beginning. (In fact Cllrs Gardner and Mrs Doust had also attended). Mr Johnson explained that there were three fields to the north of Green Park Way from Port Lane to Coleridge Lane which may have been sold to a developer, or at least an option on the land to obtain planning permission within the next 4 or 5 years. He noted that it was reported that there was no pre application at District but highways had received an enquiry and there were speed trackers and car counters along the road and lots of surveys being carried out. Mr Johnson understood that there had to be new build somewhere but asked why Chillington again so soon after Helmers Meadow and felt that residents may accept 4 or 5 houses but this was said to be 100. The Chairman noted that was just rumour at present. Cllr Rogers noted that there was speculation as Cty Cllr Brazil had advised of an enquiry through Highways but it was difficult to comment at parish level with no further information. Mr Johnson continued that they had been constructive and noted when the land assessment survey was carried out these pockets of land was identified and one significant constraint was the impact on the AONB. However using the same District criteria there appeared to be caveats for allowance of such development. The Chairman observed that there was nothing further to discuss until more information came to light and that there was a strong persuasive element by developers to find sites for development and parish council heard of this all the time. Until there was something substantive on the table beyond rumour there was nothing to discuss. Cllr Baverstock noted that when he was District Councillor for this area he had heard the rumours the same as everyone else and spoken to District pre application officers but they had nothing. Following further comments the Chairman suggested that the group should put in a Freedom Of

Information request to County on this matter and keep parish council informed but until something substantive appeared he could not put this on the parish council agenda.

Ann Bowyer noted that the Stokenham Village Community Association had obtained a defibrillator and in was hung on the wall at the Parish Hall and would be activated for use the following day.

### **BEESANDS VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE**

In compliance with the District Agreement for this committee the nominations for the four committee 'resident' positions were received and as there were four candidates they were duly re-elected as:

- Joe Johnson
- Steph Dean
- Rob Steer
- Alan Steer

*Ann Bowyer, Angela Lockwood and Lee Johnson left the meeting.*

### **10. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

The applications below were considered at this meeting and the following observations submitted to District:

- 0854/15/F Householder application for demolition of bay window and insertion of French doors 22 Beesands, TQ7 2EN – No objection.
- 0973/15/F Householder application for replacement windows to east elevation Fuchsia Cottage, Chillington – No objection.

*Mr and Mrs Johnson left the meeting.*

- 1009/15/F Erection of dwelling and garage Little Beeches, Torcross – Objection. Parish Council questioned the Flood Report which stated there was no standing water for 250m and yet this proposal was directly across the road from the ley. Also from historic knowledge parish council and the community were aware that neighbouring properties had suffered from water incursion and backing up of sewage due to flooding problems in this locality which were ongoing depending on the weather. Filling in of this area could further exacerbate this problem and South West Water should be able to provide information of such reports. The design was felt to be completely out of character with the locality with large windows and due to materials proposed.

It was suggested that if the District Councillor considered putting this application forward to planning committee then parish council would like to be represented at such meeting.

*Bill Ireland and Sandra Westlake left the meeting.*

### **REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO UNDERTAKE WORKS ON TREES SUBJECT TO A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

- 0983/15/TW (No. 15) Site: Amberley, Stokenham. Application to carry out 25% crown reduction of a Tulip tree – The Tree Warden noted that there were some dead branches at the top of this tree that maybe could be removed carefully. No objection but the work should be undertaken only by a competent arboriculturist

### **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

None received other than already emailed to parish councillors for consideration.

## **11. FUTURE PROJECTS**

It was AGREED that parish council wished over the next four years to achieve certain projects around the parish and the following list was offered and would be added to as such were highlighted. Cllr Baverstock offered to lead consideration of such project together with Cllrs Gardner, Hoeksma, Mrs Doust and Mrs O'Dwyer.

- Orchard Way junction with A379 for safer crossing
- Cycle racks
- All hamlets linked by footpaths – cycling bridle paths – all the way to Kingsbridge (perhaps road declassification could be used for this project as a tourist attraction).
- Other villages to be questioned what projects they suggested/wanted.

*Cty Cllr Brazil arrived at the meeting.*

## **12. ORCHARD WAY TO HELMERS WAY PERMISSIVE PATH CHILLINGTON**

Following the site meeting with the Helmers Estate management company they had written to Taylor Wimpey asking them for permission to create the pedestrian link from Orchard Way into Helmers. A further email was sent by the Parish Clerk asking if any decision could be made by this meeting but to date no response had been received.

Cllr Cowley also noted that the tree adjacent to the footpath needed addressing as did the hedge.

It was AGREED to;

- (a) ratify approval of the contents of a letter received from Stokenham PCC with regard to them permitting parish council to create a permissive footpath, at parish expense, through from Helmers to Orchard Way and for parish to undertake future maintenance thereof
- (b) obtain costs to carry out the works to create the Permissive Path using the Town and Parish Fund held.

## **13. CHILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Following a request by the CCA to install a freestanding noticeboard in the playing field area adjacent to the Community Hall it was AGREED to offer a surplus parish council noticeboard to them for such usage but to ensure placement was not in conflict with the play area etc and the parish council Community Association representatives were given the remit to approve siting.

## **14. TRANSFER OF LAND**

Following discussion with the parish council solicitor the only remaining point to be dealt with was the encroachment into the park across the stream. Keith Rennells advised that the neighbour removed the offending bridge and built a new one that did not touch District land, so they could not insist on its removal as such. However the District solicitor suggested a post and rail fence would be a substantial barrier and if damaged it would be obvious who had done so. It was just a matter of District officers finding time to ‘...get this up and running, getting a specification together, obtaining funding and finding a contractor if their in house team could not do it.

It was AGREED to approve that quotes were sought for the installation of a chain link fence along the Chillington Playing Field stream boundary to secure the perimeter with the cost to be covered by District Council transferring funds.

## **15. TRAINING**

This was DEFERRED pending further information.

## **16. REPORTS**

### **HOUSING CHILLINGTON**

Cllr Cowley attended the Green Park Way community meeting and noted the next four years were going to be difficult for housing due to the new national planning system in place and everything

was on hold for the District Our Plan. Listening to residents concerns and trying to guide them into a Neighbourhood Plan so parish council knew what people wanted would assist future consideration of applications. It was noted that some residents at that meeting had said that they would like affordable housing without the need for increased amounts of market value housing. Everyone needed to consider the positives of what they wanted from such development. Therefore he asked whether the time to create a Neighbourhood Plan was now. The Chairman asked that this question be put on the next agenda.

### **CHILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – MUGA**

Cllrs Rogers, Gardner and Mrs Doust together with the clerk attended a meeting with Chris Hyson and Greg Chambers of CCA to be advised of what wished with regard to a MUGA. It was suggested by Cllr Rogers that they could consider draining the area and letting it remain as a green space in order that it could still house fetes, tug of war and general kick around. Concern was also noted with regard to reports of noise from chain link encasing MUGAs. When the idea first came to council it was mentioned that a few ideas could be put to Chillington village to include a case for an open multi play area and then let residents choose. This was supported as once the equipment was in place there was only one use for the land.

### **BEESANDS VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE**

Cllr Ansell advised that another 200 tons of boulders had gone down to fill in where the barrier had subsided and this was just about completed. Works had also included rounding off the drop of approximately 10 feet at the edge which had been undermined by the sea to present an insecure cliff of sand. The route of the Beesands Cellars road was still not known. Cllr Lynn noted that Hallsands were now getting the caravans from Beesands parking there. Beesands parking was considered and Cllrs Rogers and Ansell felt that judging by Easter it would be a shambles. There were some on the committee who suggested providing parking properly on an area of the Green but most of the others did not agree and the law stated no parking on a Village Green.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 from District – Street Naming and Numbering enquiring whether there were any objections to the new road for Brooklea and Old Grist Mill Development being called Brooklea Place. It was suggested that maybe 'Lane' rather than 'Place' had more of a rural feel.
- The tarmac footpath grant for the Stokenham Church had been used and an invoice provided for the works carried out.
- Local Government Boundary Commission notification of review of Devon County Council electoral arrangements. The Kingsbridge and Stokenham Ward were to be called Kingsbridge but its catchment was an obvious area and therefore no response to this consultation was felt necessary.
- Emails had been sent to District Council Leader John Tucker with regard to the Dartmouth Swimming Pool grant. He had recently advised that all information had only just been received from the group and the Group had signed the build contract which would last for forty days and give District time to consider the funding on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015. JB convinced that they attended an Executive meeting and they agreed an amount of money so money was earmarked for that pool. Dist Cllr Brazil felt District was concerned because they did not think that the pool would pay for itself and ultimately they would have to run it. However he noted that Dartmouth had succeeded with managing the Flavel Centre. Following further questioning by parish councillors he ventured that the new CEOs did not feel the project would 'wash its face' and thus included such management of the new pool in their leisure review.

## **17. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil noted that due to the recent elections there was little to report

He remained chair of Corporate Scrutiny at County and had put forward a question with regard to the reduction of bus subsidy which would be ratified on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. However he doubted whether his question would affect such cuts.

District council had their first meeting today and he was on the Audit and Planning Committee and would chair the Salcombe Harbour Board. The following day 85 members of District staff were leaving as a consequence of Transition 2018. Thereafter all matters would be dealt with by Locality Officers.

## **18. FINANCE AND CHEQUES PARISH COUNCIL PENSION SCHEME**

The first payment to the Local Government Pension Scheme had been submitted and acknowledgement of registration as a member and confirmation of details received.

Balances were provided and the below cheques were noted and agreed for signature:

Current £2159.20

Savings (1) £50,705.22

Savings (2) £4924.71

Transferred £4000

Received Half Yearly Precept £17405.00

Cheques for signature

002228 Stokenham PCC – Grant for footpath works £2000

002229 Greenspace – Maintenance grass cuts to Helmers August 2014 – April 2015 and Holbrook August 2014 – April 2015 £1000.00

002230 Came & Company – Annual insurance on 3 year term £775.59

002231 Eclipse – Internet April and May £27.60

002232 HMRC – Tax & NI £88.85

002233 Wages £1033.88

002234 DCC Pension Fund – Pension payment £332.31

002235 CANCELLED

002236 R C Rogers Builders Ltd – Community Reinvestment Fund Part Payment Footpath at Torcross £4716

## **19. NEXT MEETING**

The next full parish council meeting would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and a planning committee meeting would be held on the first Thursday in June 2015, if necessary. due to plans being received. Both meetings commenced at 7.30p.m. in the Wesley Smith Room at Stokenham Parish Hall.

Meeting finished: 9.45p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman      Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015.