

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2015 IN THE
STOKENHAM PARISH HALL**

PRESENT:**COUNCILLORS:****P. SPENCE (Chairman)****J. ANSELL****A. GOODMAN****T. HOEKSMAN****J. BAVERSTOCK****J. BRAZIL (District and County Councillor)****C. ROGERS****L. COWLEY****J. GARDNER****MRS P. DOUST****T. LYNN****Also in attendance:****Clerk – Mrs G. Claydon****APOLOGIES:****COUNCILLORS****MRS C. NUTTALL-SMITH - Personal****MRS S. O'DWYER - Personal****1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors were invited to declare any disclosable interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they had in any items to be considered at this meeting. They were also reminded to consider whether in the light of recent activities any items within their Register of Interests should be updated. It was advised that any unforeseen request for a Dispensation would be considered by the Clerk at this point only if there was no way a councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting. Cllr Rogers advised of an interest in application 1243/15/F.

2. OPEN FORUM**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the:

- (a) full council meeting dated 21st May 2015 was approved by all present and duly signed as a true and correct record. Cllr Rogers did not want to be a Snow Warden but would do a hand over to a new Snow Warden if requested.
- (b) Planning Committee meeting none held in June 2015.

4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

DEFERRED awaiting attendance of candidates.

4. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 1072/15/F Householder application for new roof extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide additional 3 bedrooms, new front door and steps Little Beeches, Torcross. No objection. This was a small property and the extension was not oversized. They intended to raise the roof 1.5m but no one else's view was obstructed and the further amended plan was more acceptable in this location.
- 1164/15/F Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling Meadow View, 4 Higher Terrace, Beesands. It was acknowledged that the access to the rear, further

from the sea, was the main access route. To the front each approached up a separate route and thus the front extension did not impact in any way. The rear right of way was not felt to be impeded by the proposal. No objection. The drawings did not appear to raise any conflict with regard to the right of way and therefore parish council ask the planning officer to satisfy such resident letter of objection query.

Cllr Rogers left the meeting whilst the following application was discussed.

- 1243/15/F Creation of access track Land at SX 282 408 Village Green, Beesands. No objection. It was noted that the Beesands Village Green Advisory Group had requested that any track should have a post and rail fence, with pedestrian access gaps, placed either side of it as separate posts could be easily removed.
- 1289/15/LB Listed building consent to replace plastic roof to conservatory with pitched and flat roof Well Cottage, Allerdale Farmhouse, Chillington. No objection.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Copy response dated 31st May sent to District Council by a resident objecting to 1009/15/F Little Beeches, Torcross. Noted

6. TRANSFER OF LAND

DEFERRED as only two quotes received to date and parish council was awaiting further quotes.

7. REPORTS

CHILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Cllrs Gardner and Mrs Doust had not been advised by the committee of the recent meeting and thus there was no report. However the AGM was to be held shortly.

NHS PATIENT BOARD

Cllr Gardner noted that more locum doctors were being sought to cover the two places at Chillington Health Centre. With only two permanent doctors at the surgery now it was a strain on them to deal with the area.

Cllr Baverstock noted that when the Helmers development was being considered it was suggested that the increase in residents would put more strain on the doctors. He suggested that if multiple dwelling applications were received then the response should include the need for more doctors before any increase can be considered. All agreed that infrastructure support, such as provision of doctors, was important for major developments. Cllr Gardner suggested he could attend the Patient Participation Group to provide more communication. The Chairman noted that there was a nationwide shortage of GPs in their 50s and this was reflected in lower numbers coming to rural areas to work. Too few doctors were choosing general practice, and this together with increasing pressure on services and changes to pension rules that favoured early retirement made up a perfect storm of reasons why rural practices were under such pressure Cllr Hoeksma noted that about ten years ago Devon Home Choice pushed for key workers to be actively encouraged into housing and he thought this might return. Cllr Gardner felt concern could be raised with the local health board as to how they marketed attracting doctors to this area and Dr. Sarah Wollaston MP could be included. Cllr Gardner would also attend the Patient Participation group.

FOOD BANK AGM

Cllr Gardener had attended the Kingsbridge and then Dartmouth group meetings and noted both offered coverage for this parish. Dartmouth group also provided a delivery as far as Slapton. The Dartmouth meeting was dominated by an issue with a person causing unrest that they were dealing with and for this reason the manager had to step down due to stress. They also needed

more volunteers to take up roles. Kingsbridge group were doing well and had an outreach into Salcombe which they felt had not worked but were trying to kick start again.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Hoeksma advised he was now the area representative for the South West Coast Path from Kingswear to Plymouth. On the 9th July the Strete section of the Coast path would be opened by Jonathan Dimbleby.

Cllr Rogers noted that all stiles from Beesands Cellars to Widdicombe House back to Beeson were being replaced with gates. Cllr Goodman advised that the footpath gates behind his house were old metal ones and also needed replacing. There were a further two gates out at Thornhills either end of a field (top of Beesands towards Torcross) which he had to tie more heavy weights on to get them to close as his cattle could escape. This location however was a coastal footpath so Cllr Hoeksma would deal with this report.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A very large hole on the road from Beeson Pool to Beeson, Withery Well, at the passing place needed reporting.

COLERIDGE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

Cllr Ansell attended the AGM and Lindsey Lindley was now Chairman whilst also being Treasurer. Dementia Friendly parishes around the Yealm leaflets were provided and Cllr Ansell suggested it could be an idea to implement this in Stokenham parish. This could perhaps be part of the Community Resilience project. Liz Hitchins had driven this scheme around the Yealm and they now employed one part time person who was educating people how to deal with dementia and also arranging friends for those affected in a form of befriending. Coleridge Association was still solvent and hopefully Blackawton Parish would be re-joining by sending a representative. There was not much from meeting to meeting but it was the networking which was already built should the need arise in future for any projects. It was also suggested that the dementia befriending could use the TAP Fund but the project needed someone with drive and enthusiasm. Cllr Baverstock however noted things had changed since those initial projects started to run as his understanding now was that all doctors' surgeries had to question all patients as to whether they may have early signs of dementia. On a final point Cllr Ansell noted that Stoke Fleming Parish Council was creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

HALLSANDS

Cllr Lynn noted that a disposable barbeque was placed in the public bin and it subsequently melted it and caused a fire. It was a near miss that the fire did not spread so he urged others to be aware of the problem especially in areas with reeds or dry brush etc around. A new bin was installed by following day.

CHILDRENS CENTRE

Cllr Hoeksma noted that the contract for this service was being put out for review. The building at Kingsbridge would be shut and at Dartmouth too and the service would work from a hub from Totnes. With regard to the buildings it was promised that they must be kept in educational use.

WEBSITE

The Chairman noted he still required a small biography from Cllrs Baverstock, Lynn and Hoeksma for the website. The fonts and formatting were all fixed and the website now worked across all browsers. Cllr Gardner would be offering free advertising to local businesses from now

till the end of the calendar year and the parish council would consider charging next year. A diary was yet to be created and Cllr Ansell would send History club details but it was agreed by all that the website would only be used if the input was constant. Cllr Ansell asked whether a snapshot could be taken each year of the website for a historical record but it was noted that as a Government website it was recorded.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Mike Kelly advised that he and Graham could host two training sessions in a day each of three hours at £500 fee. Public Administration could be hosted by someone else.
- Email from Paul Lansdale resident of Torcross to thank the parish council for the works with regard to the entrance at the juncture with the farm shop and caravan club and acknowledging that it was a joy now to walk this path and note that the works had improved and sorted the problems.
- Keith Rennells District Officer had advised of an application to carry out filming at Beesands just off the shore. The film company support low budget local people and District had agreed that they were content to allow this to go ahead with no fee or licence.
- Ben Smith of Taylor Wimpey had given agreement for the Parish Council to break through from Helmers into Orchard Way, Chillington to create the pedestrian footpath so long as the church as owners of the adjacent land had agreed to such. Alex Whish to attend to review the tree and prices for works would be obtained.
- Email attaching a press release from Dr Sarah Wollaston MP to advise that she had been re-elected as Chair of the Health Select Committee.
- District had forwarded an email with attached letter that encouraged people to fly the Armed Forces Day flag. This would need to be purchased before 27th June.
- County Traffic Regulation Order consultation is due for response by 26th June 2015. This had not been circulated to parish and town councils and was only found by chance. County had been asked to extend the deadline.
- AONB newsletter invites nominations for the committee by 1st July 2015. The section for parish council representation was highlighted.
- Email received from John Skinner Access Officer for Devon Ramblers with regard to the lack of parking now at Beesands and seeking further clarification.

8. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil advised that they had been successful in retaining two bus routes for the 93 service on a Sunday. It was however not good news with regard to the children's centres although they were keeping the services but not the buildings. He did however request that if anyone knew of any hardship this caused in families that had not been factored in that this information be passed to him and he would look into it.

The opening for the Coast Path at Stretgate he reiterated would be on the 9th July.

The Chairman noted Cllr Brazil's increased workload in view of the fact that he was now District and County Councillor for Stokenham and suggested he change his attendance to the beginning of the meeting leaving after his report to move on to the other parishes for which he was County Councillor. Cllr Brazil agreed this would be better.

9. FINANCE AND CHEQUES

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

Current £3184.97

Savings (1) £44693.59

Savings (2) £4924.91

Transferred £5000.00

Cheques for signature

002237 Coleridge Association of PCs – Subs £20.00

002238 HMRC – Tax & NI £158.42

002239 Wages £1072.93

002240 Devon County Council – Pension contribution June £330.81

002241 Concorde I – Photocopier £10.09

002242 Stokenham Parish Hall – Annual Hire of Hall payment £525.00

002243 BT Payment Services Ltd – Telephone rental £214.97

002244 Eclipse Internet – Internet £12.50

10. NEXT MEETING

The next full parish council meeting would be held on 16th July 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 commence at 7.30p.m. in the Wesley Smith Room at Stokenham Parish Hall.

Meeting finished: 8.50p.m.

Signed Chairman Dated: 16th July 2015.