

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015 IN THE  
STOKENHAM PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT:****COUNCILLORS:****P. SPENCE (Chairman)****J. ANSELL****A. GOODMAN****T. HOEKSMAN****T. LYNN****MRS S. O'DWYER****C. ROGERS****L. COWLEY****J. GARDNER****MRS P. DOUST****MRS C. NUTTALL-SMITH****J. BRAZIL (District and County Councillor)****Also in attendance:****Clerk – Mrs G. Claydon****APOLOGIES:****COUNCILLORS****J. BAVERSTOCK - 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. None received.

**2. OPEN FORUM**

Sue Bladon read out her resume on application for co-option and councillors were invited to ask any questions.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the:

- (a) full council meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was approved by all present and duly signed as a true and correct record.
- (b) Planning Committee meeting none held in July 2015.

***Cllr Goodman arrived at the meeting.***

***Julian Brazil gave his report at this point and stayed to listen to planning deliberation before going off to other parish councils.***

**4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

It was AGREED to co-opt Sue Bladon as a councillor with Cllr Mrs Nuttall-Smith proposing and Cllr Cowley seconding with all in agreement. The Acceptance of Office was duly signed and the Declaration of Interests would be completed in due course.

**5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

Various gaps on the planning system were noted with the lack of plans online causing problems. Cllr Brazil noted the T18 changes and the fact that District only hold four council

meeting per year now so it was hard for him to hold them to account as the next meeting would not be till October 2015. Parish Council's comments deploring the current service were to be emailed with a copy to Cllr Brazil.

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

- 1461/15/LB Listed Building consent for removal and re-build stonework at first floor level (amendments to consent 53/0791/14/LB) Orchard Cottage, Beeson – Support.

The following applications were received after the agenda had gone out but it was felt should be considered and any further comments received from residents considered later.

- 1513/15/F Householder application for loft conversion and extension to dwelling Spring Field, Stokenham – No objection.
- 1519/15/VAR Removal of condition (use as ancillary accommodation only) of 53/0402/89/3 to allow use as separate residential unit Wayside, Kiln Lane, Stokenham – No objection.
- 1523/15/F Householder application for proposed extension and internal alterations to dwelling Chillington House, Chillington – An increase in bedrooms could be for commercial usage but as the application stated householder application the plans were unclear as to whether this is within the B&B remit. A lot of detail appeared to be missing on certain aspects and the application and plans did not appear to correlate. Parking was provided for the current rooms but if more rooms then there would be an effect on parking, highways and perhaps sewerage. DEFERRED and further details request to be made to District planning.
- 1526/15/F Replacement of ancillary unit west of main house Oddicombe House, Chillington. DEFERRED for additional plans to be requested.

#### **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1314/15/MA Golden Meadow, Widewell – Cllr Cowley had noted this application on line for a non-material amendment addition of a glazed window. However with the extension of building and terrace it was felt these were major changes to the building that then required an extra window and therefore parish council should request to be consulted on this application.
- A letter was read out to parish council with regard to a resident's comments on the proposed new road at Beesands stating objections. These comments were noted and had also been raised at the Beesands Village Advisory Committee and whilst agreed were felt to have been dealt with during discussions.

*Cllr Brazil left the meeting following planning decisions.*

#### **6. TRANSFER OF LAND**

It was AGREED to accept the quote from H2 Environmental (with an amendment on the quote to remove the dog leg and just follow a straight line) to install a chain-link fence along the stream perimeter of the Chillington playing field. The Parish Clerk would seek further District contribution to this and proceed to finalise the transfer of land.

#### **7. HELMERS WAY TO ORCHARD WAY ACCESS**

The approval of Taylor Wimpey to create a pedestrian access way between the two roads was noted and such works required to create this were APPROVED with the tarmacking contract going to Dart Surfacing at a cost of £1300.00 plus VAT. These works would be carried out

before any tree work and that would be coppiced in October. There was a suggestion that the area could be stone faced to hold the bank together. There would be a further cost for the clearance and timber chicane of 2 tanalised posts.

## **8. PARISH CYCLE ROUTES**

Cllr Spence outlined his idea for a network of paths/cycle paths to connect all villages in the parish. He asked those present to send ideas into the steering group of where path ways could possibly go. Cllr Hoeksma noted that there was South West Coast Path funding to improve paths off the coast path.

It was AGREED to set up a Working Party consisting of Cllrs Spence, Ms Bladon, Mrs Doust, Hoeksma, Gardner, Ansell and Goodman to consider possible routes for cycling between villages and approach landowners with regard to taking this project forward. The Chairman would email and suggest a first meeting date.

## **9. DISTRICT TOWN AND PARISH EVENT**

Nominations were put forward and approval AGREED for the attendance of Cllrs Spence and Cowley at this event 9a.m. – 2p.m. on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

## **10. REPORTS**

### **BEE SANDS VILLAGE GREEN**

Cllr Ansell advised that he had attended the meeting along with Cllr Rogers and the clerk and that Cllr Spence had been invited as Parish Council chairman to better understand the groups remit. Dist Cllr Brazil had chaired this as his first meeting as the newly elected District Councillor. A walk of the Village Green had taken place and all points reviewed and Cllr Spence noted that he had been advised that the group were only interested in the maintenance and protection of the Village Green which did not include parking provision.

### **CHILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – AGM**

Cllr Mrs Doust noted that CCA had sent in an application for funding from Section 106 monies towards a Multi-Use Games Area. Also there had been an independent person who audited the CCA accounts and had presented such asking for questions at the meeting but there were none raised. Since then a resident had raised queries and made statements which were felt to be unfounded. The newly elected officers of the CCA were Chairman Paul Cookson, Vice Chairman Greg Chambers, Treasurer Ian Sainsbury, and Secretary Sally O'Dwyer with Chris Hyson continuing to do bookings. There were 42 people in attendance. Cllr Rogers felt it was unfair the accusations being made with regard to the management of the building of the hall as it was only the opinion of one person and had hurt those who had put so much time and work into the project to build a fantastic hall.

Cllr Gardner noted that the CCA had changed their idea of where the MUGA would be situated and that a report from play equipment company stated drainage would not be a problem, although this was not felt by parish council to be correct. In due course Parish Council would own this playing field and therefore needed to be sure of any works. Cllr Mrs O'Dwyer suggested there should be a public meeting to decide what the community wanted on the field and the Chairman of Parish Council said that the CCA should seek the views of the community.

Cllr Gardener noted that there was an agreed location for the noticeboard as he had suggested it moved from behind the swings

### **CHILLINGTON HEALTH CENTRE**

Two new doctors were joining the practice but were not going to be partners and were long term locums at this point. John Venmore of the patient participation group had provided this information. Cllr Gardner went on to note that he was having issues with the local physiotherapy number and obtaining an appointment and explained that users could only secure an appointment within a 48 hour window. The local partnership group were considering trying to set up an assessment and ultra sound centre next to the Chillington health centre.

He also noted that there was a leaving afternoon at the Chillington surgery for Dr. McIntosh and would advise of the date and time.

### **SOUTH WEST COAST PATH ASSOCIATION**

Cllr Hoeksma noted he was trying to meet people to pass on messages with regard to gates required etc and was looking for a local representative too.

### **GREEN PARK WAY PLANNING OPEN MEETING**

Cllr Cowley advised that many people had telephoned him and said thank you for this meeting and the Stokenham Village Association were very pleased and felt this had been a useful exercise to allow people 'a say' and better understand what was being proposed.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- Carol Ridge advised that she had been writing the article in the Kingsbridge Gazette for Chillington Village and would include items for Stokenham and other villages if residents of the parish wished. She was however quite happy should anyone else wish to write for the various areas and they only needed to let her know and she would leave such parts to them.
- Beeson, Stokenham and Chillington Woodlands/Village Green trees had been selected to be one of the five groups to receive assistance and be part of the Growing Orchards Community Project. A letter of support had been sent, as requested by the AONB team, by the Chairman in order that they could apply for further funding. Cornwood Orchard.
- A resident had requested that strimming be carried out around the trees at the junction of Coombe Meadows on the grass verge. Also it was asked if the lower branches could be trimmed back.
- The Capacity Building Project had still not been moved forward and after consideration Cllr Hoeksma agreed to look at this and make contact.
- Discussion took place with regard to creating a parish Neighbourhood Plan and the lack of the District 'Our Plan'. Cllr Cowley suggested that parish council could gather information significant to inform any proposed development i.e. surgery numbers, school capacity, type housing needed people etc. Just baseline statistics and all councillors were asked to produce a group of questions/data required to work towards.

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

Cllr Brazil noted in his District capacity he had met with the new locality officer, Daniel Taylor, and that he appeared to be a communications officer for the area. Within South Hams there were three officers with the same remit and his area covered from Modbury, Kingsbridge

and around to Strete. He felt that the officer was not quite sure what he was to do and the job would evolve. Daniel was however keen to get involved in the community but Cllr Brazil noted these officers did not work evenings so this was not ideal as most community groups meet then. The area also had a locality officer who was an operative who carried out front line work and her name was Helen. As an explanation they were the people who litter picked, put planning notices up, collected flytipping etc. At present they were being trained to be dog wardens. There were only six of locality officers and this officer would have to cover Kingsbridge and the surrounding area which included Stokenham. None of the officers had done Chapter 8 training yet. Cllr Rogers requested that if District was to run Chapter 8 training could they include representatives from Parish Council at the same time? This was to be a new departure as to how South Hams was going to work, with new roles and nobody quite knew what any of it was going to entail.

Cllr Brazil had attended a couple of meetings with the group who had got themselves together in relation to the Green Park Way proposed development and he had explained the planning process. The Parish Council Chairman explained that the recent public meeting also explained how these parameters were set out and the developers had come across as human/plausible. Cllr Brazil also attended the Beesands Village Green meeting which he felt had been useful to ascertain the groups' views which was no parking on the Green whatsoever. Their job they felt was to protect the green at all costs. It was also advised that Nick Hutchings' land had been put forward for alternative parking. Cllr Rogers enquired whether as Chairman of BVAG Cllr Brazil was accepting no parking on the Green or was he going to look for ways to provide parking on the Green? Cllr Mrs Doust noted a resident wished more parking at Beesands and the Chairman felt it had been useful for him to witness the intransigence for parking and total remit for guarding the Village Green. He questioned how representative of the community the group were. If the BVAG were only interested in preserving the Village Green then perhaps both councils should just walk away. Cllr Brazil noted that people visiting would just park anywhere and Cllr Lynn advised that many residents did not even know the meetings were going on. Therefore it was felt that maybe come September a public meeting should be arranged. Cllr Cowley cautioned any such actions as the BVAG had just been elected and there were only four people put forward as before but they were duly elected and as such should deal with this matter. It was noted that the 'Costains' car park was not part of the Green. The Village Green committee had also advised well on the wall, drainage, playground etc and it was only the issue of parking now. Their next meeting was 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Cllr Brazil had spoken to Chris Brook and asked him to design an engineering solution to flooding due to blocked drains, it might not be funded but with a design at least they would have a solution.

County had confirmed that the 93 bus would run twice Sundays and Bank Holidays but would stop at Kingsbridge and not go on to Plymouth. The plan was not to use the Children Centre's physical buildings in Dartmouth and Kingsbridge anymore but the services would not be cut. County had just put out for tender for these services and companies and charities could respond and then he would know what services County were keeping and what would go. Once released Cllr Brazil would go through the tender document. The current buildings may well be taken on by the school as there was a covenant on the building to be used for education. It was noted by Cllr Hoeksma that an officer at County could not see how all these services could be provided in other peoples' buildings i.e. due to availability of building space and cost. Cllr Brazil however said that part of him wondered whether this would provide more outreach work into the parishes so all should await the findings. The Ropewalk Centre around the back of

Kingsbridge Leisure Centre was surplus to requirements and Kingsbridge Town Council and voluntary groups were keen to take this on.

**12. FINANCE AND CHEQUES**

Balances were provided:

Current £10367.20

Savings (1) £37695.15

Savings (2) £4925.11

Already Transferred £9000

Payments below were approved to be remitted electronically or by cheque:

002245 Charles Rogers Building Contractor – Permissive Path works £7092.00

002246 HMRC – Tax & NI £158.42

002247 Wages - £1072.93

002248 Devon County Council – Pension payment £330.81

002249 Eclipse Internet – Broadband £12.56

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next full parish council meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and a planning committee meeting would be held on the first Thursday in August 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: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.