

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 20TH JUNE 2019 IN THE
STOKENHAM PARISH HALL**

PRESENT:**COUNCILLORS:****P. SPENCE (Chairman)****J. ANSELL****J. CHURTON****MRS P. DOUST****MRS. S. ROWLAND****J. BRAZIL (District and County Councillor)****L. COWLEY****R. PAIN****T. LYNN****Also in attendance:****Clerk – Mrs G. Claydon****APOLOGIES:****COUNCILLORS:****J. GARDNER****C. ROGERS****MISS G. ADDISON****A. GOODMAN****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.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the:

- (a) full council meeting dated 16th May 2019 were approved by all present and duly signed as a true and correct record.
- (b) Planning Committee meeting held 6th June 2019 were approved by all present and duly signed as a true and correct record.
- (c) Annual Parish Meeting held 28th May 2019 was noted.

4. OPEN FORUM

Andy Chason from Waves Cottage, Chillington was in attendance and advised that he voluntarily kept the two bus shelters in Chillington clean by sweeping regularly. He was concerned about the household bins on the main road pavement adjacent to Fairfield Way which he felt made the area look messy. He was asked if he had made any enquiries as to who the bins belonged to and he had not. It was suggested that Mr Chason had more chance of knowing who these bins belonged to as District waste services were in slight disarray at present and it was unclear whether or not they would know anything this local. It was noted that at Orchard Way other residents also left bins out as did another by the PO/shop. The ones at Orchard Way stated they owned this section of pavement and this should be considered too.

Turning to another matter he questioned a leaking tap in Chillington on the corner of the new development opposite Grist Mill. This was an ancient tap and Mr Chason suggested it was up to

the village to fix it. Cllr Mrs Doust would mention this to Graham Bass to either attend to or offer further comment.

He felt that Oddicombe Corner should be 10mph when approaching the corner as 30mph was too fast and cars could come round the corner on the wrong side of the road.

Cllr Brazil arrived.

Cllr Brazil advised that it had always been a 30mph but highways had imposed a lesser speed at Halwell. He would ask the Highway Officer for advice noting that during the holiday period there was less chance of a problem as motorists could not build speed up around that corner with increased traffic. Another councillor noted he had an accident on that corner as it was so narrow and felt it needed more signage. If anything were to be implemented it would all need a Traffic Regulation Order that had to be advertised for people to make comments and feedback and it was noted that just changing the speed limit did not necessarily alleviate the problem.

Andy Chason left the meeting.

Following Mr Chason leaving the meeting a discussion took place on various highway issues in this location and it was felt an extra sign would not make much difference and all that was available was “road narrowing” and “approaching traffic in middle of the road”.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brazil advised that the Green Park Way application came and went and nothing further had been decided. The amendments application had many inaccuracies, the drainage was not signed off, comments from Richard Jackson were inconsistent, heights and visual impact assessment not being higher than 8.5 but felt acceptable at 8.9 and yet some houses were nearly 10m. The AONB report was never received before the application was withdrawn but it was suggested it was being compiled. Cllr Brazil's concern was that all the matters highlighted would be addressed and it would be resubmitted. He had said no to taking a major application decision to Planning Committee in August as this looked bad. The Chairman advised he had been relying on parish council being able to speak on drainage issues being a central concern to everything. Also that this issue could not be left aside for the applicant and officers to deal with after grant as this would bring the District planning into disrepute. The decision when made would affect those, already living there, with the most enduring consequences.

Cllr Brazil advised that at County he was on the LEP Scrutiny Committee and there received everything discussed. The LEP were tasked with producing a new industrial strategy but did not provide it for the Scrutiny Committee and therefore it was going to the next meeting in July and was to be signed in September but they did not meet again until October. They had nothing to look at but the Scrutiny Committee got the message got through that they needed information as scrutiny was needed for the £100million of peoples' money being spent. The group was made up of all district councils in Devon and Somerset Devon County, Somerset County along with Plymouth and Torbay unitaries. The new Chief Executive, he felt, was a breathe of fresh air and he would ensure that the LEP newsletter was circulated to his parishes. Cllr Brazil wanted to see what additionality from the LEP there was as they had economic departments at District and County, so what was extra. He had just joined this committee so was looking forward to it. They had talked about affordable housing and David Hughes was looking at the issue surrounding true affordability. New developments offered 30% affordable but they were not the right sort of houses and no one could afford them, which Mr Hughes understood but his recommendations did not reflect this. Low wages and high house prices in this area were a drag on the economy as people could not live here but tourism, farming etc were vital to the local economy.

Cllr Mrs Rowland noted that it was mentioned previously there was a pot of money to mend holes in roads. Cllr Brazil responded that there was the Community Enhancement Fund for capital project where County needed to install something like a larger drain under a road etc. For potholes it was best if they were uploaded to the Report It section on the County website. The Chairman advised that progress was being made with the Air Ambulance Night Landing site in Chillington and they needed to move quickly as funding about to run out. The Chillington Community Association was aware that Cllr Brazil gave some money to Stokenham and were looking for a contribution of £1000 towards their one.

Cllr Brazil left the meeting.

5. CO OPTION

It was DEFERRED due to the applicant being unable to attend.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

The applications below were considered at this meeting and the following observations submitted to District: None received.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion took place to explain the recent events regarding the Green Park Way application developments. It was noted that planning officers were facilitators to enable development. Members were there to be relied on for representing the community. There were some Reserved Matters that needed to be finalised before planning permission anomalies were addressed and these should not be left till after permission was granted as they would be outside of scrutiny. The Chairman cautioned parish council that they must continue to look for the small points when looking at the larger picture (i.e. to include window sizes, overlooking etc). Previously it had been a concern that the Development Management Committee was overruled by officers but with the recent election it was hoped that the new council would not allow this to happen. The outcome on this application was totally reliant on the members asking the right questions and sticking to it.

7. CHILLINGTON PLAYING FIELD

It was AGREED that the cutting cycle of Chillington Playing Field should be increased to cuts every 10 days during the spring/summer growing season at a cost of £55 per cut.

8. WEED SPRAYING

It was AGREED that weed spraying of the parish should be undertaken by Greenspace, as previously agreed, at a cost of £150 as it was not undertaken being late in the season last year.

9. INTERNET PROVISION FOR MEETINGS

Feedback on the report on signal advised that this system was possible. However the patient transport office had installed broadband within the hall on a wireless router.

It was AGREED that parish council could share this facility when it was up, running and parish council required it.

10. STOKENHAM VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Cowley advised that there had been a personal donation of £2000 into the play equipment fund which along with the District grant meant the group were looking to collect £5000 in total. The pubs might donate something towards the fund but it was complicated as some donations were to be gift aided so the Village Green Association would take over the umbrella of this project and make appropriate claims. There was still a lot of enthusiasm to get this project in place.

Cllr Mrs Doust noted that it was hoped to provide a traditional swing and wooden train costing about £7,500 and made Robinia hardwood as this site was close to the sea. The guarantee for this would be 30 years and it was noted that often other companies used soft wood and only guaranteed 2 years. Caledonia Play had someone in Okehampton who built and made carved animals for children to climb on and this could save costs by a volunteer collecting by trailer. Other ideas were magi posts (magnifying glass to look at bugs - £65 plus VAT each) and they were awaiting the fine details. Site meetings were now to take place to ascertain how the equipment could be fitted/a person to fit. All wanted to get something installed in the next few months and then they could fund raise for more equipment if needed. Parish Council had the ability to provide bridging finance, if required, whilst awaiting the District TAP grant.

It was AGREED to approve the letter of comfort drafted for Mrs Rew and the insurance arrangements within parish council insurance for play equipment to be provided on Stokenham Village Green.

11. CHILLINGTON PLAYING FIELD

District advised that they felt the best option from the quotes for removal of earth for drainage works was the second one to remove half the spoil. It was AGREED to follow this advice and a working party were to meet on site with the play equipment landscape engineers and John Grimes to discuss the final details and dates to carry out the project to allow application for draw down of Section 106 monies.

The Chairman advised at this point that Parish Council would need to assist with the arrangements for installation of an Air Ambulance landing site at Chillington with the Chillington Community Association raising some funds and donating. Planning permission would have to be sought for this night landing.

He also mentioned that the Chillington Association wished to pay for and maintain any fencing around the play equipment and this would need to be discussed with the play equipment providers for distance as well as the grass cutting contractor.

12. REPORTS

- Cllr Pain – Noted there had been a middle of the night rally past Dunstone. This event had been held before but it was noted that no warning of it had been provided this time.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Notification was received of a first Stagecoach South West Conference for community stakeholders to be held in Exeter on Wednesday 24th July 2019. They were looking at ways to collaboratively develop the network and to better understand how bus can help in delivering the right outcomes for the people. Claire Walters, Chief Executive of Bus Users UK would be in attendance to provide the opportunity to explore matters of national bus passenger policy. Venue University of Exeter Business School, XFI Building, Rennes Drive. Exeter EX4 4PU - 1100 hrs - 1430 hrs. Tea and coffee would be available on arrival and a light lunch served.
- Parish Council new noticeboard had been received and fitted and the invoice was awaited.

13. FINANCE AND CHEQUES

Balances were provided and the below transactions were approved:

Current £684.15

Savings £92,412.95

Received - Nil

Payments:

HMRC – Tax & NI £181.93

Wages £1149.87

DCC– Pension £360.43

British Telecom – Telephone and internet £216.48

P. Spence – APM Wine £72.00

G. Claydon – APM sundries £5.10 + Cake £10 = £15.10

Brandon Hire Station – Hallsands Portaloos £534.00

Stokenham Parish Hall Committee – Annual hall hire £525.00

Cheques: None

14. NEXT MEETING

The next full parish council meeting would be held on 18th July 2019 and a planning committee meeting would be held on the first Thursday in July 2019, if necessary, due to additional plans being received that could not await full council. Both meetings commenced at 7.30p.m. in the Wesley Smith Room at Stokenham Parish Hall.

Meeting finished: 9.15p.m.

Signed Chairman Dated: 18th July 2019.