

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE  
STOKENHAM PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT:****COUNCILLORS:****P. SPENCE (Chairman)****J. ANSELL****A. GOODMAN****MRS C. PEARCE****T. LYNN****MRS C. PACK****J. BRAZIL (District and County Councillor)****L. COWLEY****J. GARDNER****MRS P. DOUST****C. ROGERS****Also in attendance:****Clerk – Mrs G. Claydon****APOLOGIES:****COUNCILLORS:****MRS S. ROWLAND****MRS S. O'DWYER****1. OPEN FORUM**

Janie Moor of Citizen Advice South Hams noted they had been in contact with all the parishes and felt that not all parishes appeared to know what they did so this was why she had attended. They were a Charity so not statutorily funded but received grants from District, County and Parish Councils and whatever other charities they could.

She explained that most thought they always engaged face to face with people but in fact a lot of their work was over the telephone which was much easier due to the rural area. They could also provide advice by email, webchat and in extreme situations some home visits to those 'house bound'. All advice given was impartial, confidential and independent so basically they did not as an organisation take on the 'values' of their funders. Their advice was also quality assured and they did not use old information advice but had a huge database of advice. Therefore this was not advisors personal experiences but bona fide informed advice. They were measured and quality assessed on their data which was entirely confidential but if anyone moved from the area they could access records in other areas. A change of name had removed the word bureau off the end. They could demonstrate a social return on investments and people could see them about any problem and these queries were categorised into 16 areas – i.e. benefits. She then provided illustrations of what they had done to sort and make things better for people.

They have outreaches in 3 locations – main office Totnes, Ivybridge, and on Tuesdays at Quay House, Kingsbridge from 9.30 – 12.30 and Dartmouth. There was now also an opportunity to see them at the local doctors' surgery to sort underlying problems (i.e. employment, debt etc).

The Chairman thanked her and appreciated this informative and useful service which saved people lawyers bills. On questioning she advised that their total contribution from all parish councils was £2500.

***Janie Moor left the meeting.***

Edward Willis Lamacraft Farm had attended as part of his pre application discussion. He explained that he proposed to submit an application for a kitchen and double garage and felt

before submitting he should speak to the parish council so he could hopefully gain input. He gave a brief history of the building to explain its layout. They had been in the property for two years and a number of things did not work for a family living there. An outline of his proposals together with drawings was given mainly to provide a larger kitchen and more light in. The style would be more modern than the existing property but they had tried to make it in keeping so were to use natural local stone faced with part white render and windows and doors grey powder coated aluminium. The net additional square footage was not significant as they were taking some out as well. There was also a detached double garage which would largely not be seen due to ground level slopes and terrace over the top, only seeing the north elevation. He wished to receive comments and take those on board before submitting an application.

The Chairman thanked him for coming along and sharing the proposals. These were not felt to be extreme but all would depend on the view of the neighbours when an application actually came out. Parish Council could not prejudge but nothing shown seemed to show anything of concern.

The Hannaford family were in attendance to listen to the discussion of their application and answer any questions.

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

Cllr Brazil noted the Coleridge Association of Parish Councils meeting had been held and South Devon and Torbay Clinical group representatives attended. He explained that Devon was now divided into two Primary Health Care sectors and Stokenham was right on the border. Chillington looked to Dartmouth and Torbay whereas Kingsbridge looked towards Derriford and the other group. South Devon and Torbay had gone out to consultation on their proposals and this closed 23<sup>rd</sup> November. He urged any who was interested to comment. In short he advised that the group were looking to remove a number of hospital beds but increase the number of community nurses but whether this would work long term was a moot point. Devon County Council was coming under pressure/strain to provide adult social care as it was but with more in need in the community this would be more difficult. Dartmouth was upset as their hospital and minor injuries unit was closing and moving to Totnes although there would be a medical hub in Riverview in Townstal Road. The monies raised from the sale of the hospital site were not guaranteed to be invested in Dartmouth.

He had attended the County Highways meeting with Cllr Rogers also attended and noted the general view/debate about road wardens. The mixed views and frustration raised by people who had done Chapter 8 training were raised but he felt that County should give the parish councils the budget to use for contractors. Only 20 out of 400 parishes in the County had taken up the Road Warden Scheme. Dave Whitton County Chief Officer felt the scheme was working but the information board at the conference on contained one footpath volunteers had cleared/edged. The scheme was fraught with issues and after a 2 day Chapter 8 course the volunteers needed signage, equipment and Risk Assessments etc. On behalf of County he met with Sue Jezzard Stokenham Primary School and discussed installing orange flashing lights indicating the school along the main road from Chillington to Stokenham. He was now in the process of contacting Adam Keay to ascertain whether this could be done.

The consultation on the District Council cleaning rota was out for comment. In Stokenham there were issues in Hallsands with regard to bin collection but this was due to them not being placed on the rota earlier enough. It was acknowledged that this provision was important because walkers etc were out in that area on a weekly basis and Cllr Lynn had bagged a lot of the litter himself. Cllr Brazil needed to ensure Hallsands bins were on the rota sooner in the holiday season. More importantly with regard to the public bins was when and how often they were

collected. With regard to the play area at Beesands Cllr Brazil had pushed for relocating it but had come up against in house housing proposals which were a delaying factor. Chris Brook had agreed to put in a quick fix so that whole play park could remain open but parish council were not in favour of this and felt it should be moved before it was ruined. On a final note Cllr Brazil noted that the planning application adjacent to Green Park Way would not go to the November planning meeting but possibly December 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **2. 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved by all present and duly signed as a true and correct record.
- (b) Planning Committee meeting no meeting held November.

## **4. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 2876/16/HHO Retrospective householder application for amendments to previously consented extension and alterations (53/0651/12/F)(resubmission of planning application 2304/16/HHO) Golden Meadow, Widewell – Not enough parking for the size of this property. Plans previously and now to show how it has altered. Possible parking for six cars matchbox size whereas only one parked laterally could park. Objection. Graphical representation does not accord with reality in relation to parking in this area. Front open to road if were parked would protrude into a narrow road. All objections raised previously have almost been amplified in their intrusion and following practical suggestions for the area and retrospective normalises this.
- 3082/16/HHO Retrospective householder application to replace W/C & Cabin to “granny annexe” The Haven, Beeson – No objection but concerns were raised that the building could be prone to flooding in that area.
- 3166/16/FUL Conversion of abattoir barn to single dwelling The Old Abattoir, Torcross – No objection. Concern with regard to any landscaping to the stream or altering the watercourse due to flooding in the cottages below.

### **APPLICATION FOR LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE**

- 3536/16/CLE Application for a lawful development certificate for existing unrestricted full residential use for dwelling (resubmission of 2199/16/CLE) Higher Borough, Chivelstone – No knowledge of such by parish council.

### **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2533/16/FUL Seawall defence, Torcross – Additional document relating to this application, Construction Environmental Management Plan.

## **5. FROGMORE AND SHERFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BOUNDARY**

Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council proposed to include six houses situated in Stokenham Parish at the eastern end of Mill Lane into their neighbourhood plan boundary. However they had since advised that not all residents there were in agreement and therefore this item was **DISPENSED** with as they were only going to register the boundary of their own parish.

## **6 DISTRICT COUNCIL STREET CLEANING ROTA**

From the information provided it appeared that the A379 from Coleridge through to Torcross (including the War Memorial) was 24 hours (response time) – Zone 2. Most other roads in and around Stokenham, Chillington and outlying villages are 2 weeks (response time) – Zone 3.

All footpaths seem included in Zone 3 – 2 weeks but not bridleways. Strangely Port Lane to Coleridge Lane was – 24 hours. Coleridge to Carehouse Cross was also 24 hours, Chestnut Park to Beesands was -24 hours. However Beeson Pool which needed to be kept clear was 2 weeks. Also Hill Park, Kellaton was designated private as were parts of Tanpits Meadow, Beesands access roads and Helmers Way.

The information provided by District Council with regard to their reactive response to street cleaning within the parish was reviewed above and it was **AGREED** to note this rota and monitor but to raise concern with regard to the frequency of emptying Chillington Play Area Bin and also the need for the collection at Hallsands. It was suggested that usage of commercial size wheelie bins in summer would probably alleviate problems and last only needing once a week collection in tourist areas such as Torcross, Beesands and Hallsands.

## **7. PARISH HIGHWAY SIGNAGE**

It was **AGREED** to accept the quote from Fine Shine for £360 plus VAT and request that the works be carried out February – March 2017.

## **8. FUND APPLICATIONS**

A report with regard to proposals for works to be carried out by other funders for the Summerye Lane buddle holes and works was provided. Consideration was then given to projects to be put forward and it was **AGREED** for:

- (a) the Community Reinvestment Fund – Stokenham Parish Hall roof and works to complete Summerye Lane.
- (b) the Town and Parish Fund – Works to complete the Summerye Lane clearance project together with portaloos for 2017 at Hallsands.

## **9. NOTIFICATION OF AN EVENT**

It was **AGREED** that a Disclaimer should be made for anyone booking the hall as follows: Notification is given that anyone using the land surrounding the hall must keep the public space accessible to others at all times.

Further investigation with regard to Licences appertaining to the hall would be carried out and this matter would be returned to parish council.

## **10. REPORTS**

Various issues raised around the parish:

- Beesands to Hallsands just going down the footpath a massive drop as has washed away and needs a machine to spread.

- It was noted that the comments received for Joint Local Plan in relation to Stokenham Parish responses were vast compared to other areas. This was due to the Green Park Way area input.
- Bollard in way on A379 by Brookings

### **CHILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Cllrs Spence and Cowley advised that the meeting with Greg Chambers and Neil Martin was very positive and they were assisting parish council by promoting input by Chillington residents into the OSSR

Cllr Mrs Doust had carried out a Chillington play area inspection and the chain had been cut again. Cllr Rogers was concerned with the ongoing damage to this gate as there appeared no reason. The bolt feeder had been removed also although the smaller gates were not touched. It needed a new hardened chain and padlock.

### **COLERIDGE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS**

Cllr Ansell had attended this meeting with the presentation by the Clinical Commissioning group wherein it was noted that every parish bar Strete look to Kingsbridge for a hospital. If the proposals closed Dartmouth hospital the journey to Totnes by public transport would be very stressful. Reports from parish councils covered rave events at Stretgate, awful driving, no police attendance or eight at once, fence posts pulled up and burnt and campervans at the middle car park. Landing sites for a helipad for Air Ambulance were proposed at Chivelstone and Slapton but they were advised no if there were cattle present in the field. Air Ambulance had approached these parishes for sites but Stokenham had not received a request. The Slapton shop was closing and Coleridge subs would be £25 p.a.

### **TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE – DEVON COUNTY**

Cllr Rogers attended and noted that at this conference Devon County were out in force to explain what they were doing and promote community mobilisation. There were breakout groups and he attended the Snow Warden one which Victor Gough led and was adamant it was working whereas everyone else did not agree. Those who had done Chapter 8 training said that once they learnt what they had to do they felt they could not do it legally. Cllr Rogers asked County how when they repaired a pothole on a rural road they attended with a hot box, Amberon contractors for signage and workers for 2 hours but they now felt a man with a wheel barrow could stand in the road and do the same job.

His afternoon session was drainage and general maintenance issues. He spoke for himself and he felt the majority of the people in the room when he said the parish lengthsman were a complete waste of time and he received a standing ovation. He followed this suggesting County got rid of the lengthsman and gave parish councils the money to do the works themselves. Devon County he believed were pushing a broken system. Let parish do the works but Devon County continue to do gully sucking and mechanical road sweeping. They responded 'We're listening, work in progress and we will get back to you'.

On a positive note he did meet Adam Keay the parish highway officer at this conference and discussed the lane up on the ridge (Coleridge) and he had agreed to have a site meeting to discuss alleviating the flood problem at Coleridge. Then he would put this project into his capital fund next year to do drainage works. From Brooking Wood across to Summerye Lane a new kissing

gate stile and across the river the bridge was going to be repaired and eventually a three foot drain installed.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- District Council Town and Parish Event advised for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 6.30p.m. No further details apart from Cllr Hart (DCC) and Cllr Tucker with Steve Jordan SHDC to speak
- Devon County highway grass cutting 2017/2018 had offered an allocation of £425 for cuts which remained the same but tied obtaining such funding into having a Chapter 8 trained contractor. Acceptance required by 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- Met with Orchard Link representatives to consider what funding could be applied for. As yet no grant payment request had been submitted.
- A quote had been requested from South Hams District Council for weed spraying along pavements and areas requiring such around the parish. They had requested a map of areas that required spraying.
- A change of the parish council line for fibre had been made and would take effect on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. Whilst doing this change it had been noted that BT were charging for a telephone book entry at a rate of £46.44 plus VAT per quarter. This service had been cancelled. The new charge would be between £35 - £42.60 (ex VAT) per month. £420 p.a. and parish council had paid £418 for just last quarter. Cancelled Eclipse and this will take effect 3<sup>rd</sup> December so a further payment to be paid.
- An approach had been made to the drainage expert for Chillington Playing Field and he had advised that he would provide a quote for doing the investigative works. In the interim he felt that placement of any other structure should not take place on the field until the works had been carried out. Also Calor Gas should be made aware of possible floatation in that area when installing their underground tank.
- A link to the Devon County Council recycling centre consultation had been passed to all parish council and they were asked to respond individually. No information was provided as to where larger vehicles could offload waste nor where oil tanks would be deposited in future. Fly tipping concerns for builders waste.
- Pat Whymer District Planning and Darryl White District Corporate Services could provide a briefing on planning and local government administration on the Thursday 8th or Monday 12th December commencing 6.30 or 7p.m. venue either Salcombe or Stokenham. Both dates conflicted with other community events.
- 8<sup>th</sup> November Adam Keay heard from property owner at Florence Cottage that parish council were arranging to have the outlet cleared and were just awaiting permission from the Field Centre.
- Parish Clerk had received an enquiry about placing a bench near the doctors' surgery. The suggested area was where a large tyre had currently been dumped but this was private SNW land. It was noted that there was already a bench by the doctors' car park and therefore further discussion with the donor would be required.

### **11 FINANCE AND CHEQUES**

Balances were provided and the below were noted and agreed for transfer or signature:

Current £520.49

Instant savers (1) £65012.26

Instant savers (2) £4928.42

Transferred £2100.00 after the meeting.

Received – Nil

***Payments to be made in October:***

Wages £1077.96

HMRC £190.63

DCC Pension Fund – Pension payment £334.11

Eclipse – Internet Sept, Oct and Nov £43.20

Grant Thornton – Audit 2016 £360.00

Information Commissioner – Data Protection registration annual fee £35.00

Devon Communities Together – Annual subs £50.00

Greenspace – Helmers Playing Field grass Aug – Nov £330.00

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The next full parish council meeting would be held at the earlier date on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A planning committee would not be held on the first Thursday in December 2016 due to the timing of the main meeting. Both meetings commenced at 7.30p.m. in the Wesley Smith Room at Stokenham Parish Hall.

Meeting finished: 10p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman      Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.