

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2017 IN THE  
STOKENHAM PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT:****COUNCILLORS:****P. SPENCE (Chairman)****J. ANSELL****T. LYNN****J. GARDNER****L. COWLEY****MRS. S. ROWLAND****Also in attendance:****Clerk – Mrs G. Claydon****APOLOGIES:****COUNCILLORS:****W. FLETCHER-NEAL****MRS P. DOUST****A. GOODMAN****J. BRAZIL (District and County Councillor)****R. JACKSON****C. ROGERS****MRS T DAYMENT****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. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the:

- (a) Parish council meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved by all present and duly signed as a true and correct record.
- (b) Planning Committee meeting none held December 2017.

**3. OPEN FORUM**

John Churton wished to be considered for co-option. He explained that he understood the limitations and structure within which parish council sat. With 42 years of planning, design and listed building advice he felt that his previous skill base could assist locally. He wanted to become involved and felt this was his way of giving something back to his community highlighting his interest in the coastal issues affecting Start Bay, Beesands and Hallsands and how through where he lived he had learnt a lot. Due to already having some voluntary involvement locally and his local ties with the area he wished to be considered.

The Chairman acknowledged this powerful application and personally felt Mr Churton was a worthy candidate. However Christmas commitments of councillors meant that many were not present and it would be wrong for so few councillors to make this decision. He requested that Mr Churton return to the January meeting where hopefully all would present and could personally ask questions and make a team decision.

**DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil sent his apologies but advised that District Council had their usual jam with regard to planning and enforcement. The public toilets at Torcross and Slapton Line appeared to be safe

from closures for now and there were no details about potential cuts to services as yet but charging for brown bin collection was on the agenda.

At Devon County the budgets for departmental spending had been agreed at a Cabinet meeting with adult services still under massive financial pressure and no support being put in the recent Government budget. Cllr Brazil was very concerned about the possible closure of the day care centre at Tumbly Hill in Kingsbridge. He reminded parish council that the Town and Parish fund application deadline was this Friday.

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

**The applications below were received for consideration and such observations forwarded to District Council.**

- 3541/17/FUL Closure of a gateway, construction of new gateway and moving existing gateway Land at Cotmore, Stokenham – No objection.

#### **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

- Nothing further received.

#### **5. PLANNING VALIDATION CONSULTATION**

This consultation document had been circulated and the following comments AGREED to be submitted to District Planning:

- Whilst other supporting information was requested there still remained a need for a question within the application that explained why such application should be considered necessary in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It should be clear why a proposal could not go anywhere else than this protected coast.
- With regard to Traffic Management during building it should be a requirement that a pro forma plan is presented to show how the site would cope with mitigation of any effect of the development works together with a plan. A survey of the condition of the road must be a condition to be provided and approved before works go ahead in order that any degradation or damage to the road can be appraised and a requirement of the developer to rectify.

#### **6. 2018/19 PRECEPT**

The proposals for the forthcoming budget were DEFERRED pending further current rateable housing numbers required from District Council to assist in the calculations.

#### **7. REPORTS**

- Cllr Lynn advised that the postbox at Hallsands had been covered over and was no longer in use. This was a loss to Hallsands and had received no consultation from the Royal Mail.

He went on to note seeing a new barn on the skyline between Kernborough and Dunstone. This would be questioned but was probably within farming permitted development.

- The Chairman noted that he had taken delivery of the trees funded by Orchard Link for Stokenham Orchard and invited volunteers to assist planting in the New Year.
- Cllr Gardner noted that the Woodland Trust was offering free packages of hedge and trees for planting.
- Cllr Ansell enquired what had happened with regard to the width restriction sign down to Kellaton but the clerk advised that Highways would not be funding such and Cty Cllr Brazil had no community fund left for this financial year.

He further advised of the content and superb presentations for the Slapton Ley Research Seminar.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- An application by a group from Chillington who wished to research local history had been forwarded to District for the TAP fund.
- Devon County had requested the Probationers Team to carry out works to clear the pavement path from Primrose Close towards Oddicombe Corner. Since this had been done the resident who raised this concern had advised that the pavement by the bus shelter and from Primrose Close towards Coombe Meadows also required works. It had been agreed with the Highways officer that parish council would be asked if there were additional areas and all these would be put forward in one request.
- A resident advised that South Hams District Council operatives had been in Green Park Way clearing the kerbside weeds. No contact had been made by officers with regard to such works so it was unclear whether this was part of the weed spraying or not.
- Eclipse had advised that the domain registration was due for its biannual renewal in February 2018. Further input was being sought from BT as to whether they could apply for this on behalf of parish council or whether parish council should do the application themselves.
- A meeting was to be set up with John Grimes but unfortunately his mother had passed away and this had not been possible and probably would not now be until after Christmas.

**8. FINANCE AND CHEQUES**

*Balances were provided and the below transactions were approved:*

Current £1,373.84

Savings (1) £76,070.21

Savings (2) £4,931.11

*Received: Nil*

*Payments in December*

HMRC – Tax & NI £186.40

DCC – Pension £346.44

Wages - £1095.45

Greenscape – Highway cuts £987.00

Greenscape – Helmers play area Sept, Oct, Nov £165.00

British Telecom – Phone and internet £151.61

*Cheques:*

00284 SLCC – Subscription ½ with Salcombe £112.50

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Any planning applications received that cannot await full council would be considered at a planning committee to be held on the first Thursday in January. The next full council would be on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Meetings commenced at 7.30p.m. in the Wesley Smith Room at Stokenham Parish Hall.

Meeting finished: 8.50 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman      Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.