

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE  
STOKENHAM PARISH HALL**

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

It was advised that Tracy Dayment had resigned.

**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 Mrs Doust declared an interest in 3829/18/HHO Anchorage and item 8 relating to Bus Shelters.

**2. CO-OPTION**

An application for co-option was considered and AGREED to co-opt Gail Addison and then the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and she was invited to join the meeting. The forms for completion of the Register of Interests were to be emailed and completed.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the:

(a) Parish council meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

(b) Planning Committee meeting none held February 2019

were tabled and after consideration approved and duly signed as a true and correct record.

**4. OPEN FORUM**

No one present.

**DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil advised that it had been budget day at both County and District but he did not make the County meeting as he was presenting a proposal at District. At County the increase was 4%. He noted that the road at Frogmore was to be closed the following Monday for 2 weeks but due to the contractor failing to put out signs early enough this had meant he had leverage in discussion and

works would now be done in 5 days. He acknowledged driving around would be a nightmare but there was less traffic as it was the end of half term. This project was necessary as a scheduled flood prevention scheme.

At District Council tax was up by £5 which he believed was a 3.16% increase and agreed a capital programme which was on the agenda. This would allow expenditure of over £30million on projects. He was pleased they had funding for an extra planning officer at District Council because outstanding planning applications to be considered were at a record high.

Cllr Ansell raised the issue of the road out to Kellaton from Carehouse Cross, which had been closed for roadworks, was appalling work with far too long a closure. Cllr Rogers concurred and also noted that at the junction into Beesands at the bottom of Vinsters it had been said the white priority lines were not being replaced. Therefore motorists were flying out of these turnings and it was an accident waiting to happen.

## **5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 3620/18/FUL Change of use to woodland to allow Tree Tents for the purpose of rural tourism Stokeley Barton Farm, Stokenham – Objection due to ecology concerns as this was an isolated copse housing woodpeckers, deer and badgers that were already settled in this inhabit. This land was known to support important wildlife and natural tracks which would be disturbed and push back the wildlife corridor. There was no mention of lighting and its effect in this sensitive area close to a SSSI. A question was raised as to whether other such tent provisions within the UK were in an AONB.

### ***Cllr Mrs Doust left the meeting whilst the following application was considered.***

- 3829/18/HHO READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans) Householder application for a single storey front extension (Resubmission of 3388/18/HHO) Anchorage, Beesands – Objection. It was appreciated there had been some changes made but the design and scale remained out of keeping with the building. The proposal had a negative effect on the neighbours due to the obscured glass included on each end of the opening which could be mitigated by walling. It was felt that the extent of the development was understated at only 5sq m, when in fact it was doubling the ground floor footprint of the lobby which added together with the additional first floor decking was more than stated. The issue of the conversion of the garage to a study already having been converted and referenced in this plan should be referred to Enforcement
- 0132/19/HHO Householder application for rear extension to dwelling Ivy Cottage, Kellaton – No objection.
- 0272/19/LBC Listed building consent for replacement of modern aluminium panel with timber door Start Point Lighthouse, Start Point, Hallsands – Support.
- 0380/19/FUL Addition of one Velux roof window to match existing Velux windows 11Pen Duick, Coleridge Barns, Chillington – No objection.

### **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

- Ref: 1014559 No. 972 Tree Preservation Order 2019 Land at Home Close, Chillington, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2LU – Support.

### **WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA**

- 0480/19/TCA Proposal: T1: Lawson Cypress - Remove - Due to damage caused to drains and potential damage to property Mary Ann Cottage, Stokenham – No objection.

## **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further.

### **6. STOKENHAM TO TORCROSS PERMISSIVE PATH**

A highway concern had been highlighted regarding the provision of this safe walking pathway due to the encroachment of vegetation and lack of delineation of the pedestrian section by faded white lining was considered. It was AGREED to scrape the road to distinguish the path and renew the permissive footpath document by hosting a thank you party for those involved to ask them to extend the agreement due to its community benefit.

### **7. CHILLINGTON PLAYING FIELD**

Those present at the meeting were advised that the installation of the multipurpose goal posts had taken place. However, the grass and surrounding area remained water logged and therefore the nets would be hung and pinned once the ground was drier.

Problems encountered with historic drains and the digging of the pit for the tank when works commenced were outlined. The ducting already laid was not perforated and too small an aperture, so the provider would not install the gas pipe to connect up.

It was AGREED to:

- (a) approve the works carried out to ensure the safe installation of a gas tank up to a cost of £1650. Further reparation works of the grass area should take place along with the park bench table being resited.
- (b) consider the request from the Chillington Community Association to erect a fence around the children's play equipment and ask them to seek potential costings but parish council must approve the siting, materials of a high specification, height and CCA must pay for this work and maintain the fence ongoing. They should also contribute to any additional costs caused by installation.
- (c) put the quotes received, to carry out drainage works to the playing field site, to District Council and request that the project go ahead.

*Cllr Brazil left the meeting.*

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### **8. BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE**

It was AGREED to ratify approval to go ahead with works on the quote of £1750 by Roger Doust & Co to remove Kellaton bus shelter, and clean and repaint all other parish council shelters.

### **9. BEESANDS PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The District Council proposal regarding installation of some play equipment and toilets adjacent to their proposed beach/holiday units was considered and it was AGREED to respond as follows:

The question should be raised regarding the current parish council bus shelter sited on this land. Parishioners in Beesands had indicated there was less of a need for play equipment now that it had been removed for so long, but parish council acknowledged a growing need in Stokenham and wished any available monies be used at Stokenham Village Green which was close to the school where Beesands children and others in the parish attended.

Parish Council insisted on the retention of public toilets as a necessity along the South West Coast Path and that they should be maintained by District Council in perpetuity. With regard to the beach huts, parish council would consider their design and suitability when a planning application was received.

## 10. REPORTS

- Cllr Lynn – Advised that Hallsands cliff had collapsed. He again highlighted the proposed Seaweed Farm for Start Bay which he personally did not support as he felt it would be an eyesore and a shipping hazard due to flashing lights. Information on installation was in the public domain and in the local newspaper and stated there was a desire to anchor this farm on rock but Cllr Lynn advised there was no rock. He urged others to respond to the consultation and write to the MMO.
- Cllr Churton – Advised of his interesting journey from Kingsbridge back to Bickerton due to diversions, which were awful, for the road closure. Those present all agreed that the recent contractors on various jobs around the parish and further afield had not provided clear signing. The tarmac laid between Muckwell to Hallsands appeared to be breaking up or there was at least some movement and he would monitor this.
- Cllr Gardner – John Baverstock had created a spreadsheet on an Excel spreadsheet and wished it uploaded to the parish council website for all to access. Prawle and Hope Cove coastguard stations were closing, and they were looking for land nearer the A379 to merge the teams. The CPRE conference held in Tavistock was packed. From the information provided at the conference he noted that Government stated 300,000 houses were required p.a. whereas the Office of National Statistics said 159,000 and another said 200,000. There were 1358 second Exeter was about to build 12,000 new homes with 5,000 being created in a garden village. There was a lot of community funding coming out with two funds of £150million for housing so CPRE were aiming for social rented property rather than discounted. At the Community Land Trust meeting last year it was advised that communities should set up a group so that they were ready to apply for funding. From these small developments of a few houses could be created. The Housing Minister was attending the next CPRE meeting to be held in Exeter in May.
- Cllr Ansell – Had reviewed the hedge in Helmers Field and it was noted that a team from parish council was going to do works but the hedge was not as bad as he had first thought.
- Cllr Mrs Doust – John Baverstock was awaiting to hear when he could attend and present to the parish council about the graveyard as he now had all the facts and figures.
- As the councillors who had resigned had been on the CCA Committee for parish council Cllr Mrs Addison was invited to go along to the next meeting with other councillors.
- Cllr Rogers – Asked if the road flooded on the lower part of Kernborough just before the chapel. It was advised that at Marber Cross water sat to a deep level and down to the Platt.

### CLERK'S REPORT

- Cllr Lynn had advised the parish clerk who had alerted County Footpaths to the fact that the cliff edge which had moved had now collapsed.
- Parish Councillors had been advised of the link to the Plymouth Sound, Caradon & South Devon National Marine Park consultation that was available to comment on until 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Met with Dean Small, Julian Brazil and the Chairman to discuss maintenance and reparation at the tank. It was noted that Dean was seeking money for laying on food/drinks for the remembrance event, but Cllr Brazil and parish council were unable to fund this. In response to who should receive official invitations from the Tank Regiment it was considered they should go to Devon County Leader and Chairman, South Hams District Chairman and Leader, and Cllr Brazil as District and County representative together with the Stokenham Parish Chairman. The question would be raised about whether adjacent parishes had been included.
- Endurance Life felt that their event had passed off well with no problems regarding parking around the parish and looked for feedback. They also advised that the provisional date for

next year was 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 and they would be liaising with the Caravan Club in the hope of using the Start Bay site for additional parking.

- Parish Council had been advised today that the War Memorial standing within the grounds of St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Stokenham was being considered for adding to National Heritage for England as a Listed Building. A report had been prepared and it appeared that this would go ahead.

## **11. FINANCE AND CHEQUES**

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

Current £524.88

Savings (1) £92,098.00

*Received: Nil*

### **Payments in January**

HMRC – Tax and NI £261.32

DCC – Pension £348.66

Wages – February £1109.10

Councillors Allowance – Annual £823.40

P. Spence – Travel to Totnes meetings £93.60

G. Claydon – Meeting coffee/tea £8.75

*Cheques: None*

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

A planning committee would be held on the first Thursday in February if plans that could not await full council were received. The next full council would be on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Meetings commence at 7.30p.m. in the Wesley Smith Room at Stokenham Parish Hall.

Meeting finished: 9.55p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman      Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.