

**STOKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING  
HELD 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

**PRESENT:****COUNCILLORS:**

**P. SPENCE (Chairman)**  
**MRS P. DOUST**  
**J. ANSELL**  
**MISS G. ADDISON**  
**D. COLLIVER**

**C. ROGERS**  
**A. GOODMAN**  
**L. COWLEY**  
**R. PAIN**  
**J. BRAZIL (District and County Councillor)**

**Also in attendance:**

**Clerk – Mrs G. Claydon**

**APOLOGIES:**

**T. LYNN**

**A. GHADIALI**

**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:

- (a) Minutes of full council meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were agreed ready for signature by the Chairman.
- (b) Planning Committee meeting none held July 2020.

**3. OPEN FORUM**

John Baverstock had joined in open forum but experienced technical difficulties so no members of the public were present hereafter.

**DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Brazil had just returned from a site meeting at Moyson. This was a difficult local problem to broker between the homeowner and farmer and he would need to discuss a compromise.

At County there was not much apart from the Local Outbreak Management Plan created to deal with if there was a spike of Covid anywhere in Devon. This would set out how they would react from small to large actions. There was a new pot of money received for potholes but he was not sure how much would be allocated for Stokenham so was awaiting the Highway Officer to advise. If there were any highway areas that really required works all were asked to advise Cllr Brazil or the Clerk. There would be an Annual County meeting the following week and this would be available online.

District had closed applications for all the grant/discretionary monies being given out so no further applications were being accepted. If anyone felt they had missed out they could contact

Cllr Brazil as the pot had been under subscribed and he could request discretionary consideration. There had been a series of workshops about how District was going to recover from this pandemic but it was more, as he termed it, motherhood and apple pie. All unknown, unknowns would probably not be known until September. Cllr Brazil was keen to ensure that District did not sell reserves nor sell off their assets to fill the hole in finance brought about by the Covid pandemic. This was because of car park income and rental losses on top of money used to assist Government, he felt, would try to scoop up as much claw back as possible centrally. He had urged District to spend reserves and devolve assets to the parish but they probably would not. Full council had approved the Supplementary Planning Document which built on the Local Plan to clarify some policy issues. Green Park Way had been re-advertised and was on the parish agenda but would probably not go to Development Management for a decision until September. He gave thanks to the parish councillors and local community for coping with Covid with such resilience and community spirit. The Chairman cautioned all to be aware the pandemic was not over yet and he had every reason to suspect the worst was yet to come.

Cllr Rogers raised Beesands Village Green and parking as the past Sunday there had been 64 illegally parked cars, i.e. those not in proper official parking spaces. There were no vehicles on the green but a parking warden probably did not go around. Last Beesands Village Green meeting it was stated this matter would be revisited. Cllr Brazil noted that District said they would look at the legal position of the green and take legal advice. The most popular way to solve the problem was to expand the car park towards the ley but technically this was part of the Village Green so would need approval by the Secretary of State. District had not done this and he had asked about this matter when he was down at Beesands with Dan Field considering coastal erosion.

There was also a massive problem at Stretgate so he would like to see District consider Stretgate, Beesands and Stokeley area for increased parking.

#### **4. CO OPTION**

No application for co-option having been received this was dispensed with.

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

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

- 3908/19/FUL READVERTISEMENT (revised plans received) Application for replacement dwelling Trenear, Kellaton – Response 7<sup>th</sup> August – Objection as this was felt to be overdevelopment of the site with the reduction of space in between properties making it over imposing. It would be too prominent in the landscape, not being of a similar size nor incorporated within the original footprint and was felt to not be of a design that would enhance the area. The increased amount of glazing would introduce a large amount of light pollution, especially at night, in this coastal AONB area and the proposal would sit in an elevated position. This height increase with a hipped roof would push the landscape ridgeline up. It was believed that there was no water supply to this property apart from a well and this raised concerns for the setting of a septic tank. The three properties accessed from the main highway sat staggered from the road all sharing one access and this proposal was for three bedrooms. As the amount of parking required by these properties was already at capacity this could increase local parking problems. Any works carried out needed to ensure tree root protection for the Monterey Pine.
- 0265/20/ARM READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 0771/16/OPA (Resubmission of 3193/18/ARM) Field To Rear Of 15 Green Park Way, Port Lane, Chillington – Response

17<sup>th</sup> July. Parish Council noted the amendments that had been made to the build heights at the eastern end of the proposed development. They however remained unconvinced that the drainage proposals presented a workable solution, either for the Green Park Way estate or for the village as a whole. The recent objection, by Alyson Cadd Harlington on behalf of the Green Park Way Group, raised the concern that the drainage scheme could not conform to condition 19 of the OPA Decision Notice and therefore represented a breach of that decision. Parish Council urged the DMC to fully examine this claim and respond to it fully. Parish Council further noted the Tree Preservation Orders on several trees on the site of the proposed development and trusted that DMC would ensure the developers' complied with the same and ensured tree root protection areas. During initial pre application discussion parish council requested pedestrian access be connected from the footpath meeting the top corner of the development at the Coleridge Lane end to ensure walking and cycling safety. It was requested that this be included as a requirement for future safe usage although it was acknowledge that the Port Lane end could not be safely accommodated. Any Construction Management Plan must ensure that during construction all works vehicles were to be kept off general highways and retained on site.

- 1640/20/HHO Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension 5 Grenville Close, Stokenham – Response 7<sup>th</sup> August – No comment.
- 1824/20/HHO Householder application for proposed single storey extension and associated works 1 Butt Park. Stokenham – Response 31<sup>st</sup> July – No comment.

#### **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

- *Application received after the agenda but due to August recess considered at this meeting as correspondence under delegated response by clerk.*  
0669/20/HHO Householder application for proposed first floor extension to existing bungalow to form bedroom with en-suite bathroom Coombe Gardens, Beeson – Concern was raised with regard to the light pollution due to increased glazing and its visibility in the landscape.

#### **APPEAL**

- 3193/18/ARM Appeal reference: APP/K1128/W/20/3247657 READVERTISEMENT (Further Revised Plans Received) Reserved Matters application for the development of 64no. dwellings (including market, affordable and retirement housing), landscaping and associated works following grant of Outline consent 0771/16/ land to the rear of Green Park Way, Chillington, TQ7 2HY Appellants name: Acorn Property Group. Appeal start date: 17th June 2020. To make representations, or modify/withdraw previous representation in writing by 22<sup>nd</sup> July – No further comment to be sent.

#### **6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

It was AGREED to approve delegated authority to the Clerk to respond to planning applications received during the recess, to comply with planning response times, following observations provided by councillors.

#### **7. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION 2020**

The draft document was forwarded to councillors for comments before 17<sup>th</sup> August and it was AGREED the document was common sense and laudable and such response should be sent to include highlighting that within square brackets were the words 'claim to act or giving the impression of acting' and it was suggested this should be changed to 'claim to act or in circumstances where it is reasonable to infer they are acting'. This was a timely reminder that

should any councillor receive a gift to the value of £25.00 or more they should declare this fact on the appropriate District form.

#### **8. CAEN MEMORIAL**

Adam Davison, District Officer, had met with Pat Hunter and Jan and discussed the concern with regard to the repair of the Caen Memorial. Pat Hunter had researched the details for the company who were commissioned by District to create this Friendship Memorial and advised the quote for repairs by them would be £1000 - £1200. Since the meeting Adam Davison had asked his colleague to re-mount the slate inscribed plaque and contacted Michelle, a Kingsbridge mosaic artist who was working with a local builder on a sustainable long term solution to the mosaic and would provide him with a design and cost estimate. There were cheap options, expensive ones that included having a mould made and doing the repair off site and a further suggestion that it could be mounted and perhaps hung on the public toilets wall where it might be more visible and safer. In conversations Adam had learnt that the damaged mosaic was repaired seven years ago by a local man called Sebastian. No further details were known of this person. John Goulden, who had been the District Officer involved when this Friendship monument was created but retired for some years, had offered to contribute £50 towards any works required.

It was AGREED to await the outcome of the proposals and costs being sought by Adam and consider such works in due course.

#### **9. CHILLINGTON PLAYING FIELD**

The Chairman advised that he and the clerk had attended the Chillington drainage site and noted that if all went well there might be just enough surplus soil to create a mound for the slide. This was at odds with the works quote and Cllr Rogers questioned if the contractor was skimping on drainage stone. The Chairman had seen the drainage channel open, noted they were using a 450 not 500 digger bucket but all seemed in order and the contractor had photographed the entire project. It was advised that the required amount of stone was needed above the pipe otherwise the drainage would not work and Cllrs Rogers and Pain were asked to attend site and check works progress.

Following the update on progress of the drainage works it was AGREED;

- (a) to approve the additional cost of £200 for a turf cutter to be used for two weeks
- (b) that Cllrs Rogers, Pain and Miss Addison would attend the site to discuss what additional works were required in this area following the drainage project so quotes could be sought.

#### **10. PERMISSIVE PATH**

It was advised by the landowners that people were still trespassing on their land to gain access to Stokenham Village. The owners said that Parish Council headed notices stating Path Closed, No Right of Way, Trespassers enter at their Own Risk should be installed and the permissive path sign on the gate accessed from the church car park removed.

A meeting had taken place with the Highway Officer with regard to moving the field access gate along the main A379 and allowing people to walk from there to the bus stop verge had been discussed. The County Officer would investigate and report back.

It was AGREED to remove the signs on the inner church car park gate, provide footpath arrows on the inside of the caravan club pedestrian gate and source a further sign to ensure that private land was not trespassed on during the diversion of the route, up to a cost of £200.

## **11. STOKENHAM VILLAGE GREEN**

Currently the play equipment was insured separately by the parish council with the Village Green Committee covering the open space which could leave a question regarding claims as to whose responsibility the claim laid in. This insurance would cover the village green together with the play equipment and had £10million public liability and £2million hirers liability included. The policy matched all other requirements of the Village Green Committee current policy held by the them but was £100p.a. cheaper than the village green insurance for last year that did not include the play equipment being £465.53. This quote, to include the play equipment, was £363.74p.a. or 3 Year LTU Premium £345.55, 5 Year LTU Premium £327.36. Cllr Colliver suggested that Parish Council should be an assured on the policy.

It was AGREED to pay a £200 grant per annum to the Village Green Committee towards insurance and cover the cost of the annual inspections of the play equipment for the next three years.

## **12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CLERK**

- Cllr Pain – Raised a question on swimming pools which contained chlorinated water and asked the protocol for how they were emptied. It was advised that most pools were not emptied during winter and the chlorine disappeared over time and in fact they would need chlorine added the following year. He then referred to untreated human waste being spread on land and asked if there was any issue surrounding this during the Covid pandemic? Viral residue exposed to UV light would be neutralised so this was not felt to be something parish council needed to discuss.
- Cllr Rogers noted that the maintenance on the track from Dunstone to Kernborough was completed. Paul McFadden, County Footpaths, had said that if the excess water could be stopped from flowing down the path from Marber Cross to Chillington he would consider this as a future maintenance project. Following the drainage ditches being cleared most of this had stopped the run-off water so if there were funds at the end of this financial year he might consider it. If parish council made a contribution towards this work it would move it up the list. Cllr Pain congratulated Cllr Rogers on a brilliant job along Broadaford Lane.
- Cllr Cowley noted on part of the path adjacent to the A379 road going down to Torcross there were a number of trees that had been marked by highways authority and a sign placed inviting the owner to contact County. He assumed this would be for work to trees and noted that many were overgrown along that section. The Clerk advised the Field Centre of these notices and it was suggested that a meeting could be set up with the Field Centre and Cllr Rogers to discuss any assistance with cutting back.
- Cllr Colliver noted that the fallen wall on the A379 was a serious hazard now, especially with increased traffic flow. The Clerk advised that the property owner had been contacted many times by the Highway Officer but believed they had no insurance for this and the cost of repair discussions was ongoing.
- Cllrs Mrs Doust noted that Chillington shop was continuing with the delivery service and they had a collection service for people who did not want to venture into the shop. They were waiting to see what happened with the influx of visitors and if there would be a second spike of Covid. The Chairman offered a vote of thanks from Parish Council to Kara and the other shop employees together with Malcolm and his team at Bear and Blacksmith who had all done a sterling job serving the community.
- Cllr Miss Addison advised of the recent CCA, AGM. Of note was the installation of a defibrillator outside the Bear and Blacksmith on their wall together with signage to notify it was situated there. She was not sure when training would take place due to Covid.

Again congratulations were passed to all for what they had achieved.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- Communication had been received regarding a project titled Saving Devon's Treescapes and was being run with Devon Wildlife Trust. Piers Spence could provide more information going forward, when received, being Tree Warden for Stokenham and part of this group.
- Peter Sandover had made contact to enquire whether a Neighbourhood Plan was being created for Stokenham. He felt the current recently adopted Local Plan did not give area specific protection. It was explained that no community group were willing to take this one and with various settlements in one parish it was a difficult task.
- A further BT Box Consultation for 01548580256 PCO1 CHILLINGTON had been received on 30/06/2020. The Clerk responded that this consultation had only just finished and it was questioned why all the units were going through such again. District Planning had responded and posed this question to BT.
- Cllr Lynn was unable to attend the meeting but requested that consideration be given to providing two portaloos at Hallsands. In view of the higher level of cleaning regime for public toilets this was a concern as the company providing could probably not facilitate this level of cleaning service. A necessary service but a temporary enclosed space often dark and dingy. One comment that this provision had been installed for three years and perhaps this was enough. Also as the area was always struggling with parking who could access to use this area to make this facility necessary. Clerk to contact District Environmental Health/public toilets officer and ask what they recommend and talk to portaloos providers.

### **13. FINANCE AND CHEQUES**

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

Current £1,298.35

Savings £120,993.66

***Received:*** SHDC – Grant for Woodland Voles signage £117

***Payments:***

HMRC – Tax & NI £171.38

Wages – £1158.63

DCC – Pension £360.43

Morti Sport and Play Ltd – Second payment for drainage works £12162.96

Orchard Link – Hire of Apple Press for 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 £50.00

***Cheques: None***

### **14. NEXT MEETING**

The next parish council meeting would be held online if necessary or matters would be dealt with by delegation, subject to isolation restrictions for Covid 19, unless a member of the public requested the opportunity to speak to a matter when an online meeting would be set up so that all parish councillors and public could attend.

Meeting finished 21.11p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman      Dated:      September 2020.