

STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 in the Village Hall at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors.	Struan Coupar (Chair)	Marion Holmes	Phil Elliott
	David Harris	John Belli	Jay Floyd
	Tim Moseley		

District Councillor Helen Reeve
Parish Clerk

315. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Adams and County Councillor Brazil.

316. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December were approved and signed as a true record.

317. MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that due to the vacancy on the Council, the Clerk would contact the Electoral Officer to ascertain who could be potentially co-opted with regards to the maximum distance from the Parish. Cllr. Floyd reported that after queries from parishioners, he would ask the District Council again when the brown bins would be collected, although at present this was deferred until the Spring.

318. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST-None

319. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME-None

320. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT-None

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Cllr. Reeve reported that December had been a quiet month but a meeting about the current housing crisis was scheduled for January 12th. She reiterated the importance of everyone working together to address this problem and requested that anyone who knew of any empty houses in the village, or any landlords willing to rent to locals, email her directly.

322. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) Proposed new car park and toilets

It was reported that a meeting with the Newman Estate had been scheduled for 10th January, to discuss the details of the legal agreement to be made with regard to the land.

b) Cllr. Elliott undertook to install the Bird Walk signs.

323. COMMUNITY

a) Village Stream

Although the source of the blockage is still unknown, as a gesture of goodwill, South West Water has agreed to pay for a full survey to identify the location and flush all of the debris through.

b) Fibre broadband for rural areas

The Council is in discussion with Airband, the company contracted to install fibre broadband in the rural areas. It may take two years to complete the works.

324. SHDC AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

The Council is requesting a meeting with Cassandra Harrison of SHDC to discuss the policy in detail in view of the large number of affordable homes to be built at Little Cotton, and the housing crisis declared by SHDC.

325. ROADS AND TRANSPORT.

- a) Cllr. Moseley reported that he had obtained a quote of £210 excluding VAT for a wooden fingerpost to mark the Woods Way footpath. It was agreed that when he received permission from Highways he would order it and Cllr. Holmes would order a brass plaque, with the exact wording to be confirmed.
- b) Damage to the sign by Deer Park Road had been reported to the District Council
- c) The council is still awaiting a reply from Devon Highways about placing a sign at the entrance to Venn Lane, directing traffic away from it.
- d) The speed sign had now been moved to School Lane and would be operational there for one month.

326. MAINTENANCE

- a) Play area repairs

Cllr. Harris reported that despite restrictive fencing being erected, within two days children had made their way inside and played on the faulty equipment. The Clerk was still awaiting a quote from Huck for the price of nine post shoes. Cllr. Elliott had obtained a separate quote for £250.00 per shoe. It was agreed to wait for Huck's price as a comparison and find a third quote for these.

- b) Keith Ellis had examined the Jubilee bus shelter and the one by the Sportsman's Arms. The north face of this needs to be redone completely. The Council is awaiting an estimate of costs from him as there is a choice of materials that could be used.

327. CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr. Belli reported that a meeting of the Loam Rangers was planned for March but exact dates were to be confirmed.

328. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Council discussed a number of options that the Parish could do to celebrate the Jubilee. Various bodies within the parish will be contacted in order to coordinate efforts and the Clerk will contact neighbouring parishes to ascertain what they were planning. It was also agreed that the Magazine and website should be used to promote the celebrations.

329. ACTIONS REGISTER

- a) Update

The Clerk has now resumed responsibility for the actions register and will circulate the amended version.

330. PLANNING

Cllr Holmes advised that she would be contacting Rose Cottages regarding the points raised at the December meeting. The Planning report for December was approved and signed as a true record.

a) APPLICATIONS

4334/21/LBC Leonards Cove Holiday Estate, New Road

Listed Building Consent for the replacement of existing windows.

b) DECISIONS

4101/21/TCA Old Pound House, Dartmouth Road

T1: Evergreen Magnolia-Crown height reduction by 1 m location
NO OBJECTION

4150/21/TCA Land at SX 862 484, Bailey House, Church Road

T1: Sycamore-Removal of 5 lower branches. Overhanging pathway and adjoining properties, blocking out light from the garden.

NO OBJECTION

331. FINANCES

a) BALANCES

Lloyds Bank	£20,353.58
Savings Account	£12, 377.01

b) RECEIPTS-none

c) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

L Ahearn	£50	Bus shelter works December
Tomlinson Ltd	£20	Microsoft licenses
L Browne	£286.80	Clerk's salary (no expenses)
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	£34.00	Hall bookings 2021

All payments were approved and signed.

332. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that meetings would revert back to the Ron Harris Room, with appropriate COVID restrictions in place. The next meeting will be held on February 2nd 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.