Stokeinteignhead Parish Council

MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2015
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, STOKEINTEIGNHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Fearn (Chairman), French, Horton, Stoneman, Dagworthy, and Toomer
Cllr Clarance (TDC/DCC), PCSO C Rider
Apologies: Cllrs Spencer-Small & Hancock
Also present: Kim Ford (Locum Clerk), 13 members of the Public

No | Subject | Comments
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1a | Opening: | The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00.
1b | Apologies: | It was RESOLVED to approve the apologies of Cllrs. Spencer-small & Hancock
2 | Declaration of Interests: | Taking advice from the Clerk and TDC Monitoring Officer Cllr. Toomer declared an interest in any discussion relating to decisions made for the development of the Village Green at Pools Weir. NOTED.
Cllr. Toomer advised that the Declaration of Interests for Stokeinteignhead Parish Council on the TDC website was incomplete and that paperwork for Cllr. Dagworthy and Cllr. Stoneman needed updating. Clerk to arrange.

Standing orders suspended for the following items:

3a | Public Question Time | • Enquiry into the noticeboard on the Church House Inn; that it be updated or replaced possibly relocated due to its awkward position. Cllr. Dagworthy reported that this had been considered in the past but as in a conservation area and that the pub is a listed building there were limitations to any amendments made and it could not be replaced with a new board. Cllr. Dagworthy agreed to look into this again.
• Whilst discussing noticeboards, Cllr. Toomer suggested there be a new noticeboard at Teignharvey so that PC affairs are publicised on that side of the Parish. All Councillors agreed with this in principle and Cllr. Toomer was thanked for his suggestion. Cllr. French agreed to enquire to the owners of the black wooden barn at the bottom of Teignharvey Lane for permission as a possible siting for it. The Clerk advised that when purchasing new noticeboards consideration should be given to those under lock and key so as to restrict the placement and removal of items to just the Clerk to the Council. So the information held within is not biased politically or financially. Parishioner may ask the Councils approval to display event posters etc and this could be actioned by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed, due to the election pending, no electioneering material should be posted to the Parish boards. All AGREED.
• A member of the public, via Cllr. French, enquired as to how much in overtime during the past 12 months has been claimed for the Clerks time to answer questions for members of the public. The Clerk could not answer this without further research. To be reported at the next meeting.
• Cllr. Horton reported concern that information from meetings of the Parish Council was being posted to the social media site, Facebook. He felt that this was inappropriate. This was discussed. The Clerk advised that SLCC & DALC had been encouraging Town and Parish Clerks to utilise social media more within their running but that this should only be actioned by the Parish Council themselves, with any notices being approved. The Chairman requested further information on this subject and for it to be added to the next agenda.

3b | District & County Councillor | • Cllr. Clarance was pleased to report some encouraging developments regarding flood related development works planning for the parish following this month’s report from Jessica Bott, Senior Flood Risk Officer, Devon County Council Flood Risk Management. (Copy enclosed as Appendix A). He read out this report and it was briefly discussed. Cllr. Clarance was thanked for his time and effort in reaching this stage in the project.

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- He reported that DCC budget were being finalised but a rise is anticipated, although this will not exceed 2%. DCC are having to make further cuts of approximately £48m in the coming year, following previous cuts of £128m. This will affect Stokeinteignhead with a possible 50% reduction in the public bus service through the village. He requested that if parishioners felt concern there was further information and public consultation currently available on the DCC website. It was agreed for the Clerk to publicise this on the PC website. Possible resolutions discussed were the over 60s paying an administration fee, approx. £10, to receive their free bus pass, a Ring and Ride Scheme. It was agreed for the Clerk to request usage figures from John Richardson-Dawes at DCC.
- On behalf of TDC he reported no rise in Council Tax this year and that the District Council were debt free; largely thanks to the Morrison's development in Teignmouth.

#### 3c Police Report

PCSO Colin Rider gave the following report for the period: 12/01/2015 to 09/02/2015:

**STOKEINTEIGNHEAD POLICE LOGS**
- Parked vehicle at Pools Weir causing obstruction.
- 2 vehicle road traffic collision at Barton Cross-No injuries.
- 2 vehicle road traffic collision at Deane Road.-No injuries.

**STOKEINTEIGNHEAD CRIMES**
- Common assault following a road rage incident.

The Chairman reported to PCSO Rider that vehicles were parking in the passing place in Teignharvey. To be investigated.

Cllr. French that a new row of stones had appeared outside the cottage opposite Condons. When attempting to pass another vehicle these caused damage to the underside of her car. PCO Rider advised this is reported to Devon Highways.

#### 3d Neighbourhood Watch Report

Cllr. Toomer reported that the approval of new members was still going through and that negotiations were underway with BT to use telegraph poles for Neighbourhood Watch Area signs.

The Chairman resumed standing orders for the Parish Council to conduct the following business:

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To consider, amend if necessary, and approve publication of the following minutes:
- Parish Council meeting held 13 January 2015
- Extraordinary meeting to finalise 2015/16 Precept held 21 January 2015
- The Way Forward Briefing (Closed) held 21 January 2015

- It was RESOLVED to APPROVE these sets of minutes as a true and correct record of these meetings with no amendments requested by members.
- Final version to be posted on Parish Council website.

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**PLANNING** – It was PROPOSED and AGREED to send the following comments to TDC:

- **5a** Application Ref: 15/00149/FUL Location: Blackleigh Farm Proposal: Renovation and alterations to existing building

Members wished to hear more about the proposed development of this agricultural land. It was RESOLVED for the Chairman to liaise with relevant TDC Planning officers; and should officers be in a mind to recommend approval of the application a request for District Councillor Clarance to refer the application to category B where, following a site visit, the decision will be made by TDC Planning Committee.

It was proposed to send comments stating Stokeinteignhead Parish Council are strongly opposed to the development of this site as it is protected by Plan Teignbridge policy EN2 Undeveloped Coast. Proposed Cllr Dagworthy, seconded Cllr. Toomer. (6:0) CARRIED.
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6  FINANCE

6a  Bank Reconciliation:  
Balance as at 31.12.2014 £12602.30

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Balance as at 16.01.2015 £11238.72

6b  To agree accounts for payment:

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The following was NOTED:

Amendment from previous meeting minutes:

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7  FLOODING

7a  Flooding Forum update:  
Cllr. French reported that no meeting had been held since the Way Forward briefing therefore there was nothing new to report. It is intended for the next meeting to be held during the first week in March.

7b  Emergency Plan:  
Cllr. Clarance advised that further assistance with emergency planning could be provided by Dominic Maxwell Baton. This will be discussed at the next Flood Forum.

8  VILLAGE GREEN

8a  VG Task Group Report  
Mr. Hancock reported that a meeting had not been held since so he had nothing new to report other that he had advertised for new members using posters on the noticeboard.

The Chairman reiterated that no money from the funding awarded was to be release until agreed by full Parish Council and definitely not before the public consultation event. This was confirmed as Saturday 21st February 2015 from 10am to 12 noon. The format was to be displayed details of the proposed development of the Village Green, Pools Weir including details of the funding awarded, play equipment, nature area, and options for the location of each section. Information to be provided by the Task Group and a representative from Playdale, who is to be contacted by AdeleCounter. The Clerk is to provide a consultation/comments submission form. This can be completed and returned at the event or by post or email to the Clerk by a deadline, to be agreed. Mr. Hancock advised he would also use the event to recruit new members to the committee.

Upon written request the Chairman read out emails from Ms. J. Connele, Pools Weir resident and former member of the VG Task Group. (These can be seen as Appendix B to these minutes). A discussion followed. He Chairman wished for it to be included in the minutes that he shall not be reading further communications that are not based on facts and he found the comments to be unfairly poisonous. Cllrs. Dagworthy and Horton agreed that the communication was disgraceful and unhelpful.
Members of the public expressed their concerns regarding the ongoing release (source unknown) of conflicting information causing no clear understanding of the proposals for play equipment and details of the funding applications and awards. The Chairman agreed to release a bullet pointed list of the facts, to help clear up any misunderstandings. This along with information provided at the consultation event should provide parishioners with a clearer picture enabling them to make an informed judgement via a submission form to be created by the Clerk. These forms will be collected and responses collated by the Clerk; to be presented at the March Parish Council meeting for further discussion/decision.

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<td><strong>Standing orders suspended</strong></td>
<td>The scheme was discussed and the Parish Council decided against further action. The Chairman reported that DCC would not accept the update to the village signs and that the original signs are to be reinstated. Clr. Stoneman reported that fly tipping in Roccombe was becoming a more regular occurrence but that the TDC Blitz team were dealing with this.</td>
<td>Clr. Toomer reported £700 was raised at the recent wine and cheese event, this would be used towards the French visit to the Parish in the Spring. The next event is to be held on Friday 20th March, a Quiz in the Village Hall.</td>
<td>Nothing further.</td>
<td>Details of 2015 Local Government Election</td>
<td>It was RESOLVED for the following correspondence to be NOTED: Acknowledgement Elector funding of £164 towards Defibrillator project. The Chairman reported this enabled volunteers to attend an upgraded first aid &amp; users course.</td>
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| 15 | To note the next meeting: **Tuesday 10th March 2015** | This was NOTED | |

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48 pm.