

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016 AT STOKEINTEIGNHEAD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Cllrs Dagworthy (Chair), French, Horton, Setter, Simmons, Small, Stanley and Stoneman

Apologies: PCSO Will Heather

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 11 members of the Public
 Chris Clarence (County and District Councillor)

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Dagworthy opened the meeting at 19.32. There were no apologies.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	Item 5 – Shop grant request – Cllrs Simmons and Stanley. Item 5 - Twinners’ grant request - Cllrs French, Simmons and Stanley.
	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
3	<u>Public Question Time:</u> A period of 5 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Stokeinteignhead. <u>County and District Councillors' Reports</u> <u>Police Report</u> <u>Neighbourhood Watch Report</u>	There were no comments. Cllr Clarence had little to report. It was NOTED that Shaldon Bridge will be opening in February 2017. There was no police report. There has been an increase in the number of thefts from cars, please ensure items are not left on display when parked. Items of value, and presents around Christmas, also attract thieves if they can be seen in your homes. The 105 number for information on power cuts, you can register as a priority customer, check notice in shop to see if you qualify and how to register.
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	
4	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following minutes: 13 September 2016	
5	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree accounts for payment • Bank Mandate • Annual Accounts 2015/16 • To consider the payment of a grant to the Village Shop 	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the accounts for payment. It was NOTED that the quote for the new notice board has been received. The Council will have 8 A4 spaces. There will be 4 extra spaces for other Village bodies and groups. The board will be locked and the backing will be magnetic. The surplus board could be relocated to Gabwell or Teignharvey. It was PROPOSED by Cllr French that the quote for the notice board be accepted. This was SECONDED by Cllr Horton and APPROVED. There was nothing further to discuss. It was NOTED that the external auditor had approved the 2015/16 accounts. <i>Standing orders were suspended.</i> Dave Brown explained that the Shop is not trading at a profit sufficient to cover expenses. The accounts this year are similar to 2014/15; trading fell off in the winter and committee members provided a loan. He explained that the Shop is trading at a loss of £1000 per year. Some money has been raised from external sources and the committee are looking at ways of saving money. Ultimately though, it is not trading at a

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the payment of a grant to the Twinners' • To approve annual grants for 2016/17. • To consider the settlement consultation on referendum principles (precept setting) 	<p>high enough level without external funding. The Shop is a great asset to the Village and provides a point of communication for all residents. Those that volunteer, enjoy themselves. It is not just a shop, but a part of the Community, and it was decided that it was time for the Parish Council to be asked to consider supporting the Shop in the same way that they do the Church and Village Hall.</p> <p>It was asked if there no way of saving any more money. It was NOTED that the rent is the same as it was in 2009. There has been a suggestion that the Shop is too ambitious. Should be much simpler in its shop. There are lines that have been tried. This was NOTED, however the Committee is in a difficult situation. People can add to a list of items they have not been able to buy and these are assessed. Lines are tried, and if they do not sell, they are discounted.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the loss of sales from items such as newspapers and tobacco had hit them.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p> <p>Cllr Small PROPOSED that a grant of £800 be provided the Shop. This was SECONDED by Cllr Setter and APPROVED (6:0, 2 abstentions).</p> <p>It was NOTED that the Twinners' are a self-funding group, set up by the Parish Council 40 years ago. The Treveries group will be coming to the Village next year, and a big event is planned. The Twinners' are hoping to invite lots of sectors of the Parish. There has been fundraising throughout the year and this will continue. A one off grant of £500 is being requested. Cllr French explained that the Council in Treveries did put a lot of work into Stokeinteignhead's visit last year, with a civic reception. Or that the Parish Council hosts the reception. A grant of £500 was PROPOSED by Cllr Small. Cllr Horton expressed concerns about paying for this when the costs are currently unknown. It was recommended that the Parish Council be approached nearer to the time. All Twinners and ex-twinners will be invited personally, and then all residents of the Parish will be invited. District and County Cllr Clarence offered £500 from his Locality budget for the Twinners' 40th anniversary event. He was thanked for this.</p> <p>Cllr Horton PROPOSED that the grants for the Shop and Village Hall remain at £800 each. This was SECONDED by Cllr Small and APPROVED. It was NOTED that precept capping on such small Councils seems wholly inappropriate, and the Parish Council would write regarding this.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to write in response to this consultation.</p>
6	<p>Village Green:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment • Grass cutting 	<p>Cllr French had nothing to report. There was nothing to report.</p>
7	<p>Brown tourist signs.</p>	<p>It was NOTED that the brown signs had been changed by DCC.</p>
8	<p>To consider a response to the Electoral Boundary Commission consultation.</p>	<p>It was NOTED that the Parish Council raised no objections to this consultation.</p>
9	<p>To consider New Year celebrations in the Village.</p>	<p>Cllr Stanley asked whether another village celebration would take place again. Cllr French explained that she had done this last year as Chair. It was recommended that the Village Hall Committee could take this on as a fundraiser. Action: Cllr Simmons to liaise with Village Hall Committee.</p>
10	<p>Village Hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report • Meeting between Village Hall Committee and Parish Council 	<p>The Village Hall minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. A fund day will take place on Sunday 16 October between 14.00-17.00, with cream teas, raffle, face painting and games.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were suspended.</i></p> <p>The Clerk had contacted a solicitor regarding the constitution. A full constitution is required, and it was suggested that historic files are</p>

		kept in the Village Hall. Key guidelines are required for an amicable meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. It was NOTED that some residents are not happy with the way that the Hall is being run, and there is discontent within a section of the Village. It was NOTED that there are residents wishing to report the Hall to TDC's Licensing section. It was politely requested that they await the outcome of the Parish Council's meeting with the Village Hall Committee before progressing with this.
11	Twinnings' report.	The Twinnings are hoping to encourage Stokeinteignhead School to develop pen friends with the schools in Trevieres. Skype is also would be a way to develop friendship. Proposed forthcoming events are as follows: 19 Dec- Coffee morning, mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall foyer. Jan 14- Call my wine bluff in the Village Hall March (date tbc)- quiz The date of the French visit has now been confirmed as 27-30 th April 2017. The Twinnings are still short of funding for this special 40 th anniversary visit and are making a request to the Parish Council for a one off grant. Cllr French explained that Trevieres have provided gifts to the Village. When Ann Tune passed away, there were some items that she held. These items will not be returned to the Village and it was asked whether the Parish Council could help with this. Two letters have been sent and ignored. It was recommended that the Twinning Association should contact the Estate Agent.
12	Highways and Hedges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese knotweed 	Japanese knotweed has been seen in hedgerows of Lower Rocombe. Two plants are near Luscombe's farm shop and another growth on the road to Combe. TDC have passed this information on to Devon Biodiversity Centre. Devon Highways no longer carry out treatment of noxious weeds. An information sheet would be useful for the Shop/notice boards. Action: Cllr Simmons to create fact sheet. It was NOTED that the water bar should be installed at Rocombe within two weeks.
13	Clerks Report.	It was NOTED that the Clerk had attended the DALC AGM and conference.
14	To note any correspondence received.	It was NOTED that that some neighbours had received letters from TDC regarding Bramblewood but not all. This was NOTED. Action: Clerk to contact TDC. Flood Forum impact on private drainage. Breach of covenants.
15	Flooding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Update • Flooding Forum update • DCC surveys and associated work • Silt trap clearance 	This update forms part of the minutes. Cllr Stanley read out an email for Martin Hutchings regarding the delays. He suggested that the delay had been mentioned some time ago, and the village had been warned. Details were required on why the timescale is being pushed back again. It was requested that the Clerk contact DCC to organise a meeting. Action: Clerk to contact DCC. It was NOTED that the Flood Forum had raised concerns over the impact on private drainage at Bramblewood and breach of covenants on the land. It was NOTED that the land monitoring surveys were just commencing, and would take 12 months to complete. It was RESOLVED that a contract with Cllr Stoneman for the clearance of the silt trap would be drawn up.
16	Emergency Plan:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update • Finances 	<p>Cllr Stanley thanked all involved so far in the plan. It was NOTED that the test run has been postponed until two new members join the response team, due to recent resignations. More volunteers would be welcomed and the plan, in its restricted form, will shortly be available on a new page on the village website for everyone to access.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the funding is secure.</p>
17	Public Question Time: 10 minutes	<p>It was NOTED that drains in Deane Road and the drain outside Old Bakery appears to be blocked. Action: Clerk to contact DCC.</p> <p>It was NOTED that there have been two dog attacks in Rocombe. These dogs were not on leads.</p> <p>Fred Cornes explained that he has photos of drains in the Village, which he would forward to the Clerk. He also requested that flooding be moved up the agenda. This was AGREED.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley requested 50 more sandbags for the Linhay. Action: Clerk to contact TDC.</p> <p>There were concerns over the telephone box being removed. It was NOTED that information would be forwarded to the Clerk.</p>
18	To note the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 08 November 2016 at 19.30.	<p>This was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 22.07.</p>