

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2019 - STOKEINTEIGNHEAD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Apologies: Cllr French

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk)
 4 members of the Public
 County Cllr Dewhurst and District Cllr Clarence
 Sgt Jonathan Ross

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Horton opened the meeting at 19.31. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllr French.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	There were no interests declared.
	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
3	<p><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.</p> <p><u>County and District Councillors' Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Watch Report</u></p>	<p>The Council were informed by a resident that the leak at Forches Hill (discussed at the council meeting in November 2018) is not a septic tank issue, which has been confirmed by SWW. TDC have attended and said that it is clear water and the leak is from the main supply which comes across the road. SWW have worked on this area twice and the issue is in hand.</p> <p>County and District Councillor reports form part of the minutes. Police report forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley asked about National Speed Check week. Sgt Ross reported that yesterday was the main day for this, and many people had been caught on the new road between Newton Abbot and Torquay.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley reported that Action Fraud are sending out direct alerts, which arrive regularly. Recent scams highlighted have included TV licensing and renewing white goods insurance.</p> <p>He reported of an alarming increase in texts, calls and emails in scams purporting to be from HMRC. Another scam reported from the floor regarding Visa card usage. The caller seemed genuine, and this was reported to the bank.</p> <p>Cllr Simmons stated that email addresses are usually telling when it comes to scams; they are not linked to the organisation and can be very strange addresses.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley reported that the police merger between Devon and Cornwall and Dorset did not go ahead, but the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner has issued another simple questionnaire, where she states that she wants to put more officers on the street (85 across the two counties) and is asking if householders would be willing to pay a little more to achieve this. The website for people to complete the questionnaire can be found at www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk or ring 01392 225555 and a paper copy of the questionnaire will be forwarded. It was NOTED that 30 officers had been released from desk duties to increase the number of officers on the streets. County Cllr Dewhurst reported that Devon and Cornwall police have lost the equivalent of one officer every week for the last ten years. Their money comes from precept and central government, and it is central government cuts that have led to this. Increasing their portion of the precept may help a little, but it will not be enough.</p>
	<i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i>	

CHAIR:..... DATE:.....

4	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following minutes: 13 November 2018 26 November 2018 (Planning)	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
5	To consider the following planning applications: 18/02415/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling including alterations and enlarged curtilage (The Cow Shed, Middle Rocombe Farm)	Cllr Dagworthy PROPOSED that whilst the Parish Council does not object to the development of the site, the comments of the landscape officer were agreed with. The curtilage of the property is excessively large, and the plans should reflect a more appropriate design for the area. This was SECONDED by Cllr Simmons and APPROVED.
6	Flooding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC update 	<p>The following update had been received from Martin Hutchings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further detailed design of the scheme is on hold until the funding can be resolved • At last week's South West Regional Flood & Coastal Committee I was successful in gaining approval to £150k of Local Levy funding, subject to the overall scheme being delivered • A business case needs to be prepared to seek approval for Defra funding, which will be a request in the region of £300k. This will only be completed if the likelihood of local funding can be achieved • Teignbridge District Council have offered £10k towards the scheme • Even if all of the above budgets are realised we would still need a further local commitment of at least £300k, although this could be as much as £500k due to associated risks with service diversions in the road, repairs to the old drainage systems, a lengthy road closure through the village and also ground conditions/stability for the dam construction. Both figures are proving challenging to secure and the higher figure would be considered unaffordable at this time. We therefore need to fully understand this before any works commence as we would be maximising any funding opportunities from the outset • I understand Alistair Dewhirst will be attending, so he will be able to update verbally on the positive discussions we have had with colleagues in Highways. <p>Cllr Dewhirst reported that DCC is currently undertaking budget plans for 2019/20 and he hopes that there will be a line for Stokeinteignhead, but the financing of the project looking very difficult. If there was a more certain scheme (two dams), that would make the outcome very different. The proposal to put a culvert down the road is risky and one quotation from SWW seems unduly low and it is unreasonable to accept that their part is the same as other utilities' role in the project, such as BT and this raises concerns.</p> <p>There is no possibility of the second dam, which has been confirmed by the landowner. As far as County Cllr Dewhirst is aware, the land is not available and it is not part of his remit to be involved in any negotiation. The budget is rolling forwards and he will be attending a finance briefing at the end of the week. Until the budget is confirmed, there is no answer. If the project doesn't received funding this year, there will be more pressure for it to be budgeted in 2020/21.</p> <p>Cllr Dagworthy stated that in reality, it is easier to push aside a smaller village.</p> <p>Cllr Dewhirst reported that the CCTV survey undertaken in Deane Road went to Flood Risk Management, and it stated that part of the roof of</p>

		<p>the culvert had fallen in but not collapsed enough that water couldn't get through. The survey company stated that the remainder of the unlocked culvert was bigger than the 300mm pipe further down. However, this report had never been given to Highways. A meeting was held last week with Highways and the report was discussed; the camera was put down in one direction and then back the other way and assumed that it was the same one. There is a 15m section that has not been surveyed and Highways has added this to its block budget for 2019/20; a delivery date is yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr Stoneman stated that this is minor work and needs to be done and should be more urgent than in the next financial year.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the Highways budget is for basic drainage and there is no budget available for these sorts of projects under Flood Risk Management. County Cllr Dewhirst stated that the work in Deane Road will be undertaken in two parts, some of which forms part of the full flood alleviation project. Highways will put in the size of pipe that the project requires and will be upgraded in part.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were suspended.</i></p> <p>A resident thanked DCC for finally listening and admitting there is a video, which the Parish Council and residents have been saying for four years.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p> <p>On the basis that this work was not undertaken due to a mistake, Cllr Setter asked that they put this work to the top of the budget. It was NOTED that this has been added to the budget and this is positive.</p>
7	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree accounts for payment • To consider and approve the precept 2019/20 	<p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the accounts for payment.</p> <p>Cllr Horton provided the clerk with a cheque for £105, which was not spent on the grant provided for the replacement tree in the churchyard. Consideration was given to the 2019/20 precept. It was NOTED that the issue of the purchase and continued maintenance of a new burial area and the churchyard was still outstanding, and costs are unknown. Further to the budget provided by the clerk and the information that the council tax support grant had now been withdrawn, Cllr Stanley PROPOSED that the precept be increased to £17710.00 (increase of £330.00) to cover the loss of this grant. This was SECONDED by Cllr Small and APPROVED.</p>
8	Disposal of asset - salt spreader.	<p>It was NOTED that Cllr Small would provide the clerk with pictures of the salt spreader, to enable her to sell it on eBay. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Setter that a reserve of £150 would be set. This was SECONDED by Cllr Simmons and APPROVED.</p>
9	Village Green.	<p>Cllr Simmons had received reports that the three grass cuts had been excellent in 2018.</p>
10	Village Hall Report.	<p>It was NOTED that there was no report due to the committee not meeting in December. Repairs to the roof were going ahead, which were required due to broken slates and damaged felt.</p> <p>Cllr Setter extended thanks to the committee for renaming and dedicating the committee room to Geoff Setter, her late father.</p>
11	Shop Report.	<p>A letter of thanks had been received from the shop for the grant received from the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Horton reported that a ten-year lease had been signed, with a five-year opt out for either party.</p>
12	Twinnings' report.	<p>Cllr Simmons' report forms part of the minutes.</p>
13	Highways and Hedges.	<p>It was NOTED that the hedge at Stoke Road (land next to Well Cottage) requires cutting. Action: Clerk to identify the land owner and write to them.</p>

		<p>Cllr Horton reported that the TDC-owned hedge at Tappers requires cutting. Action: Clerk to contact TDC.</p> <p>Work on the cherry tree at the war memorial remains outstanding. It was NOTED that the clerk would obtain insurance information from the tree surgeon prior to the work being undertaken. It was NOTED that Cllr Simmons would contact another tree surgeon for a quote.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Cllr Dagworthy for arranging the Christmas tree lights this year.</p> <p>Cllr Simmons reported that flooding at Lower Rocombe has been significantly improved since new owners have cleared the area.</p>
14	Churchyard closure update and new churchyard.	<p>Cllr Horton reported that the outcome of the September meeting had been that members of the public wished for the Parish Council to continue to support the churchyard. He has been approached by Revd. Church and the PCC, who have requested a meeting with the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the Parish Council provides a grant for grass cutting and a resident has also pledged a grant. A Friends of the Churchyard group is also being considered.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley stated that there are severe financial implications on the Parish Council maintaining a closed churchyard and looking after a new one, and any proposals made to the PCC may last well beyond the remaining tenure of this Parish Council. He stated that grass cutting was only part of the maintenance and walls, paths and trees would have to be considered.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were suspended.</i></p> <p>It was NOTED that an overwhelming response from residents that they were willing to pay for the churchyard to be maintained to the standard it is now along with additional land to extend the churchyard to be purchased by the Parish Council and are prepared to pay for it without it being passed on to TDC. It was suggested that TDC would not maintain the churchyard to the standard the village expects and there would be too many people involved if they were to take on responsibility. There appears to be no reason why the village cannot fund the maintenance.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p> <p>Cllr Dagworthy recommended that the Parish Council maintain the old and any new churchyard, working with the Friends of the Churchyard. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would hold a further meeting to discuss this, prior to any meeting with the PCC. It was AGREED that a meeting would take place on Tuesday 22 January at 19.30. Action: Clerk to circulate agenda.</p>
15	Clerks Report.	<p>The clerk reported that due to the Parish Council elections in May, the Annual Parish Meeting would need to take place prior to the period of Purdah (starting on 18 March). It was AGREED that the APM would take place after the March council meeting. It was NOTED that the main meeting would take place from 19.00-20.00, with the APM taking place afterwards.</p>
16	To note any correspondence received.	<p>There was no further correspondence.</p>
17	Emergency Plan Update.	<p>Cllr Stanley reported that shelving has been installed in the emergency shed to store equipment more tidily and make it more easily accessible. The sandbags in the Linhay have been restacked further back to make room for a delivery of a further 100 bags from TDC'. It was NOTED that the clerk had requested a delivery of 100 additional sandbags to replenish stock and had received an email for Cllr Stanley in November with a request for this.</p>

		It was NOTED that most hedges had been cut and a request to TDC that the roads be swept had been submitted. DCC had also requested identification of blocked gullies.
18	Public Question Time: 10 minutes.	<p>It was stated by a resident that in 23 years of involvement with the church, not one stone in a wall has been replaced, but to alleviate concerns grants are available to support maintenance work and projects.</p> <p>They went on to ask if the Parish Council really believed that in three months, a new council would turn such a decision over? Cllr Stanley reported that he didn't think a new council would do so, but they had the right to do so. He felt it imperative to offer certainty to the church and whilst the resident suggested nothing was in perpetuity the ongoing cost of maintenance would be.</p> <p>The clerk had received photos of Deane Road drainage issues, which had been passed on to DDC, however the Report It website should be used to log these.</p> <p>County Cllr Dewhirst reported that a village litter pick would take place on Saturday 9 March.</p>
19	To note the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 12 February 2019.	The date of the next meeting was NOTED. The meeting was closed at 22.03.