

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 09 APRIL 2019 - STOKEINTEIGNHEAD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Apologies: Cllrs Small and Stanley

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk)
 5 members of the Public
 County Cllr Dewhirst

| No | Subject | Comments |
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| 1 | The Chairman will open the Meeting and receive apologies. | Cllr Horton opened the meeting at 19.32. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies from Cllrs Small and Stanley. He expressed thanks to the four individuals who were standing down as councillors. Cllr French had been a councillor for around 10 years and had taken over from father; her expertise and village knowledge would be greatly missed. Cllr Stanley had worked hard in his four years as a councillor, especially with regards to flooding and the Emergency Plan. Cllr Small has been the council's building expert and it is hoped that he will enjoy more time in France. Cllr Setter was thanked for her four years as a councillor and wished her well with her wedding next year. It was also NOTED that re-elected members look forward to welcoming three new councillors at the May meeting. |
| 2 | To declare any interests arising at this meeting. <i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i> | There were no interests declared. |
| 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> | Thanks were extended to councillors who were stepping down. They had been an asset to the Parish Council and the village. It was NOTED that the hedge at Chasers requires cutting. It was suggested that there was no one living there but an address would be provided to the clerk in order to send a letter to the owner. Concerns were raised regarding a sign in the hedge at Long Park Hill stating that the road will be shut for ten day, which will cause chaos. Cllr Setter also reported that Chapter 8 has not been adhered to in terms of signage. It was confirmed by County Cllr Dewhirst that this is not a closure but will be traffic light controlled. County Cllr Dewhirst's report forms part of the minutes. It was NOTED that the school has been proactive in terms of the parking concerns by putting requests for considerate parking in newsletters and had contacted the police. It had been confirmed that the PCSO will also attend at appropriate times. A resident stated that a letter had been sent to parents requesting that they do not park inappropriately or drop children outside school gates. The Village Hall car park appears to be busier than usual and many more children walk to school now, however some people will continue to park inappropriately. Inconsiderate parking around the shop was also NOTED, the issue is not just the schools. There was an event in the Village Hall on Saturday and there was a lot of inconsiderate parking around the village. Police report forms part of the minutes. Due to Cllr Stanley's absence, there was no report. |
| | <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: | |

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

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| | 12 March 2019 | It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes. |
| 5 | To consider the following planning applications: 19/00471/FUL Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (b) and paragraph W of the GPDO for change of use of an agricultural building from agricultural use to a dwelling (Milltop Orchard, Combeinteignhead) | Cllr Simmons PROPOSED NO OBJECTION, subject to ensuring the safe removal of the red diesel tank, that any hidden contamination and the evidence of radon is dealt with appropriately and that wildlife is suitably protected, with the construction being checked regularly. This was SECONDED by Cllr Dagworthy and APPROVED (6:0). Residents had raised concerns to Cllr Stoneman regarding the access track and hardcore on site. It was NOTED that TDC had requested that the track be removed or soiled over and that all hardcore be removed. It was NOTED that the clerk had sent a chasing email to TDC today. |
| 6 | Work undertaken to cherry tree at war memorial. | It was NOTED that the cherry tree had been crowned and dead limbs had been removed. The bough across the war memorial has not been removed and it had been suggested that this was likely to kill the tree. The tree surgeon has recommended that the tree be scanned to confirm any evidence of disease. The TDC tree warden had reported to the clerk that the tree is currently healthy, but that it should be monitored as he had not checked the base. It was requested that the clerk ask TDC to attend to survey the tree again. Action: Clerk to contact TDC. It was NOTED that the cherry tree was planted in 1953 for the Queen's coronation. |
| 7 | Flooding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC update | County Cllr Dewhirst reported that there had been good meetings with the landowner where the dam will be located. The landowner is keen to support the village, but there are concerns about the size and scope of the structure. Drawings to show the design within the landscape have been commissioned. Both parts of the scheme must work to secure funding. Whilst there is not a full sign off yet, it is looking very positive. The engineering company contracted by DCC to produce drawings feel that there is a better and cheaper solution for Stoke Road and this is being progressed. Once the Deane Road dam site has been approved, the next stage will be planning with the hope to commence work in late Summer. The culvert in Deane Road is likely to take place next year, with DCC Highways paying for repairs to the culvert. It is unknown as to when this work will be done. <i>Standing orders were suspended.</i> Fred Cornes stated that at the last meeting, it was confirmed that there was funding for the Deane Road and Stoke Road culvert work to be undertaken this year, with the dam being undertaken the next. It was NOTED that it may be that the contractor may prefer to do everything in one go and if traffic management can be arranged, this will be the case. <i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i> |
| 8 | Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree accounts for payment To sign application for new savings account (new burial ground) | It was RESOLVED to APPROVE payments. It was NOTED that Cllrs Horton, Dagworthy, Stoneman and Simmons would be signatories on the new account and the paper work was duly signed. It was NOTED that the Christmas tree invoice remains outstanding and would be paid in May. One set of lights are broken, but the other set remains with the contractor who puts up and takes down the tree. The clerk would write to him once the cheque has been signed at the May meeting. |
| 9 | Village Green. | There was nothing to report. |

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| 10 | Village Hall Report. | The Village Hall report forms part of the minutes. |
| 11 | Shop Report. | There was no shop report. |
| 12 | Twinnings' report. | The Twinnings' report forms part of the minutes. |
| 13 | Highways and Hedges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking concerns – Stoke Road | <p>There were no further comments regarding parking.</p> <p>Cllr Dagworthy expressed concerns regarding parking across the notice board. The clerk had attempted to put notices up on three occasions, and he had tried an additional three times last week. Parking on the junction is unacceptable, and it is inappropriate to block the notice board. It was RESOLVED that a no parking sign would be added to the wall. Action: Clerk to arrange purchase of sign.</p> <p>Cllr Simmons requested that a key be available for the other side of the notice board to allow for community events to be advertised. It was RESOLVED that the shop would be asked if they could hold a key.</p> |
| 14 | Churchyard closure update and new churchyard. | It was NOTED that a meeting had taken place between the vicar and Matthew Fearn. It appears that there may be twelve additional plots in the churchyard, but further information from the Diocese and the vicar is awaited. Action: Clerk to email Revd. Church. |
| 15 | Clerks Report. | It was NOTED that there had been seven nominations submitted to TDC, leading to an uncontested election. This would mean that a co-option can take place at the May meeting to fill the vacant seat. |
| 16 | To note any correspondence received. | There was no further correspondence. |
| 17 | Emergency Plan Update. | There was nothing to report. |
| 18 | Public Question Time: 10 minutes. | <p>It was reported that a bough was removed from the cherry tree some years ago. Pruning a cherry blossom can cause issues, but it has been done previously. It was recommended that the Parish Council obtain clear instruction and a report from the tree surgeon so that the Parish Council can proceed.</p> <p>Clarification was requested in terms of the co-option. The clerk explained that the Parish Council can co-opt an additional councillor at the May meeting, without the need to formally advertise a casual vacancy. This is because there has been a recent process of nominations for election. It was NOTED that the clerk would advertise the vacant seat.</p> <p>Concerns were raised again regarding the closure of Long Park Hill during the Easter period. County Cllr Dewhirst explained that there will be a diversion in place, which will be signposted. The proposed work is patching and not resurfacing, meaning equipment can be moved out of the way. This sort of work is undertaken all the time by DCC and is unlikely to take ten days. Longer periods of closure are applied for as extension costs are high. Cllr Setter suggested that patching may not be required due to the flooding scheme work due to be undertaken.</p> <p>The water issue at Forches Hill was raised. County Cllr Dewhirst stated that any highway issue is DCC's responsibility. The drains in the area have been inspected and are clear. TDC are aware of a septic tank issue and this is being investigated. Environmental Health have undertaken various die tests, which have been inconclusive. District Cllr Clarence has suggested that a larger trench be dug, and water be retested. It is understood that TDC will do this and samples will be further tested. It was NOTED that TDC are working hard to ensure that the issue is dealt with.</p> |
| 19 | To note the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 14 May 2019. | The date of the next meeting was NOTED. It was NOTED that the Annual General Meeting of the Council will commence at 19.00, with the monthly meeting following at 19.30. The meeting was closed at 21.21. |