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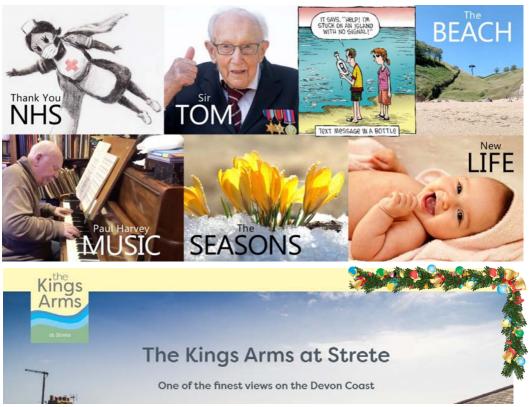
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Reasons that give joy and hope looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



A three-year-old girl Elif Perincek was pulled out alive after being trapped under rubble for 65 hours following the earthquake in Turkey. Dehydrated but without serious injuries, the girl clung to a rescue worker's thumb as she was carried to safety. But then this: "We have witnessed a miracle in the 91st hour," Izmir mayor tweeted. "Rescue teams pulled out four-year-old Ayda alive. Along with the great pain, we have this joy as well."





Strete Village Day will be earlier than usual in 2021, Saturday 31st July, this is to avoid clashing with other local events. Planning has already started to create a fun day that everyone in the village can enjoy.

Readers Corner

There is nothing that beats that lemony pine scent of a real Christmas tree, and for many people it's unthinkable to celebrate Christmas without a beautiful evergreen fir in the living room. We decorate our tree with twinkling light, sparkling

ornaments and wrapped presents. (see page 12)

While a lot of ancient cultures used evergreens around Christmas time historical records suggest that the Christmas tree tradition was started in the 16th century by Germans who decorated fir trees inside their home. It was Queen Victoria and her German husband Albert who led the way in this country by having a beautifully decorated Christmas tree at Windsor Castle, a tradition that has continued ever since.

The evergreen Christmas tree which keeps it's colour all through the seasons, is a reminder of the never-changing love of God.

At Christmas God's love is revealed to us as we celebrate the birth of his son, Jesus Christ, who came bringing, love, joy and peace, that the whole world would live in harmony with one another.



In the Bible the Old testament prophet Isaiah spoke of a peaceable kingdom, and he described it like this: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together, and the the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the whole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put it's hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:6-9.

At Christmas we celebrate the joyful promise of the idea, that the whole of God's creation will live in peace and have respect for one another, a world where we all belong equally together.

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas Love divine, love incarnate, Love came down.

Peace and Joy be with you all this Christmas. Jenny Harris

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The South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

has recently celebrated the 60th Anniversary of its designation. We have a number of activities planned during the coming year thanks to a modest Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

We have also decided to raise some funds for Young Carers from South Devon to have some respite days out on the coast next summer. We are asking people to walk the 60 miles of the South West Coast



Path in the AONB to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. The timescale is between now and April 2021 and people can do this as individuals or groups, collecting sponsorship for their efforts. Our target is £6000. We as a team are completing the walk and if 40 Parishes donated £25 each we would raise £1000.

Full details can be found here: http://www.southdevonaonb.org,uk/60at60/ Many thanks for your support. Kind regards: Lynne Maurer, Adam Davison



We have had a short break from meeting in person due to the latest lockdown but hope to resume our Sunday services as soon as government guidelines permit us to do so.

We will keep the noticeboard outside chapel updated to let you know when we can meet again. We will be meeting at Stoke Fleming Village Hall to accommodate the number of



people who wish to attend. If you would like to join us then please email stretechapel@gmail.com to let us know so that we can make sure that the seating is appropriately spaced out.

This year we are all wondering what Christmas will be like. We do not know what government rules will be in place and what differences this will bring to our Christmas celebrations. We still however will likely give and receive gifts as is custom. I have been making lists and trying hard to think of what those I love would want so that I can wrap up presents to put under the tree.

For this coming year Carole Wills has chosen our chapel motto and it is **John 3 v-16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'** What an amazing gift to the world! When giving and receiving gifts this Christmas think about the gift of salvation from God you have been given but maybe have not yet accepted. We pray that this Christmastime God's presence in your life may be the best present you receive.

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Young Searchers Challenge

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. We are setting challenges in Stretewise until we can meet together again. All children in the village are invited to take part. Please ask your parent/carer to send in the answers by email to stretechapel@gmail.com.

Well done to those who got the answers right to the last set of questions! With the thoughts of giving gifts I have a question from the Christmas story.

Q. What three gifts did the wise men bring to baby Jesus?

Dear God, we pray for those in the village of Strete this Christmastime that they will know Your presence in their lives. We pray that as we find ways to connect with our friends and family in different ways this season that we will remember the true reason for Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. Amen

From everyone here at Strete Chapel we hope you all have a happy Christmas and New Year!

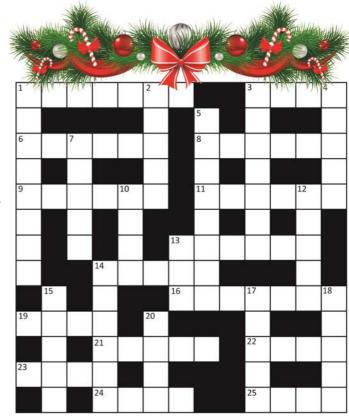
Stretewise Crossword

Solution on page 76 Across:

- 1: A person who takes particular pleasure in fine food and drink.
- 3: Injure someone with a sharp pointed object.
- 6: Being well known for some bad quality or deed.
- 8: A new recruit.
- 9: Usually describing plants that

have medicinal values.

- 11: When beverages are warmed and infused with spices.
- 13: A ten-pound note.
- 14: A property a property (as bitterness) affecting the sense of taste.
- 16: A copy of the biblical Psalms.



- 19: A public function, typically held outdoors and organized to raise funds for a charity. 21: A sweet food used to cover or fill cakes.
- 22: Cattle used as draft animals. 23: The musical phrases uttered by some birds.
- 24: Pay attention to. 25: Absence of difficulty or effort.

Down: 1: A moment of sudden and great revelation or realization.

- 2 Icing used to make the wedding cake for Queen Victoria in 1840.
- 3: A rich German fruit and nut loaf. 4: A mixture of different substances or other things. 5: The present on the twelfth day of Christmas. 7: A mixture of meat or vegetables chopped and seasoned for use as a stuffing or garnish. 10: The extent or measurement of a surface or piece of land. 12: Strange and frightening.
- 14: Drawn by horses or reindeer. 15: A singing voice between baritone and alto.
- 17: Not firmly or tightly fixed in place. 18: Variation between upper and lower limits.
- 20: thrown and used in gambling and other games.

What do snowmen wear on their heads? Ice caps! What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards!





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He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his sack.
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump,--a right jolly old elf-And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
Written by Clement C. Moore in 1822



Letters to Santa

It's nearly Christmas, and we know you want to make sure that your letter to Santa Claus gets to him. We've just received the message below from Father Christmas himself he's as excited about Christmas as we are! Please remember, as Santa says: get your letter posted by Friday 11 December.

Dear boys and girls,

Christmas is a very exciting but busy time for me.

The elves are making toys

The reindeer are practising their sleigh runs

And I'm busy preparing my list of who's been good this year.

I will be getting my sleigh ready for the long journey on

Christmas Eve and in between 1 will try to reply to as many of you as possible.

Please send your letters to:

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Please make sure you

- · Write Santa's address carefully on the envelope
- · Put a stamp on the envelope so it gets to me
- · Include your full name and address in your letter

Please send your letters by Friday 11 December.

I'm looking forward to delivering your presents on Christmas Eve.

Make sure you remember my mince pie and Rudolph's carrot!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Father Christmas





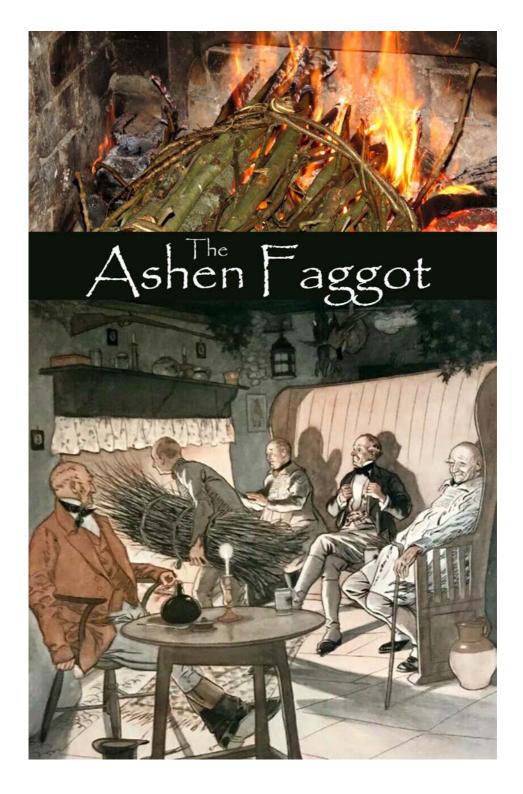














The Ashen Faggot

Reported only to be from the West Country, this was similar to the Yule Log custom in that the faggot was brought in with some ceremony and laid on the fire on Christmas Eve. It was bound with seven or nine green lengths of ash bands or 'beams', preferably all from the same tree. The twigs or branches of the faggot (including some of the remnants of the previous year's faggot) bound with green ash withies, is placed onto the fire, traditionally by the oldest person in the room. Ash burns well, even when green and as the fire caught and each of the withies broke, tradition demanded that a new jug of cider be brought out to quench the thirst of the assembled company. Some traditions had the unmarried women each choosing a withy, and the first one whose tie snapped would be married the next year.

The ceremony itself starts late Christmas Eve with the reading of the following lines taken from Christmas by RJ Thorn 1795:

Thy welcome eve, loved Christmas now arrived,
The parish bells, their tuneful peals resound,
And mirth and gladness every breast pervade,
The ponderous Ashen Faggot, from the yard,
The jolly farmer to his crowded hall conveys with speed;
where, on the rising flames, it blazes soon.
Seven bandages it bears,

with brandy mixed to elevate the quests!

and as they each disjoin, a mighty jug of sparkling cider's brought

"Could this be the first year of the tradition being alive a well at The Kings Arms, Strete?"



Christmas Tree

Queen Victoria's consort, Albert, brought the Christmas tree to England from Germany, but according to legend the decorated Christmas Tree has links to an 8th century Devon saint. St Boniface who travelled to Germany where he encountered pagans worshiping an old oak tree during the winter solstice. After he allegedly chopped down the tree, a fir grew in its place and the following year all the pagans, now converted to Christianity, hung decorations on the tree and celebrated Christmas rather than the winter solstice. The story spread and soon Christmas trees became the norm in the newly converted Bavaria. St Boniface (c. 675 – 5 June 754 AD), born Winfrid (also spelled Winifred, Wynfrith, Winfrith or Wynfryth) in the Devon town of Crediton in Anglo-Saxon England, was a leading figure in the Anglo-Saxon mission to the Germanic parts of the Frankish Empire during the 8th century. The 8th century monk credited with bringing Christianity to Germany could become the patron saint of Devon. He entered the monastery in Exeter before becoming a missionary in northern Europe, named as Apostle to the Germans.

The first decorated trees were adorned with apples, white candy canes and pastries in the shapes of stars, hearts and

flowers. Glass baubles were first made in Lauscha, Germany producing garlands of glass beads and tin figures that could be hung on trees. In 1847 Hans Greiner began producing glass ornaments in the shape of fruits and nuts. The inside of the ornament was made to look silvery, at first with mercury or lead, then later using a special compound of silver nitrate and sugar water. Lauscha, Germany, was known as the glass capital of the world from the turn of the century through World War II, and turned out impressive sculptural pieces.



Soon these unique glass Christmas ornaments were being exported to other parts of Europe. By the 1870s, Lauscha was exporting its unique glass ornaments to Britain.

Mulled Cider

Egg-Hot

A traditional yuletide drink from Devon.

Ingredients

1½ Tbsp brown sugar

Devon Scrumpy (2 quarts)

½ cup brandy

1 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp nutmeg

8 whole allspice berries

2 whole cloves

2 cinnamon sticks

2 Star Anise

6 eggs, separated

Instructions

Pour the apple cider and brandy into a large saucepan and warm the mixture over medium-low heat. (Do not allow to boil).

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Add the ginger and nutmeg. Place the allspice berries, cloves, and cinnamon sticks into a muslin bag. Place the bag into the cider and heat the cider until warm, 20-30 min.

In a small bowl, beat the egg yolks until pale in colour and frothy using an electric hand mixer.

Temper the beaten eggs by slowly pouring 1 cup of the hot cider mixture into the eggs, whisking as you pour.

Remove the spice bundle from the cider and pour the mixture into a punch bowl. Add the tempered eggs to the cider punch, stirring gently to combine.

Mulled Cider

Ingredients

4 cups Devon scrumpy cider (1 quart)

2 cinnamon sticks

1 star anise

4 whole cloves

4 strips orange peel

4 oz brandy 120 ml, or apple brandy, rum, spiced rum.

Instructions

Put all of the ingredients except the brandy/rum in a small pan and warm over a low heat.

Gently bring to almost a simmer and warm for approx. 30 minutes without boiling.

Put 1 oz of brandy in the bottom of 4

glasses and top each up with the warm cider, straining off the spices and orange peel as you go. Serve warm.

Note – you can also prepare this in the slow cooker place all in a slow cooker and warm on low for approximately 2 – 4 hours, as suits. Then serve as above, putting the brandy in the bottom of the glasses as you serve..

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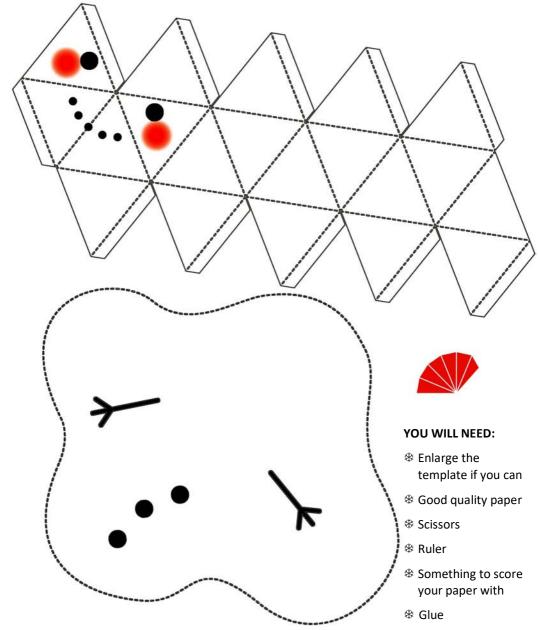
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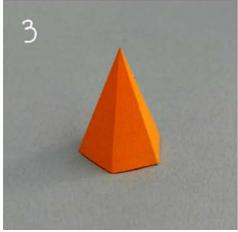
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On the way to the shop, passing Mel's window and trying to identify what's cooking today. Then speaking to Mel to see if I am right!

Checking the wind direction from the church's weather vane and seeing what birds are sitting on top

Looking at the beautiful acer tree with its seat and poem half-way up the hill from the shop to the church.

Having a chat in the shop where you can get an update on weather, sea and road conditions.

Coming out of the shop and being greeted by my border collie, Beth, with at least three woofs!

Being able to greet the majority of people by name and being greeted by name.

Being able to greet the dogs by name

Looking out for "Whitey", the partial albino blackbird with its white head and orange beak.

Looking at the house martins flying in and out their nests to feed the young with their mouths wide open.

Taking in probably one of the best views in England where the coast path runs west from Asherne.

Looking at the Dexter cattle and their calves.

Looking at the ewes and lambs.

Looking at the pheasants, buzzards and rabbits,

Despite Covid, seeing the dogs making a beeline to Stuart and Kevin's window at Strete Barton in the hope of a sausage or some bacon.

Sheltering in the bus stop when I get caught in a shower.

Admiring the snowdrop bank and post box with its daffodils in Hyne Town Road.

Being pulled by Beth to the entrance of The Platt in the hope that she may get a dog treat from Dorothy.

Catching a glimpse of the rising sun from our bedroom window.

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Stretewiser Factoids

- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean.
- Reindeer like bananas.
- The croissant was invented in Austria.
- Australia was originally called New Holland.
- Your foot has 26 bones in it.
- Camel's milk doesn't curdle.
- Cats have over 100 vocal chords.
- A 1 minute kiss burns 26 calories.
- Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year.
- In eastern Africa you can buy beer brewed from bananas.
- In a deck of cards the king of hearts is the only king without a moustache.
- Room temperature is defined as between 20 to 25C (68 to 77F).
- ❖ You're more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.



Thank you to Tony Crawford for starting our Westertise (Anagrams)

Do you have any anagrams for the next issue? Email: stretewise@outlook.com

Slot machines = Cash lost in me.

Madam Curie = Radium came.

Dormitory = Dirty Room.

Dictionary = Indicatory.

A telephone girl = Repeating "Hello".

Hot water = Worth tea.

Ronald Reagan = A darn long era.

The eyes = They see.

The Morse Code = Here comes dots.

Astronomer = Moon starer.

Schoolmaster = The classroom.

Eleven plus two = Twelve plus one.

Vacation time = I am not active.





- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
 He acquired his size from too much Pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- * The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- * No matter how much you push the envelope; it'll still be stationery.
- * A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in linoleum blownapart.
- * Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- * Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
- * I wondered why the cricket ball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: "Keep off the grass."
- A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- * A backward poet writes inverse.
- In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- Don't join dangerous cults; practice safe sects!
- Time flies. You'll be surprised how fast they are.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)
HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY 17 September 2020 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill, Chairman (KG); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Mrs. Helen Darch (Clerk); 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jilly [JF] and Roger Freeman [RF] then spoke on Falloden. JF pointed Councillors to their response lodged on the South Hams District Council [SHDC] portal. They were reasonably happy with work at Falloden until recently. There are concerns now with the new proposals that have been put forward. In particular the north west view on the house plans. Original plans included a Juliet balcony which did not permit the householder to walk out and look over other properties. The latest plans suggest a larger balcony which people can step out onto and would lead to a pathway and set of steps down. The Freemans now have a view of the bedroom which they can see at night from their living room. Also, they will be able to see people standing on the balcony looking around and impinging on their privacy. RF added the problem arose because the conifers were cut down by the householder removing a natural screen.

IC observed some laurels had been planted but these would take time to grow and he agreed the cutting down of the conifers was aggravating the lack of privacy. He said the green natural barrier should be enlarged to reinforce the privacy. RF felt the replacement trees should have been more mature to get to a decent height. JF felt the laurels wouldn't shelter the stairway. IC agreed with her and said it would be a good idea to plant something hefty, dense and fast growing by the stairway. He suggested this be a condition of the planning permission. Councillors agreed a form of screen possibly frosted glass at the top of the stairway and certainly trees as discussed should be put there to maintain the privacy.

Mr Allwood was invited to speak on 24 Start Bay Park. He declined and was happy to listen. Mrs Ellis [JE] then spoke on the planning application for 24 Start Bay Park. They had put in an objection and sent a petition to the Council. They will update this with a couple of late signatures. The objections and petition are argued on the basis that the application as they saw it was going past the building line. JE then cited

from her deeds and land certificate for her property which is common to all the properties on that estate. *No buildings of any nature permanent or temporary shall be erected on the land between garage and houses on the fronting of the property.* She noted although it is a side of No 24 it is still a frontage.

JE felt there was overdevelopment as the bungalow had already been extended twice: once to the garage to the right-hand side, and a day room was added at the back. She noted the dayroom was built at an angle to stay within the guidelines of the building line. JE expressed concern over the visibility of the corner as had others who had spoken to GC. It is a busy corner with farm traffic and delivery vehicles. There is also traffic from the dog boarding business at No 24. Children on the estate play outside. The OS map with the application is incorrect as it makes the house appear 'further in' than on a 'proper' up to date OS map. JE submitted a Google map satellite picture copied in her correspondence to the Council which she said is much clearer and accurate on the siting of the property.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB reported on the Local Outbreak Management Plan [LOM] committee which governs how Devon will react to a local spike or outbreak. There were three cases in Loddiswell all linked to international travel rather than holiday makers into the area. He confirmed Devon has its own local track and trace with adequate resources to cover individual cases and track all contacts because there have been so few cases in the county. JB also said if there is an outbreak [in his county area] he gets informed and so far, this is the only outbreak he has been told about.

JB reminded the meeting of the Pothole Action Fund [July minutes] with around £1.9m extra money for road maintenance for Devon in 2020/21 handled by Lisa Edmonds and bids to go to Lisa and him. He noted though there isn't much money for each county councillor.

JB mentioned the carparking problems up the road from Strete Gate. Enforcement can be done but this is county-wide so resources are stretched. With RF he is looking at ways to mitigate the impact of visitors and activity. One possibility is extra parking at Strete Gate and Stokeley. JB observed the vital role tourism played in the local economy and facilities should be developed to make people welcome.

He finally mentioned the paper circulated by RC on the state of the verges. SHDC had responded to this and suggested weed-spraying could be done. Devon County Council [DCC] don't spray weeds now. In that case the Parish Council could look at getting estimates for annual weeding and precept for this.

RC mentioned how the influx of visitors had seen some abuse of local facilities. He also stated that it was very unlikely that the A379 could be cleared of weeds for just £500. Previously the PC had spent over £4k to do an extensive sweep and clear of the A379 down to Blackpool Sands with the agreement that the district council would do 4 sweeps a year. This has not happened. **The report was received.**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF mentioned there will be changes to collection rounds for rubbish prior to the changeover to the new collection system which will now be next spring. Everyone will be informed of this by letter.

Along with JB he has managed to focus officers on the problems down at the Line and responses have come from senior officers to the PC. There is a better understanding now in SHDC on what land SHDC leases from the Strete Estate and so what they could do as actions and enforcements on the beach. In the short term SHDC has managed to clear the footpaths. In the longer term there will have to be a proper in-depth discussion on what is to be done with parking problems. The barrier at the monument carpark is a temporary one and will be moved and raised as some locals can't use that carpark now. He asked people to bear with him: Covid 19 has brought things to a head but SHDC had been dealing with problems over the past 5 or so years. In common with JB he felt we should welcome people down as tourists.

RF responded to the paper sent by RC. He suggested the PC precept for work as DCC and SHDC don't have the money or resources to do these works. In the long-term parishes may end up with more work if the district council is dissolved and replaced with a unitary authority. He couldn't say what powers the Parish Council would end up with but it would be expected to take on some of the roles of the other tiers of council.

IC noted the barrier at the middle car park now meant large vans went to the Strete Gate car park thereby shifting the problem not getting rid of it. RF is aware and has made officers take action. He also expressed disappointment at the behaviours of some visitors, a total lack of respect, and which meant we had to curtail some of their activities. He acknowledged it had been a difficult time but he hoped to come up with some answers.

GC noted the correspondence he received from SHDC said they would be doing a full review of the issues. He felt any review should include the villages. Unfortunately, the correspondence from the Leader of SHDC sent to him was addressed to Slapton PC. The correct letter arrived just prior to the meeting. He said we needed to make a plan now for next year. RF reassured GC that this would happen and a plan would be drawn up with the involvement of the three local parishes of Strete, Slapton and Stokenham. The limiting factor is money.

IC endorsed the work being done by RF and JB and noted the sorting out of all the issues down at Strete Gate and on the Line was a struggle. He also said though we welcomed visitors there was some abuse of the local facilities and the behaviour had been appalling. People needed to learn to respect the area and its AONB status. RF agreed that there was a need for education and to remind visitors that this was a special area. **The report was received.**

0920/1 APOLOGIES – None.

0920/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20 August 2020

The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

0920/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **None were declared.**

0920/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

2662/20/HHO Householder application for extension to form larger day room and living space. 24 Start Bay Park Strete TQ6 0RY.

Councillors thanked the householder for the site visit. They had studied the information submitted by the householders including the petition, and the planning application submitted by the householder. However, they couldn't comment on the technical detail in these papers. It was clear both sides had done research and this was evident in their arguments on the building line. But the Parish Councillors could not really comment on the technical aspects of the planning discussion as lay councillors. Against that there is a large amount of public feeling and the petition that was going round was attracting a number of signatures. In summary, it was felt the Parish Council should object on behalf of the residents but without a response to the technical points raised. It was noted in view of all the above facts this matter could only really be determined by the planning committee at SHDC.

Comments for the planning portal were invited. GC said the council was passing on the decision to make on the technicalities of various documents and the issue of the building line to the District Council. **Resolved: to object with the comments as minuted. This was unanimous.** KG reminded all that the parish council is a consultee not a decision maker in the planning process. IC asked if RF had commented on it but he hadn't.

2432/20/HHO Part retrospective householder application for proposed rear sunroom and regularisation of work done on existing applications. Falloden, Hynetown Road, Strete TQ6 ORS. The householder and agent were thanked for arranging the site visit. Councillors referred back to the earlier discussion on visibility and overlooking of the house by neighbours. They agreed this can be solved with greenery and screens as discussed by IC earlier. IC said greenery screening needed to be stepped up and enforced with a comment to be made on the planning portal. He recommended a physical enforcement of the screening. RC would support the application if the householder kept their promise to deal with the screening matters with the Freemans on their next visit.

However, there was concern that in this application retrospective permission was being sought for quite a large number of items. PH commented that retrospective applications for large and diverse scopes of work deny the opportunity for consultation, comment and opinion before these schemes of work go ahead. This was endorsed by other councillors. However, it was also noted in this instance the outcome is of little consequence and the design is fine from that point of view. But in general, this situation is an unacceptable state of affairs. PH felt the PC should include in the submission on the planning portal a comment to SHDC critical of the way in which retrospective permission had been put forward. It was resolved to support with comments as above. RC reminded all that enforcement issues in his opinion hadn't been adequately followed up and maybe this would have picked up any divergence from the original plans earlier.

0920/5(a) FINANCE

Four cheques were listed for payment and invoices sent to all Councillors before the meeting. An additional cheque, 1734, was added to the list of payments at the meeting.

1730 – Brooking Hire Limited invoice for sweeping services August 2020 £855 plus VAT.	1731 – Terry Hallett grass cutting April to August £375.
1732 <u>—</u> Clerk salary September £291. This includes £35 catch up on pay	1733 – Clerk training course October SLCC Enterprises Limited £25 plus VAT.
1734- Mr I Cumberlidge work on buddle holes January 2020 to Au- gust 2020	

It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payment as enumerated above.

0920/5(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for 2020/21 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection to the end of September 2020 of CR7,759.09. **Resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

0920/5(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £7,859.66CR Current account at 08/09/20, £10,297.56CR Business Reserve account at 08/09/20.

0920/6 CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been sent round before the meeting.

- a. **Personnel and** pay matters. The Clerk reported a 2.75% national pay rise from 1st April 2020 which takes her pay up from £249/mth to £256/mth. Karen Hales had drafted a form to use in a performance appraisal. This is due September on the anniversary of the Clerk's appointment. Two councillors to do the appraisal. **For action.**
- b. **Playpark** including reply to queries on draft agreement. SHDC had replied on the questions raised on the playpark draft agreement [minute 0820/8]. Councillors thought their responses were vague on the timing of reports and when they expected the Parish Council to act on any defects notified but they had little option but to agree. Resolved: to accept the new agreement which starts from 1st September 2020. To renew the insurance taken out on the Council's behalf by SHDC. **The** Clerk to monitor the responsiveness of the Localities Officer and liaise with SHDC.
- c. Plunkett Foundation re advice on loan to Strete Community Pub Limited. The Clerk reported the Plunkett Foundation had promised to come back with advice on loans when they rang on 7th September. For information.
- d. **Tree in** village green. A parishioner had asked to plant a tree in the Village Green [Green] as a memorial to her father. The covenants between the Parish Council and the County Council in the management agreement had been circulated before the meeting.

Councillors discussed where to put the tree. PH thought it was a dangerous precedent to allow planting of a tree on the Green given the number of villagers who used the Green and had views on its use. Councillors agreed somewhere else in the Village could be set aside for this though there may be concerns raised about any location. PH suggested by the bench on the main road [A379]. LN said if a tree was planted by the road it would need upkeep as it would grow. RC also said it would be on the traffic line of site. Resolved that councillors think about a suitable spot for the tree and report to the next meeting. This will be on the next agenda.

e. Move VAS to Frogwell. The Clerk received a request for the VAS to be moved down to Frogwell to record the speed of cars coming down the hill. In DCC's original safety review in 2016 Frogwell was identified as one of the three locations for the VAS in the Village. There is a mount down by Severns Cottages. RC approved the location on an interim basis but it would need a stanchion. Vicarage Lane is another location. PH would investigate this further and look at cost. Other solutions were discussed including sleeping policemen, or even a speed trap which was being used down by Stokenham. LN had passed the VAS machine and thought it wasn't working. PH would check the battery was charged. **Resolved: move VAS down by Severns** Cottages. KG to lend traffic cones for works. f. Coronavirus updates and risk assessments

The Clerk reported on the risk assessments she had prepared for meeting in the Parish Hall and the playpark. These took into account the government changes which

came in on 14th September. The Village Green remains open. The Council does not intend to close it at this point as the 'Rule of Six' allows enough leeway for most users though this will be kept under review.

For note. The report was received.

0920/7 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Chair's Report Strete Parish Council 17.09.20

Coronavirus –Boring though it may be the advice as before still applies: RISK ASSESS – look around – STAY ALERT and now the RULE OF SIX. We hoped that the pandemic would decline; sadly, that has not happened. I hoped that we might have had this P.C. meeting, socially distanced, in our Parish Hall but the R number is again on the rise.

Strete Gate and Slapton Line. I spoke at considerable length to Bryan and Peter Tolls' agent Charles Dixon on the management of Strete Gate. Strete Estate owns the foreshore which is leased to SHDC who currently administer it. Bryan and Peters' father Michael liked it to be deliberately low–key so that it looks wild – rural and appears to be unmanaged. The estate continues as far as 'The Gun' which is the boundary between Strete and Slapton parishes. His brief is to see how Covid-19 pans out and next year review possible actions/restrictions to improve matters.

There is now a height barrier in place at the Memorial Car Park installed by SHDC measuring 1.9 meters (6ft 3ins). Unfortunately, it has caused traffic mayhem. The parking at Strete Gate has gained volume by size and numbers. I specifically visited Strete Gate yesterday in the middle of the day. I was appalled by the dangerous congestion and immediately called SHDC for some help who raised a report straight away to the appropriate department.

Yesterday there were several large motorhomes parking in a chaotic fashion, taking up two spaces. While others, plus cars were circulating and waiting for others to exit spaces. Vehicles were also parked on the grass verges. I watched this chaos for about an hour from the relative safety of Old Hill. I warned one motorhome driver that there was no space and that he could get trapped. He said he had purchased a ticket at Torcross to be told he was not allowed to occupy a coach space and was determined to use it. He circled and eventually left after about 20 minutes. I later found him back in Torcross Car Park in a coach space! On Facebook there is uproar on this subject!!

Play Park – has recently had its Allianz annual check and an update of the insurance policy. The grass is being cut regularly. I understand that it is being used by young footballers at the weekends. Currently it is not being locked – but this might have to change because of the RULE OF SIX. This is up for discussion on Thursday.

The Kings Arms – The event at our King's Arms was a great success. More people

wish to buy shares so the date for application is being extended for a short time – apply to Andy Edwards on andy.kingsarms.strete@gmail.com

I would personally like to thank **'OUR STRETE POST OFFICE'** for their contribution in helping us all feel comfortable and stay safe. It is after all our only community service/base. Thanks also go to all those you look out for and help their neighbours. Stay safe.

IC mentioned the homeless man down at Strete Gate who had been visited by SHDC and, it was thought, Dartmouth Caring. He is being moved off the beach to the picnic area. The promise is he will be monitored and the liaison is Bridget Bowden. KG thought the police may have to be more involved as the individual is quite disturbed. IC thought the Field Centre didn't know about this.

The Chair's report was received.

0920/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A report was submitted prior to the meeting. A full report is also on the 'Where are We Now' page within the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish website under 'September 2020 Neighbourhood Plan Update'.

Neighbourhood Plan Report - September 2020

Recommended policy wording amendments to address various changes related to Policy SNP8: Housing Development together with new maps for SNP6: Settlement Boundary and the Proposals Map are underway following discussions with Duncan Smith (SHDC) and Lee Bray (our consultant).

Following desk top publishing work to update the Plan, (already underway) a revised Neighbourhood Plan is expected to be ready for circulation to SNPG by the end of September. Subject to the approval and acceptance of the changes included in the revised SNP by SNPG members, the Plan will be submitted for Regulation 15 approval by SHDC. If approved and accepted by SHDC, the Plan will then proceed to Regulation 16 and Examination. **The NP report was received.**

0920/9 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV) and STRETE GATE Reports were submitted prior to the meeting. Full reports can be found on the website.

The Kings Arms – renewal of the ACV. SHDC granted our application for the ACV to be extended (including the car park) for a further five years, effective 8th September 2020. This excellent result sets the scene for the Community Pub group to go ahead and finalise a long-term lease with the owner. Following a successful public share offer and volunteer appeal, it is hoped it will be possible for the pub to open and trade as a Community enterprise shortly.

Strete Gate. GC gave an account of the responses to his letter [0820/14] sent out after the last meeting. The Police and Crime Commissioner's response offered a support scheme for affected areas to include extra toilets and wardens.

The police had not regarded this area previously as a priority area for help but the parishes of Strete and Slapton should now submit a joint application for the scheme. The chairman of Slapton Parish council wants to meet in October to discuss plans and budgets. Unfortunately, the budget suggested by the Commissioner to spend is far larger than the annual precept for Strete. She also recommended the parish nominate a Councillor Advocate [see 0620/6] to liaise with the police. **Resolved: The Clerk to be the Councillor Advocate for Strete in the interim.**

Other responses are awaited from the Leader of SHDC, Chris Brook at SHDC and Charles Dixon at Savills. Anthony Mangnall MP phoned GC and promised to chase up all the various bodies and locate funds for sorting out the problems. Dartmouth Chronicle gave a comprehensive coverage of issues. Resolved: GC will circulate the response of the Leader at SHDC and discuss at the next meeting of the Council. He felt what was received so far did not tackle most of the problems at Strete Gate. GC endorsed RF's plan to include the parishes in any discussion on Strete Gate. GC then questioned who would patrol camping on the beach as the police disavow responsibility. It was unknown whether the Field Centre had a warden and if this warden would take on this work.

Councillors reiterated their thoughts from last month that the toilets and the parking were the main issues with extra parking and better toilets called for; and somewhere to locate them. PH felt there must be other innovative solutions to the provision of toilets. IC said these issues were ongoing but accentuated at the moment. Resources were not available as priorities were higher elsewhere especially policing which was focused in the urban areas.

RC recalled the £44,380 award made from the Coastal Revival Fund to the Slapton Line Partnership in 2019 to relocate the Monument and renovate the tank memorial [0419/8]. The works included expansion of the carpark and RC felt this should be followed up. KG said Charles Dixon informed her probate was continuing on the Toll estate[s]; they could not commit to anything at this point. This will include any provision of land for the site. KG clarified the site for the works is the field site not the existing leased area or the carpark which SHDC acquired by compulsory purchase some years ago. **Reports were received.**

0920/10 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

A report was submitted before the meeting. The full report is on the website.

<u>Village Road Sweeping.</u> On 25th August Brooking Hire Ltd [BHL] did a sweep and removed weeds from Start Bay Park through the agreed routes in the village. The original quote was for two days at approximately £1,500 plus VAT. Due to conditions [weed growth and traffic on the A379] works were halted until traffic is quieter. BHL charged £855 plus VAT for the works done that day. They advise a 12-week cycle to help contain weed growth and quoted £275 + £75 tipping costs for the village routes

listed. This cycle takes us to 17th November and 9th February 2021. In total this will be within the £1,500 road sweeping budget this financial year.

After an onsite meeting on the A379 from Southwood Lane at Landcombe to Hynetown Road junction, BHL submitted a quotation of £4,256 ex VAT for in depth works [breakdown in the report]. Tipping charges are extra at £75/tonne. Costs are based on a 2-day operation to ensure the works are completed satisfactorily. RC had canvassed JB and RF before the meeting to joint fund this work as it was county and district responsibility to maintain the roads.

Their responses are in their reports above.

RC reminded Councillors similar works took place in April 2017 at a cost to the PC of £4,850.00, part-funded by a 50% grant from DCC. Thereafter SHDC was to do routine sweeping to keep weed growth under control. This has not happened despite DCC being responsible for highways maintenance and SHDC for sweeping. RC observed the A379, between Strete Gate and Blackpool Sands is becoming unsafe as a primary route as routine maintenance is neglected. Buses are unable to travel this route without crossing the white line.

The Clerk asked to clarify if we still needed any sweepers from SHDC. Resolved: The Clerk to chase SHDC on scheduled sweeping in the village. Resolved that Brooking Hire Limited continue to be engaged to do the two further sweeps as described in RC's memo. RC noted the road would become more dangerous as the two other layers of council didn't do their obligations. The contractor had also advised RC on environmentally friendly weed spraying and is happy to attend a PC meeting with their supplier to explain the product. The report was received.

0920/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

KG (Chair) Playpark. A report was circulated on the risk assessment made on the playpark by KG and the Clerk on Monday 14th September. Councillors were asked to decide whether the playpark should be closed under the new restrictions on movement announced on September 9th. The discussion included who used the playpark, how many at any time and the advice given by SHDC who were keeping their playparks open. Hand sanitiser could be provided but it was felt parents could tell children to wash their hands. Resolved: to keep the playpark open for the meantime. To replace the NO dog signs one of which had gone missing. GC to replace the tape on the pipes. GC to repair and redo the wood surfaces in the playpark on reimbursement of materials.

LN Transport and Roads. LN had nothing further to report on the roads, the milestones seem fine. Hedge cutting was raised by RC under his report below.

DR Health and Safety. DR reported he will check all salt bins in October, removing all old contents, and preparing them for filling as the weather dictates. There is sufficient salt to see us through this forthcoming winter.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Two sycamores on the end of Vicarage Lane were felled as these overhung telephone lines. A couple of large elms were removed on the Old Vicarage site. IC noted it happened too often that trees would be felled and permissions asked later. **Rights of Way**. Byways have been trimmed.

IC also referred to the road stretch between Blackwell Cross and Combe Cross with potholes in the pull-in which had been mentioned to him by a parishioner. The Clerk informed the meeting that DCC had repaired the potholes on the highway but would not do these ones as they were not deemed highway. RC suggested maybe the contractor doing the works at the Old Vicarage might be able to dump some shillett and that could fill in the holes. **Nothing was resolved. IC noted he was happy with the revised application for tree works [**2394/20/TCA] discussed in August. This is now a crown reduction by 3 metres which gives the tree scope to grow.

RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan. RC asked about plans to cut the hedges as there was considerable growth and some farmers on the Totnes Road had cut their hedges recently. LN noted it is early to cut as hedges would grow up again and this is usually done in February. Also, John Gilbert is busy at the moment. LN reminded everyone that 1st September is the first time people are allowed to cut their hedges back. The Clerk noted that DCC will only act when the hedge is out around a metre and pushing vehicles over the centre line. Otherwise the farmers should be asked to cut their hedges back. LN said she would inspect the roads and then speak with farmers as necessary. A section of hedge between the end of Hynetown and the community wood is also overgrown. GC said 'George' deals with this.

PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. VAS Monitoring. Nothing to report. Operation continues.

Local transport liaison. As promised after the last meeting [0820/13] PH had circulated to Councillors a draft Resident's Survey aimed at gauging the level of interest in a publicly available vehicle charging facility as part of our Parish Council response to the Climate Change emergency. This would be match-funded 75% from grant and 25% from Parish Funds. He thanked Councillors who responded with suggestions for the survey. The survey is now final and ready to print. The intention is that it will be circulated to households shortly with the next Neighbourhood Plan communication. He is also in discussion with Western Power Distribution over the most costeffective form of power connection at various sites in the village.

Parish Benches and picnic tables. Three quotes have been sourced to carry out the required maintenance work. It is hoped that we will have sufficient information to evaluate the bids at the end of the month and make a recommendation to the October meeting. GC reported on the interim quote from Chris Ellis in his report below.

GC Village Green. Grass cutting quotes had been received from Terry Hallett (£150 per session) and Greenspace (£100 a session). Greenspace will also do some flattening of the bridleway this week at £100 as originally quoted. Kim Tucker will give a quote on the Prideaux Lane job. His machinery is heavier weight. **It was resolved to continue with Greenspace, and hold other quotes in reserve subject to satisfactory performance by Greenspace.**

The Field gatepost has been replaced by Chris Ellis who has also submitted a quote for the work on the benches but is waiting for prices on timber. Dartmouth Community Hub looks to extend its community support into the villages around Dartmouth, including Strete, Stoke Fleming and Blackawton. They have a big project funded and will be looking to discuss with Strete what we can achieve together.

0920/12 CORRESPONDENCE

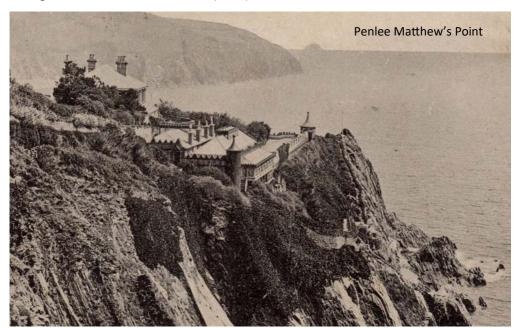
Correspondence is forwarded to Councillors and continues in the main to focus on the COVID-19 emergency.

0920/13 OTHER BUSINESS

PH asked about the pub. RC said the lease is still being negotiated with completion expected in the next few weeks. The share option was fully subscribed and there will be an update by Facebook and email by the weekend. The target opening date is around October 9th. This hinges on any changes to government legislation on the pandemic. A contingency plan is in train in case another lockdown happens.

0920/14 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE ON ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.20 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair) Dated: 15 OCTOBER 2020



Can you spot your Christmas fav's



Answers on page 51



Stretewise Recipe

Coconut Fillings

Donated by Louise Jones

Ingredients:

150g Desiccated Coconut
1 pack 320g shortcrust
pastry sheet
2 medium eggs
100g caster sugar
125g salted butter
1tsp vanilla essence

2tbsp raspberry jam



Method:

Preheat your oven to 190°C/170°C Fan/Gas Mark 5, then grease and flour small tart tins.

Cut the pastry sheet into circles, sized to fit in the tin. Place in the tin then press gently.

Cream the butter and sugar together, until light and fluffy.

Add one egg at a time then beat together until smooth.

Fold in the desiccated coconut and vanilla essence using a spoon.

Divide the jam between the cases, spreading out a little across the bottom of each case.

Top with a spoonful of the coconut mix, dividing the mix out equally between them.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

Allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire cooling rack to cool completely before serving.





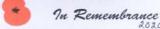
LEST WE FORGET Remembrance Sunday 2020





In grateful
remen brance of all
those who gave their
livies that we should
remain free - from the
Parishioners of Strete.

Kate Gill.



Due to the Covid restrictions, it was not possible to have a full service of remembrance at St Michael's church in the normal manner. As suggested by the government, many people simply paid their respects by standing in silence at their doorsteps for two minutes at 11.00 am. However, the importance of the occasion was marked with a short service conducted by Peter Barker beside the war memorial. Sally Green and the Chair of the Parish Council, Kate Gill were in attendance. The names of former Strete residents who sacrificed their lives was read out and a wreath in their memory was laid by Kate Gill. Dawn Miller paid her own tribute by painting some poppies on stones and placing them at the church entrance. Nick Shepherd

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)
HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY 15 October 2020 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC) (Chairman for the meeting); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Mrs. Helen Darch (Clerk); 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Allwood spoke and requested he be sent in future an invitation plus agenda for meetings. He said he had received all comments on 24 Start Bay Park [2662/20/ HHO] and thanked the Council for them all. IC asked if Simon Buckler was in the meeting. He couldn't speak or be seen and was happy to listen. The Clerk asked him if he wanted to email comments. He replied no thanks and he wanted to be present rather than speak.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB reported on the pandemic. The Devon County Council [DCC] public health officer is the lead officer in respect of outbreaks in Devon. The incidence of COVID-19 in the South Hams remains low but is more than the initial outbreak. Because of the low number of cases if someone has coronavirus the DCC track and trace is effective as there are more people on the case who can visit and phone. At present DCC is confident it can be controlled to some extent but if it grows more then it will have to be 'left to its own devices'. Devon is a Tier 1 area but it still means there is a need to maintain vigilance and adhere to government guidance to keep numbers low. RC asked if the increase came about from Exeter and the students there. JB replied this reporting is just South Hams. Exeter is in the top ten in England and mainly due to students. But down here even at the height of the outbreak there was never more than five new cases a day. One day last week there were eight new cases. Latest daily cases are two and in the past seven days is 38. Cases per 100k is 43.7. This is a lot higher than the first wave. RC asked if there had been any deaths. JB responded none in the second phase and twelve in the first phase. IC noted there was an outbreak at Torbay hospital. GC thought this was now sorted out.

Funding still available for potholes and is first come first served. It won't replace safety defect patching. But it will save money in the long term.

The report was received.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF talked on 24 Start Bay Park [2662/20/HHO]. He outlined the circumstances behind the planning decision and review of this by South Hams planning officers recently. They don't believe the decision is at fault. However, RF was disappointed he didn't get this in front of Development Management Committee. Officers should also have confirmed he had received emails; especially at the moment when all are so reliant on technology to communicate. RF also noted that Highways was satisfied with the application and this carried great weight with decisions and appeals. He wrote directly to Mr and Mrs Ellis on this.

RC had sent an email to all on this matter as a partial complaint. RF outlined a standard complaints process 'stage one and stage two' file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/SHWD Complaints Policy.pdf. In planning terms, the Council can't appeal the decision though the applicant can. The Council could appeal to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government though this is expensive. RF explained the covenants on the properties at Start Bay Park are not part of the planning process and he couldn't advise on how any decisions on compliance or breach of covenants would be reached.

RC felt in his opinion that the local parish was ignored in their representations on behalf of their residents. RF said the planner had taken into account all of the objections but come to a different conclusion. There is a lot of 'grey area' in planning decision-making and some of it comes to down to professional opinion.

RF also touched on the recent changes in planning decision-making announced by Central Government in a white paper 'Planning for the Future' https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future/planning-for-the-future which are currently going through a consultation process due to end this month. Overall, these proposals would see less local discretion on planning decisions. Councillors remarked that a number of MPs including the local MP and all the Devon district councils had raised objections during the consultation period.

RF noted SHDC had met today to plan for the second wave of COVID-19. Some officers will be diverted to these duties if the tier rating is upped or there is a clear need to prioritise the pandemic. Normal service will be slower. There was some more money from central government for a second shut down of businesses, especially local pubs and shops if they are struggling. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plan-for-jobs-chancellor-increases-financial-support-for-businesses-and-workers. RF wasn't sure if a rates holiday would be offered again in 2021/22.

RF asked about rubbish collection lately. He said in some places it had 'gone wrong' because of changes in routes to prepare for next year's recycling. GC said there was a problem with recycling the previous week when waste wasn't picked up in half the Village on Wednesday. It was picked up on Thursday.

IC asked if the pub would be affected by the recent escalation of cases but RC thought it wasn't likely to close. There is a plan to offer takeaway if the pub has to close and the pub might qualify for grant aid if it had to close.

IC asked for any progress on Strete Gate. GC gave an update on his conversation with Steve Mullineaux [SM] at SHDC circulated to all. RF informed the meeting that Slapton PC had invited SM to their meeting and given him a slot to answer questions. RF suggested Strete invite him but give advance warning of questions. SM intends to have a plan in place by November for councillors to review and be implemented by March 2021.

RF noted it had taken a couple of years of district and county councillor insistence that there were issues to get the Strete Gate problem acted on. The pandemic had crystallised and emphasised the issues that were down there. It needs to be sorted out in the round. RF and JB are going to coordinate ideas and what they want to see down at Strete Gate. They will include the Slapton Line Partnership and the three parishes in their deliberations. GC noted SM included the memorial, steps and carpark issues in his review and wanted to include the three parishes in discussions. It was intended to use the Coastal Revival Fund award of £44,380 made to the Slapton Line Partnership in 2019 toward this. **The report was received.**

1020/1 APOLOGIES – None.

1020/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17 September 2020 The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

1020/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. PH declared an interest in Blindwells [2954/20/VAR] and turned off his mike and video for Item 4.

1020/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

2954/20/VAR Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 3400/18/FUL

Blindwells, Hynetown Road Strete TQ6 0RS.

RC had circulated a report on the above application. He reminded the committee that the original application [3400/18/FUL] had been objected to by the PC, refused by the district council and gone to appeal by the applicant. It was granted on appeal. RC reminded the committee that a slow response by SHDC had weakened their arguments for the refusal [The Inspector 'exceptionally' accepted late statements from SHDC because of interest in the case]. RC said the new application was couched as a minor alteration but in his opinion was more than that. The properties were being enlarged with [completely] different roofing. So, he thought this was a new application under the guise of a revised or amended application. He observed the second home policy in the draft neighbourhood plan would apply to this application. He also noted a number of Joint Local Plan polices applied which weren't being complied with in this application.

IC commented on the potential invasion of privacy for neighbours, through the felling of trees. Councillors felt the site looked too crowded especially with three

rather than two houses [the original recommendation of the Council] and the potential enlargement of the properties. GC noted the current spacing adopted by houses on that side of Hynetown Road [Falloden and Weatherley] was not carried over here as the houses were closer together than the current norm. It was resolved to object [six objected and one abstained] and use the report supplied by RC as the comments on the planning portal.

IC wondered if there was a planning application for work taking place at Landcombe. RC felt this was all covered in the original application [2859/19/HHO] and the only thing outstanding was a new application for the driveway and entrance as the previous one [0349/20/FUL] was withdrawn in March 2020. PH noted the barn was separate as well and a new planning application would be submitted by the householder for any works on the barn.

RC asked the Clerk to get enforcement officers down to the site. RF commented that the works have to be observed by enforcement officers to be enforced. RC wondered if this would end up with a retrospective application. RF said it was difficult without building control and that it needed someone to be caught and made to undo retrospective works to enforce the importance of doing things within applications first time round.

1020/5(a) FINANCE

Six cheques were listed for payment and invoices sent to all Councillors before the meeting. An additional cheque, 1741, was added to the list of payments at the meeting.

1735 – Clerk salary October £256.	1736 – SLCC membership renewal £92.
1737 – Mr C Ellis work on gatepost per quote approved 0420/14 £75.	1738 – Mr C Ellis strimming around bus stops and benches £125.
1739 – South Hams District Council playpark annual insurance and inspection fee £210 plus VAT.	1740 – Mr L Bray Neighbourhood Plan. Plan, maps and documents for resubmission £500.
1741 – Mr G Campbell reimbursement materials for playpark £25.	

It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payment as enumerated above.

1020/5(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for 2020/21 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection to the end of November 2020 of CR6,403.89. **Resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

1020/5(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £12,172.66CR Current account at 09/10/20, £10,297.65CR Business Reserve account at 09/10/20.

1020/5(d) FINANCE

Revised budget. Councillors went through the revised budget. RC asked for the full £1,000 lodgement for the Neighbourhood Plan [NP] to be retained to cover a

referendum for the NP. He also asked about Village Maintenance. The Clerk confirmed the £3,043.35 lodged comprised the two quotes received so far plus actual spend. PH said he was waiting for the other two quotes to come in and this programme of spend could be rolled across two years. The Clerk confirmed the £1,555 figure in for roads and transport was the entire contract cost for sweeping in 2020/21. PH asked about carbon neutral initiatives. He reminded the council of the current grant offer of 75% funding toward electric vehicle charging which expired in March 2021 [ref 0820/13]. He said there would probably be a subsidy in 2021/2 but he wasn't sure. PH suggested costs of £5k for works with 75% funding would give £1,250 required in the budget. He noted this would need a mandate so to wait for the outcome of the village survey to give that mandate and then seek Council approval. A discussion took place on the availability of electric vehicle charging units down at the Pub [one already exists at the carpark and is used by the landowner]. PH noted some points to consider but that it would be income to the pub from people charging their cars there. This will be revisited. **The report was received.**

1020/6 CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been sent round before the meeting. Personnel matters. LN and GC met with the Clerk and discussed performance. The Clerk went up a scale from £10.24/hr to £10.44/hr effective from September 2020. Councillor Advocate. The Clerk is now the Councillor Advocate for Strete. Resolved: GC to pass questions to the Clerk for the question and answer session on 22nd October with Chief Superintendent Matt Lawler on the police handling of issues in the summer.

Councillors also discussed issues with speeding. Resolved the Clerk would ask Lisa Edmonds to advise on speed control measures.

Memorial Tree. Councillors discussed where a tree could be planted. It was resolved IC would advise on trees suitable for planting on the Village Green. The applicant can then select what they prefer from these choices. **The** report was received.

1020/7 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Chair's Report Strete Parish Council 15.10.20

Coronavirus – For us the same rules continue to apply. RISK ASSESS – STAY ALERT - RULE OF SIX. We had all hoped that the pandemic would decline, however in many places, thankfully not in the South Hams it has risen sharply. The government are using a three-tier category for restrictions including LOCKDOWN in some areas. Balancing business prosperity - freedom and leisure and helping the NHS cope is proving tricky!

Strete Gate and Slapton Line. As the winter approaches and the summer season is coming to an end there is much less congestion and misbehaviour - thankfully. We do not want a repeat of this year's mayhem so we await some clarification on difficulties from our Parish Council meeting in NOVEMBER.

Play Park. At last month's P.C. meeting we voted to keep the Play Park open. The Allianz check has been made but we still await their update – contact made with

Helen Hardwicke today, she is endeavouring to get a result. The grass is being well cut, but recently the moles have decided to make lots of hills. Recently I saw two youngsters – girls – armed with skate boards making their way to the Play Park. Good for them.

The Kings Arms. KG reported on the opening menus and arrangements for the pub which was opening on Friday 16th October. The email to book is <u>bookings@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk</u>. Finally, if you can, please download the NHS Track & Trace app as all pubs are now required to use it when possible.

STAY SAFE EVERYONE. The Chair's report was received.

1020/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A report was submitted prior to the meeting. A full report is also on the 'Where are We Now' page within the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish website under 'October 2020 Neighbourhood Plan Update'.

Neighbourhood Plan Report - October 2020

The Revised Strete Neighbourhood Plan was completed to include recommended policy wording amendments to address various changes related to Policy SNP8: Housing Development together with new maps for SNP6: Settlement Boundary and the Proposals Map. In addition, revised wording was required to other statutory documents. Thanks to Duncan Smith and Lee Bray for their assistance with this. Following desk top publishing work, a revised Neighbourhood Plan together with the following revised documents was circulated to SNP Group members for comment and approval.

- 1. Revised Basic Conditions Statement
- 2. Revised Statement of Consultation
- 3. Revised Monitoring Framework

It was not possible to hold a Strete Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions but, following distribution by email of all applicable documents, a majority of group members responded in favour to approve the Plan for submission to SHDC. The Plan was submitted and accepted by SHDC for Regulation 15 on 01/10/2020.

The Plan will now proceed to Regulation 16 for the regulation six-week statutory consultation from Monday 19/10/2020 until Monday 30/11/2020 before proceeding to Examination. The revised NP and documents are now on Strete Parish Council and SHDC websites as part of the Regulation 16 consultation. Correspondence has been sent out, as required by the regulations, to all consultees who submitted comments for the previous consultation that took place between October and December 2018. If they have any comments to make on the new [revised] Plan they should submit them to SHDC. Hopefully, the revised Plan will be submitted for examination in December 2020. **The NP report was received.**

1020/9 UPDATES: STRETE GATE, MEETING WITH CLERK ON PERFORMANCE, PLANTING OF MEMORIAL TREE.

Reports were submitted prior to the meeting.

Full reports can be found on the website.

Strete Gate. GC reported on recent developments.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's office has invited us to work through the Councillor advocate system to argue our case for support for The Safer Summers project. GC was waiting for a date to meet the Slapton Council Chair to share possible action re Slapton line.

GC had a phone meeting today with Steve Mullineaux from SHDC regarding the summer issues on the Slapton line. The following points were made:

- 1. over the next six weeks SHDC in coordination with the parishes, police and other agencies will carry out a comprehensive review of problem areas including parking, charges, signage and byelaws. The aim is to have a new effective and adequate system in place to deal with the influx of tourists by next March.
- 2. This should see an improvement in SHDC 's capacity to deal with open space, rubbish collection, toilet maintenance, parking and enforcement staffing.
- 3. a number of related issues will be considered at the same time to include the moving of the memorial, the inadequate access road to the Strete Gate parking, increased parking at Strete Gate, the creation of good access paths and steps to the beach and toilets for all visitors including disabled people.
- 4. SHDC is reviewing the possibility of building toilets at the centre of line but this is very expensive.
- 5. Strete PC must lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner for beach marshals through our Councillor Advocate along with Slapton PC and SHDC.
- 6. Steve would like to meet the PC at the next PC meeting, Thursday November 19th to discuss the plan and its implementation. **Resolved: The Clerk to invite Steve Mullineaux to the Parish Council meeting on November 19**th.

Strete Gate Carpark tariff review. Consultation on the proposed increase in car parking charges at Strete Gate from next April. There is a tariff review for the carparks with responses due by 30th October. Strete Gate is to increase by 10p to £1.10 for 1 hour and 20p to £2.20 for 2 hours. No other changes are made in the proposal. Councillors observed there were other proposals in the future to remove overnight parking charges. Resolved: to respond to SHDC but note if there was going to be another consultation [on the overnight charges] it would be sensible to combine the two. Councillors also discussed the ringgo app where an extra fee for using it has been waived. It was noted the app needed a certain upgrade of software so it was not available to all. IC said he advised people to take a photo of the out of order meter and date so they had evidence if they were later fined.

Clerk performance. RC asked about this. LN and GC advised that they had discussed training with the Clerk.

The memorial tree was discussed under 1020/6. Reports were received.

1020/10 DISCUSSION ON ROAD SPEED AND ROAD SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE.

PH shifted the VAS machine to the A379 on 1st October to up by the 20 MPH roundel on the hill and was going to leave it. There was a discussion on where best to locate

the VAS on the A379. Other remedies for speeding were offered including speedbumps and variable speed cameras at each end of the Village.

PH asked if the VAS should remain or be moved back to Totnes Rd. IC noted villagers are in favour when the VAS is located by them but not otherwise so maybe it could be moved around more. PH said he would move it once the battery had its cycle which is three weeks. Resolved: to move the VAS after half-term [3 weeks] and move it back later. Cllrs wondered if an empty speed camera would work. The Clerk to confirm with Lisa Edmonds.

RC raised 'unreasonable parking' and an abandoned caravan on the Totnes Road. The Clerk responded that this had been reported to DCC Highways. The 'abandoned' car at Strete Gate belongs to the gentleman who has relocated there and now stays at Lannacombe. KG confirmed the car is legally taxed.

1020/11 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

No updates were received on contracts.

1020/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

KG (Chair) Playpark. KG reported the Allianz report had been received and there was nothing of concern. The grass had been cut recently. GC will do minor works when the weather improves. He will use quick-drying brown paint so there is no need to close the playpark.

LN Transport and Roads. DCC had cut the verges for the site lines. John Gilbert submitted a quote for annual hedge trimming and cleaning the road with a blower for £445 plus VAT. LN will try to get the hedges done a bit earlier this time. RC asked if the trims could be done before 7th November when the sweeper is booked to visit. LN said she would ask but JG is occupied with contract work at this time of year. LN said the hedge down Vicarage Lane near Tallis Rock was looking overgrown on the Camellia House side. She would speak with the householder. **Resolved: LN would talk with the householder regarding hedge trimming.** IC also reported a holly tree on the road toward Dartmouth [by Frogwell] that had been cut to about 4 feet. He thought the work was rather severe and it would take a while for the tree to grow back again. Cllrs discussed various hedges/trees along Vicarage Lane.

GC also mentioned the hedge opposite Manor Farm [managed by Philip Knight] which was getting quite overgrown into the road. **Resolved: LN to ask Philip Knight to cut his hedges.**

DR Health and Safety. DR observed he had nothing to report.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. IC reported verbally. Tree warden: only the holly tree discussed already. RC asked if the ash tree [2394/20/TCA] had been crowned. DR thought not [at the bottom of his garden]. IC observed the tree was looking rather unwell [very brown and dead very quickly] and hoped it had not been damaged. He will monitor the situation once the crowning has been done and wait for the spring. IC also said he was disappointed with DCC policy which designated ash trees with dieback after a gale because they had lost their leaves.

This was not necessarily a sign of dieback but a consequence of the strong wind.

. **Rights of Way** are still being used less than in the summer. All cut back by strimmer and being used. **Strete Gate varies** – sunny days are hectic still. The gate into the picnic area was ripped off which should be repaired by the Field Studies Council. A picnic table from the café has also been broken up for kindling. GC reported his sonin-law two weeks previously had found 15 or so people on the beach in a marquee having a party. GC tried to get hold of the police on '101' and stayed on 55 minutes waiting. No luck on webchat. No response to an email sent, from the police. **Resolved to pass issues with reporting to the police to the Councillor advocate to bring up.**

RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan. Bettesworths appear to be drawing up a sale prospectus for [Rose] cottage behind the Chapel owned by Heavitree.

PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. VAS Monitoring. As reported in 1020/10 the VAS unit was moved onto the existing mounting at the northern approach to the 20mph speed limit on the A379 adjacent to Frogwell at the beginning of October. Operation continues.

Local transport liaison. Nothing new to report. The electric vehicle survey is ready to be distributed with the Neighbourhood Plan update to all households.

Parish Benches and picnic tables. There has been a delay in obtaining the third quote which will necessitate putting off evaluation of the bids and a recommendation until the November meeting.

GC Village Green. Grass was cut once in October. Greenspace has been asked to enclose dated photographs of cuts with their invoices to help us monitor their work. Greenspace has not flattened Prideaux Lane as promised. GC has asked them to tell him if they cannot do the job. Kim Tucker has not yet been to look at work on lane for a quote. GC told Terry Hallett the Council will hold his quote whilst we review Greenspace's performance.

One of the Prideaux lane barriers sticks occasionally and GC is awaiting advice from the manufacturer. The barrier at the Start Bay Park end has been bypassed to some extent by a small Suzuki 4x4, possibly a farmer, by driving through the hedge base. GC has a couple of posts to block off the problem area.

1020/13 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence is forwarded to Councillors and continues in the main to focus on the COVID-19 emergency.

1020/14 OTHER BUSINESS

GC referred to an email received from Jayne Webb lady mayoress of Dartmouth on the Dartmouth Community Hub [Hub]. The Hub has grant funding for community support in the villages and can visit once a month initially to put on social events and offer advice including CAB. They have invited Strete to take part. Penny Penhale will discuss this with the Parish Hall Committee. LN asked if this was affected by the COVID-19 regulations but GC confirmed the Hub had adopted measures to cater for lockdown. GC mentioned the proposed activities in the Neighbourhood Plan to

include support with IT and visiting people. This could be undertaken by Hub staff. GC asked if the Council might consider a short-term contribution to the PHC if they hosted the Hub as they received little income. This initiative entails costs for heating and lighting at the least and cleaning required. The Clerk said she had spoken with Penny Penhale to confirm if they submit costs/accounts the Council will consider a grant. Resolved: DR will talk with the PHC who will provide an estimate of costs/account for a grant.

PH reported on flu vaccine. There wasn't any available when he went for an inoculation last week and no one had any. The formula for the over-65 population is in short supply but this isn't believed to be so for the other vaccine.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution. To exclude the public from the Meeting under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2). The resolution is to exclude the public from the meeting at this point in the proceedings as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under this part of the meeting.

The Clerk read out the notification for closure and the public left the meeting. The Clerk also noted that meeting minutes will continue to be taken and be available for the public.

KG read out a statement. This explained the history and operation of the 'Village Day Fund' which had been set up in 1980 and was used for funding the costs of Village Day. The Clerk vouched that KG had rung Penny Penhale and apologised for any perceived rudeness/lack of responsiveness over requests for information. Also, the Clerk reported the two sets of signatories planned to meet to agree a way forward. KG asked for any comments. Councillors asked if the statement read out would be public and KG agreed. This would satisfy concerns over the transparency of the Fund. One councillor asked what apologies would be forthcoming to the PHC and the rest of the Council. KG replied she was sorry if she had caused any upset but she was unaware that her actions had caused any problem. She thought the correspondence from the parishioner on the Village Day Fund was a scam.

RC spoke. He understood that the parishioner and the Village Day committee were not part of the SPH. He acknowledged KG had explained the fund was available for a number of activities in the village not just Village Day. He also acknowledged the arrangements suggested by Penny Penhale and the Clerk whereby the signories meet and agree the way forward. He asked if people could approach KG to obtain set up funds for events in the village.

KG confirmed this provided events were not organised by the PHC. RC asked if KG would get this meeting arranged and she said she would ask her other signatories. IC suggested this meeting could be a good idea and also the annual production of statements on the fund. He observed the lack of communication is what annoyed people.

RC agreed this was the way forward and wanted a record of this action being

followed up at future parish meetings. Since the meeting the Clerk commissioned a report by the Council's internal auditor into the workings of the 'Village Day Fund'. He reported to the Council on 22nd October. The report follows in Appendix A. The report recommended that all Village funds satisfy transparency by the submission of annual reports to include their finances to the annual meeting of electors with a copy to be published in Stretewise. Contact details to be included in Stretewise. In addition, funds to update and review their written constitutions.

JB observed in East Prawle there were three committees that worked well together even though they had separate aims. He thought the way things were operated seemed fine but there needed to be both cooperation and independence: the PC shouldn't be telling the other two organisations to spend in a certain way. It should be based on mutual respect. RF seconded this. Everyone should be working for the good of the parish.

1020/15 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE ON ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.30 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair) Dated: 19 NOVEMBER 2020

APPENDIX A REPORT ON STRETE VILLAGE DAY ACCOUNT.

Role and purpose

Helen Darch, Clerk of the SPC, contacted me to see whether I could help mediate in an issue, which although brought to the SPC's attention was not in their powers to rule on. This inability to make a ruling was confirmed by the monitoring office at SHDC who said that it considered the issue a private matter which could only be resolved by the interested parties. The reason why I was approached to help was that I am a former bank Manager and also the internal independent auditor of SPC's finances. Similar to the SPC, I do not have any powers to make any rulings but it is hoped that after talking to the parties, my advice will be acted on for the benefit of the village. It also removes the need for further direct consultation by the parties with the SPC who should not be involved.

Background

The issues raised primarily concern a now dormant bank account in the name of Strete Village Day whose three authorised signatories are Kate Gill, the late Shirley Goldring and Roger English. It is a treasurer's account held at Lloyds, Totnes. The account number is 02090690 and I have seen a statement showing a balance of £1601.48 as at 10.2.2017. The bank account was originally opened in 1980 and there have been no associated accounts in that name.

The account is not a trust the account is not a trust account but a simple unincorporated association which is governed by the nominated signatories. There are no real requirements other than the need to draw up a constitution setting out the basic aims of the account and the rules under which this should be carried out. The constitution can be altered at any time as long as this is ratified by the signatories.

Until such time the responsibility for the running of the village day was transferred to the Strete Parish Hall, the accounts purpose was to the manage income and expenditure with a provision to making donations to village charities and good causes if funds allowed. The signatories felt it prudent to maintain a balance of £1500 on the account at all times to cover cashflow needs for the next year and to cover any exceptional loss due to bad weather. This is effectively the "reserve" that some people have referred to. Once responsibility for the running of village day had switched to the Strete Parish Hall committee, the Strete Village Day account took on a slightly different purpose in that although it makes the occasional small donation, its prime purpose seems to be the provider of funds by way of loan for organisations in Strete who need help with their costs prior to income receipt. By advancing monies which are repaid, it is the intention that this capital will be available for the village's benefit ad infinitum.

Nature of problem

The principal source of discontent has been the alleged difficulty of obtaining even basic information about the account from the Strete Village day signatories by the Strete Parish Hall committee. Not unexpectedly, the Strete Parish Hall felt that information on this "public" bank account should be readily available to them. They also felt that as the current organisers of village day (and not having a full understanding of the account) that they should be entitled to the benefit of these funds. Frustrated at the lack of progress and an acknowledgement that there seemed to be a reluctance to transfer monies or liaise with the SPH committee, the SPH committee felt that setting up an account in non SPH committee names may help to progress matters. The nominated people were all people who help with village day, namely Maurice Watson, Jackie Ellis and Richard Pearce. MW wrote to Kate Gill, seen as the principal point of contact for the Strete Village Day account requesting the relinquishing of control by the existing signatories or by transferring the balance on the account to a new account which would be specially opened. No response was forthcoming by Kate Gill who had suspicions that the various emails were fraudulent as she was unaware of who Maurice Watson was. MW subsequently did make reference to Penny Penhale (chair SPH) in her replies so that If necessary, authenticity could be checked out. Further correspondence continued without reply and not unexpectedly the tone and content hardened until such time the matter was raised with the Strete Parish Council to see whether they could arbitrate and/or rule on the matter.

Current situation.

Kate Gill and Roger English are now in the process of reactivating the Strete Village Day account and replacing the late Shirley Goldring with Simon Buckler as the third signatory. As I understand it, the signatories have no wish to change the purpose of the account which will be used as previously described. In the circumstances, there is little point in Maurice Watson proceeding with a new account opening.

Before making some recommendations, I would comment that in my opinion much time and unnecessary aggravation could have been avoided if communication on a personal level by individuals, and on a wider sense within the village community, had been undertaken in an expected manner.

Recommendations.

- 1. A new constitution should be drawn up by the signatories of the Strete Village Day account. This should include reference to recommendation 3 below.
- 2. After the Strete Village Day account has been reactivated with the new signatory of Simon Buckler, steps should be taken to rename the bank account to aptly reflect its purpose.
- 3. A brief annual report of activities and finances of the Strete Village Day account should be prepared and sent to the Strete Parish Council prior to their AGM. This report should also be published in Stretewise. The need to produce an annual report to be adopted within the constitution.
- 4. The Clerk of the Strete Parish Council to determine any other village trusts or funds which are perceived to be for the benefit of the village and request information from them as per 3 above.
- 5. Such accounts determined by the Clerk to be included in the Stretewise Village Directory with appropriate contact details.
- 6. The Strete Parish Hall committee if they haven't done so already, may wish to check whether their constitution is up to date and appropriate for their needs. Being a charity, it is perceived that all funds raised and given by donors are expressly to be used for the stated aims within the constitution. Thus, without express consent in the constitution, funds raised from activities such as village day cannot be given to other charities or good causes.

Plea

I know this issue has been rather fractious and my hope would be that people take the initiative to rebuild bridges

wherever and whenever possible. All the parties involved should be given credit for giving up valuable time for the

benefit of our village and my hope is that with respect, transparency and good communication, our wonderful village will continue to benefit from their efforts. Thank you.

Nick Shepherd

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HELP!

The Parish Hall is now OPEN, even though Government guidelines are changing all the time! A Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been carried out and recommendations put in place to ensure, as far as we can, that the hall provides a safe environment.

The hall has had a thorough clean from top to bottom and a few minor changes made regarding storage.

The Hall Committee would really appreciate help from people in the Parish with work in and outside the hall, ideas for events, ways of raising money - we are not making money, and obviously haven't for some months, but bills still have to be paid.

The hall belongs to the people of the parish and we need the people of the parish to care for it! If you can help practically or you have ideas for raising money for the hall, please let us know.

We should love to hear from you.

Penny: p.g.penhale@hotmail.com 771005 07976 176748 Lesley: tonyandles@btinternet.com 770071 07792 635423

Events

The proposed Christmas Fair has sadly been cancelled because of the on-going situation, but we intend to hold a **GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW**. Notices will go up soon with details of prizes and where you can purchase draw tickets. If anyone has ideas for draw prizes, please let us know.

Don't forget the **PLANT SALE** which we hope to hold in May 2021. Please take your cuttings, plant your seeds and split your perennials so that we have plenty



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The Kings Arms Update

Well, we're open but it has been a roller coaster. The doors opened on Friday the 16th October and we had a great couple of weeks, when the pub was booked up to current Covid capacity. Then Lockdown 2 was announced and we of course had to close on November 5th. In that short time, Craig's food was getting great reviews, and the local beers and cider have never tasted better. The Kings Arms volunteers did a brilliant job making the pub and gardens look wonderful and then making customers feel at home once opened. There was a Pie and a Pint night, Strete Stretch Class ladies met for coffee, a kids' Halloween party and the local artists put on an inspiring display of locally focused art. All things considered, it was beginning to feel like a proper community pub.

Amidst the disruption of 2020, we might want to dwell on this. The people of this village and those connected to it managed to work together to re-open the pub as a community pub. It's a fantastic achievement. And with such strong support from the community, we've every reason to expect, as some form of normality returns, that the pub will go from strength to strength.

We had been planning to launch a takeaway menu but only after the normal running of the pub had progressed and a few things had got ironed out. As it was, the takeaway service became all we had to generate income. We've had to go from a standing start. So far, it's been pretty good but if there are more lockdowns, and as I write this there is talk of a January lockdown, ideally we will grow that business and hopefully see people coming from further afield for a Kings Arms' takeaway. So please tell your friends in other villages!

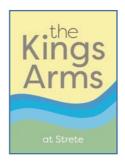
The reviews have been great. In fact, if you do enjoy your takeaway, please do review it on Google, that way the reputation will spread. To order, all you need to do is go online to kastrete.touchtakeaway.net or call 07742 473 266. There have been some issues with congestion as people park outside the pub to pick up their takeaways, so could you please park in the car park unless that is not practical.

Currently, the pub should be open again on December 2nd and we are planning a fun packed December, including a Quiz Night and a Village Breakfast. You can see the full December calendar alongside this article but we will of course post updates on our Facebook page: facebook.com/kingsarmsatstrete.

Perhaps more than most years, we will all be looking for some extra Christmas Cheer. With that in mind, the pub will be open as much as possible. The current plan can be found on Page 72. There will be a pre-ordered Christmas dinner available, the menu is alongside – pre-book by the 23rd to be collected on the 24th. We will even be open on Christmas Day for drinks and Mel's Magnificent Mince Pies from 12-2pm.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Hopefully, we will all see each other in the pub very soon to toast normality.



Christmas Day Menu For collection on the 24th of December

Starter

Potato and watercress soup

Chicken liver and brandy pate

Cajun spiced prawn cocktail

Mains

Roast free-range Devon turkey, stuffing pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, roast parsnip, cauliflower cheese, spiced red cabbage carrots, winter greens and rich turkey gravy

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Cranberry and cashew nut roast served with, roast potatoes, roast parsnip, cauliflower cheese, spiced red cabbage carrots, winter greens and rich red wine gravy

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy cream sauce

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Treacle tart and clotted cream

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Complementary

Mel's handmade mince pies

Two courses 17.95 Three courses 22.95

Last pre order 23rd of December For collection 11 am 24th of December

All our meat, fish, vegetable & dairy products are sourced from local producers & suppliers

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December at the Kings Arms

Wed 2nd Pie night. £10.00. (re opening special)

Thurs 3rd Quiz night

Fri 4th Normal hours & menu Sat 5th. Village breakfast. Sun 6th. Sunday Lunch

Mon 7th Closed. Tues 8th Closed.

Wed 9th. Fish and chips. 2 for £20.00 Thurs 10th Michael Suttons wine evening.

Fri 11th Normal hours & menu Sat 12th Normal hours & menu

Sun 13th Sunday Lunch.

Mon 14th Closed. Tues 15th Closed.

Wed 16th Fish and Chips. 2 for £20.00

Thurs 17th Village Lunch.

Fri 18th Village Christmas Draw with Simple Supper £10.00

Sat 19th Normal hours & menu

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14: Sapor 16: Psalter 19: Fete 21: Icing 22: Oxen 24: Heed 25: Ease

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