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| <p>Present. Cllr Peter Hadley (Chair) PH Cllr Ben Johnson (Vice Chair) BJ Cllr Ed Fevyer EF Cllr Antony Marshall AM Cllr Nick White NW Cllr Nigel Smith NS</p> | <p>In Attendance: Helen Leather (Parish Clerk) HL SHDC Cllr Julian Brazil JB SHDC Cllr Laurel Lawford LL</p> <p>Parishioners/Guests: 0</p> | <p>Apologies: Cllr Tamsin Oakley Cllr Steve Hart SH</p> |
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1. PARISHONERS OPEN FORUM

No issues raised

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Hart and Cllr Tamsin Oakley

3. DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Email Cllr Julian Brazil: julian.brazil@devon.gov.uk

Devon County Council had their budget meeting budget last Thursday . Council taxes have gone up by 4.99% - which is 2.99% on the core budget and 2% for health and social care. This rise did not cover extra costs for wages inflation etc, so County needed to also make savings. There are large debts within the Special Education Needs budget. They are looking for money from central Government and the Department of Education but were not expected to hear until 26th March. At District there was a 2.99% increase which equated to about 11p per household, per week. District budget looked good and they were not looking to make any cuts to services. They were putting in extra money for Climate Change and Biodiversity along with funds for the Housing Crisis. All this was covered in the new Strategy Plan so if anyone wished to read proposals along with costings they could access this on the District website. The Devolution deal is open for consultation, the timetable is very tight. He advised the council to comment as a parish as well as individuals. Consultation finishes at the end of March, then it has to be ratified by the Cabinet and Full Council at County and it then goes back to Westminster.

Slapton line, there will be a meeting on 8th of March with stakeholders and there will be two main items on the agenda. The first one is there will be an update from the county about where they are with the planning application and the 2nd item will be about the future of the partnership and how it works and that will include not only efforts to save the line but also running in parallel will be an adaptation plan.

JB think it's important to talk about the adaptation plan because if the forces of nature destroy the road there needs to be an plan to relieve the situation.

Regarding the 20mph zone. There's still money in the budget for this year to apply for help with the scheme.

Traffic lights at West Charleton - the road won't be shut, it will be open with traffic lights.

The Strategy Plan went through full council last Thursday - it's an evolving document, not set in stone and it will no doubt adapt as events and issues arise. We understand at the Council that we have got to get our core services - the rubbish collection, planning enforcement, etc right, and then we can start doing some of the more discretionary things that we'd like to progress.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Email Cllr Laurel Lawford: cllr.laurel.lawford@swdevon.gov.uk

District Council have a 2.99% percent rise in Council tax. (Band D equivalent: 11p per week), which is the most that SHDC can increase it by without triggering a referendum.

Waste services: Residents can renew their brown bin subscription from 15th February and can make a £3 saving if they renew before 1st April.

Frogmore Children's Park. Cllr Lawford has asked the contractors to have a look at the damaged areas – they visited last Saturday and they will repair anything that is broken and replace the bench and then paint when the weather is dry.

It was the health safety thing, particularly because of the children.

The bin collection seems to be running smoothly with very few problems.

19.23 – Cllr Julian Brazil and Cllr Laurel Lawford left the meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2024 were agreed by all councillors and signed by the chair.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

BJ reminded all councillors to submit their bios and pictures for the website.

Councillors discussed the potholes, the plan to fill in as many as possible on the A roads when the weather improved using Cllr Marshall's equipment. Councillors agreed to promote the website for parishioners reporting potholes at Devon County Council – a link will be placed on the website, in the Keeping In Touch emails and in the parish minutes:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

8. CLERK'S REPORT

Roadworks on the A379 between Embankment Road (just past Noyces) and West Charleton. The planned on-site working hours will be Monday, 26th February to Friday 1st March 2024 for Drainage works and gully improvement and new pipework. The road will remain open but there will be temporary Traffic Lights and convoy working with a reduced speed restriction in force. The council have subscribed to a SCRIBE account package, as agreed at the last meeting, and the clerk is entering all of this year's accounts onto the package. The clerk requested that councillors review the asset register regularly and keep her informed of any maintenance work that needs doing to the assets. Some councillors have not completed their Register of Interest forms, these were handed out at the meeting with a request to return them at the next meeting.

9. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Hadley reported that Neville Brooking had requested mechanical digger assistance to dig out the overgrown bank blocking the gully. Councillors agreed this was a sensible idea and Cllr Hadley will obtain quotes. Price

District Cllr Lawford had already explained about Frogmore Children's play equipment.

Frogmore Defibrillator. Cllr Hadley reported that last year a new battery was bought for the Frogmore defibrillator, but that the new battery had also failed. The defibrillator was returned to the manufacturers in Germany, who had reported that it had failed because water had got into the machine. The company had offered a second hand replacement at £600. Meanwhile, Cllr Hadley had applied to the British Heart Foundation to fund a new one. They have responded to say they cannot fund one at the moment but they will put the application on hold until the 15th of March, when there may be some more money available. In the meantime there is a temporary replacement machine in place from the company who provide the servicing. The parish will hold on to the temporary replacement machine for the time being and see if the company will replace the failed battery in the one sent for repair. Cllr Hadley agreed to check the defibrillator was on the interactive map of where to find them.

10. PART A: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of all applications and Parish Council responses can be found by entering the reference number on the South Hams District Council planning portal:

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/>

- a) **0277/24/ARC.** Applicant: Mrs E Perraton. Site at SX 775 424, East of Creek Close, Frogmore. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Estate Roads/Street Furniture) of planning consent 1430/21/ARM. **Frogmore Council support**
- b) **0298/24/ARC.** Applicant: Mr & Mrs Causer. Homefield Farm, Sherford, TQ7 2AT. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (CMP), 4 (Nesting Bird Method Statement) and 6 (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan) of planning consent 4751/21/FUL (APP/K1128/W/22/3303162) **Frogmore Council support.**
- c) **0080/24/CLP. Applicants: Mr & Mrs P Rodgers.** Malston Farm, Sherford TQ7 2BB. Application: certificate of lawfulness for proposed ancillary accommodation. Parish Council Observations: While the mobile home is shown sited within the private house curtilage it is closer to / and abutting the existing working farm yard and buildings. The long-established farming business involves the necessary making and storage of silage, and a range of agricultural processes, materials storage and livestock activities which by their nature are not natural bedfellows to independent residential accommodation. It is observed that a choice of more distant potential locations is available within the curtilage. In siting the mobile home, the applicants should consider and accept the potential noise and environmental consequences of their choice, recognising that the existing farm business operating in compliance with DEFRA's Code of Good Agricultural Practice, must not be fettered or restricted in any way. Recommendation. Councillors wanted to look in more details at the application before making a decision and discuss with the planning officer regarding services to the site and the location.

Part B: South Hams Planning Decisions:

- a) Ref: 4265/23/ARC. Applicant: Mrs E Perraton. Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 3880/17/OPA. **Discharge of Condition Refused**
- b) **4265/23/ARC**, Mr & Mrs Andy Rushworth. Stancombe Cross Farm. **Application withdrawn**

11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Finance.

Councillors approved the following payments. Accounts to approve – Clerks Salary. Neville Brooking payment.

12. SLAPTON LINE

This item had been covered by Cllr Julian Brazil in Item 2.

13. COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

None received.

14. PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

Councillors are still awaiting quotes for the Frogmore and Sherford village notice board repairs and replacement.

15. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Cllrs agreed to spend £34 expenditure for a parish Tree Preservation Orders to inform councillors in discussing planning issues to be ratified.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was raised.

17. NEXT MEETINGS:

Date of Next Meetings: 18th March 2024, 15th April 2024

The Meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

Signed as a true record:

Print Name & Date:

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk one week prior to the meeting to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List: Frogmore and Sherford Parish Councillors. For Information to: County Cllr J Brazil, South Hams District Councillor Laurel Lawford, Frogmore and Sherford Parish Website: <https://frogmoreandsherford.co.uk/>