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Our Village Day hostess Andrea Hollis with the cover design runners up and her team



Penny Penhale chair of the Village Day committee and Ralph Clark chair of the Strete Parish Council



A very big THANK YOU to Penny Penhale who chaired the Strete Village committee, guiding and organising the army of volunteers needed to make what was a very successful event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help erect marques, gazebos, man the stalls and activities, refresh and feed the visitors and clear and tidy away afterwards. Blessed with a perfect South Devon summers day Strete Village Day Saturday 2nd August 25, a traditional village fete, proved to be a very successful event with a record number of locals and holiday visitors attending.



STRETE VILLAGE DAY

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Strete Chapel

We are continuing to meet every Sunday at 11am in the chapel building throughout the summer and are looking forward visitors and holiday makers joining with us in worship. Over the summer we have been welcomed by Devon Christain Youth Camps to join in their Sunday evening services which has been a real treat. It is amazing to see young people coming together and growing in their faith.

With the combine harvesters busy in the fields, it is a reminder that it will not be long until our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**.

This will take place on **5th October 2025 at 11am** followed by lunch at the village hall. The service will be led Mr Mark Thomas who is the former High Sheriff of Cornwall and also a farmer. Everyone is welcome!

Please R.S.V.P. if possible 01803 770256 to ensure that there is enough food to go around.

Young Searchers children's club has had a break over the summer holidays. Last term we were learning about the events after Christ's resurrection and some of the experiences of the Disciples in the aftermath. We were all challenged to be bold in our faith and share the love of Jesus with those around us.



Harvest Thanksgiving Service

5th October 2025 at 11am

Strete Chapel followed by lunch in
the village hall



St. Michael's

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Strete; a rural coastal village in the beautiful South Hams.

We hold services each Sunday morning at 11am, (but not on a 5th Sunday) these will be Morning Worship and usually a Holy Communion service on the 3rd Sunday, but this varies. If you would like to find out more, please do contact us, we'd love to hear from you!

Rev Matt Gorton is supported by a wonderful selection of very talented and committed Readers, Lay preachers and visiting Clergy, who look forward to welcoming both regular members of the congregation and visitors who may be staying in the area or seeing family, or just passing through this beautiful area of the South Hams.





Mum left holding the baby



Everyone a winner



The elusive rat



Face Gems sparkled



Scruffs

THE FAMILY DOG SHOW

With over fifty dogs competing and rosettes in abundance.

For some though the exciting was just too overwhelming.





A dazzling friendly welcome from the ladies on the gate



Crafty discussions



Tombola prizes tumbled



Ice creams chilled

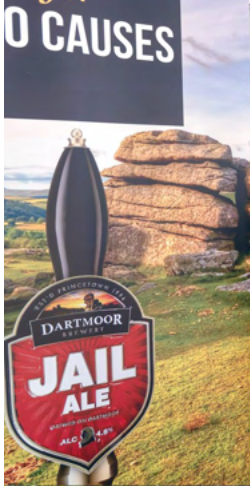


TREASURE HUNT

A full house in the tea room



STRETE
VILLAGE DAY



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Service with a smile



Cooked to perfection

Village Hall Survey Results

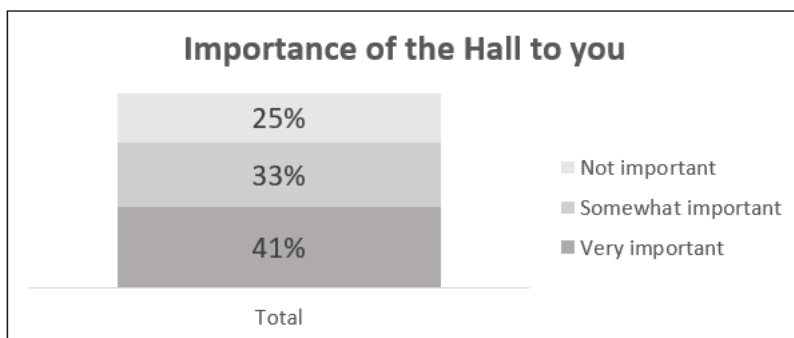
Earlier in May the Village Hall Committee organised the distribution of a questionnaire to homes in the Parish. For a while now the Committee have been aware that the future of the Hall was a concern. As explained on the questionnaire the main issues facing this community asset are:

- Diminishing use of the Hall: only **338 hours** were booked across the last financial year, so the Hall is 'surviving' through fundraising rather than actual usage
- An ageing committee: several of whom would like to retire, but without new volunteers that isn't possible
- The same committee having to come up with fundraising ideas and deliver on those ideas
- Heavy reliance on income from Village Day: income which is not guaranteed because of the weather
- Increasing maintenance costs as the Hall facilities age

Given these issues, the decision was taken to use a questionnaire to help the Committee and Village understand opinions on the future of the Hall. The results were shared at the recent Hall AGM, and are now available on the Shop and Hall noticeboards. This article is another way in which the Committee would like to share the key results, and potential next steps.

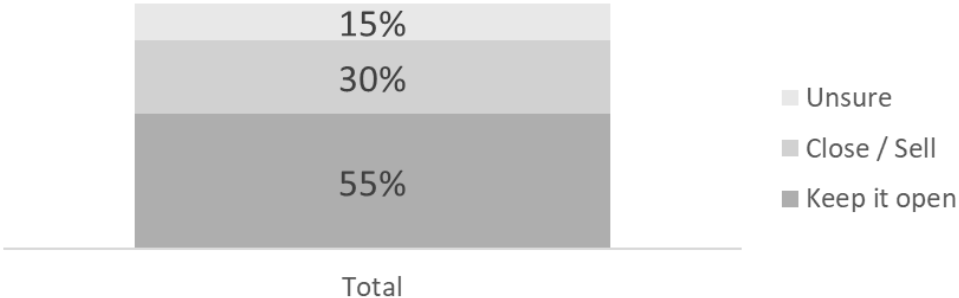
The first aspect of the survey to consider is the response rate. Out of more than 400 questionnaires distributed, we received 51 responses. In the commercial world this response rate of around 12% is good, but when we are talking about a key community space this is disappointingly low. It indicates that 88% of the parish are at best indifferent to the future of the Hall.

Of those who replied there was a leaning towards those who felt it was very important to them, and these were typically people who regularly use the Hall or attend events there.



This reflects the fact that those who are most engaged with a place or service are most likely to respond to a survey. However, there was still a proportion of respondents for whom the Hall is not important, which means the feedback we received was not wholly one-sided

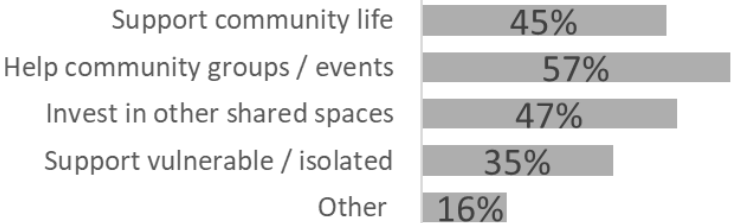
What should happen?



That said, it is worth noting that of the 15% who said they were ‘not sure’ what should happen next many were also regular users of the Hall, who perhaps recognise that this is a difficult situation with no easy answer. One in three respondents, however, were very clear that the Hall is not sustainable.

Respondents were also asked what they would like to see happen **if** the Hall were sold, with the ideas offered to respondents deliberately designed to broadly cover community focused themes. The responses here were mixed, which is to be expected when this feels quite a hypothetical question.

IF the Hall is sold – how funds should be used



The responses here were mixed, which is to be expected when this feels quite a hypothetical question. The most popular response could be achieved through the setting up of a Parish Trust Fund, that residents or community groups in Strete could apply to. Of course, this is an idea, so would need considerable development, but it is a helpful starting point when asking ourselves what could happen next.

In addition to these specific questions, the questionnaire allowed for a number of open-ended responses which generated fulsome feedback. The key themes that emerged from these were as follows (in order of level of response received):

1. Selling the Hall could create funding for remaining community spaces
2. Ideas to help fund the Hall: but very few of these respondents were willing to actually develop the ideas, which means the pressure again falls on the existing committee
3. The Hall could replace other assets under threat e.g. shop or pub

In terms of the actual next steps, as was stated on the questionnaire, these results are in no way binding. What they clearly demonstrate, however, is that for the vast majority of the village the Hall appears to have limited value because so many did not respond to the survey. Equally 94% of the village do not appear to support keeping the Hall open, and 98% have no obvious interest in getting actively involved in keeping the Hall open. This is a tough reality for the Hall Committee and current users of the Hall, but it helps explain why the hard work of keeping the Hall open continually falls on a small group of people.

The Committee has now asked the Parish Council to lead the next steps in terms of considering the future of the Hall in the context of the changing dynamics of Strete, and the pressures of keeping all of our community spaces open. In the meantime, the Hall Committee will continue to work hard to manage the Hall and keeping it available for use, whilst bigger conversations take place.

There is no easy or quick fix to the situation the Hall is in and so there will be no easy or quick decisions to be made. It will take time to work out where we go from here, with lots more conversations to be had, and there will be other occasions when your input will be required.

Speaking as Treasurer of the Hall, I would ask that any opinions going forward are shared respectfully, calmly and in a constructive manner. I know the time and effort the Committee members put into looking after the Hall on behalf of the Village. They care deeply about the Hall, and are genuinely concerned about the future. No one on the Committee is treating these issues lightly, or lacking diligence in their approach to the Hall's future.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the entire committee for all their time and effort to keep the hall open for Strete, and for being willing to confront the issues the Hall faces. Each of them represents groups using the Hall, so the fact they are prepared to ask tough questions is a testament to them.

Thanks, are rarely given, but mean so much to people giving their time voluntarily.





Another best in show for the Ellis family with their award winning vintage tractors



Thank you to Nick Shepherd for his excellent photographic coverage of the day.

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The Kings Arms Management Committee

After nearly SIX(!) years on the Kings Arms Management Committee, Andy Edwards has stepped down.

Andy has been a driving force in keeping our village pub alive, bringing huge amounts of time, energy, and ideas – and a fair bit of blood, sweat, and tears – to the role. His commitment and persistence have ensured that, despite many challenges, Strete still has a pub that brings people

together. We thank Andy wholeheartedly for all he has done and are glad to know he'll still be around, lending a hand with events and supporting the pub in other ways.

This means that the Committee shrinks to just four members – namely, Duncan Tait (Interim Chair), Lisa Lyne (Secretary), Sandy Clarke and Robin Staunton. If not in the pub, you'll have the opportunity to meet us all in person at **our next Annual Members Meeting in October**.

Date to be finalised.

The Kings Arms £1000 Holiday Prize Draw – could YOU be our next winner? It's back – your chance to win £1000 cash while helping to keep our community pub alive!

The lucky winner of our last draw was Michael Lyne from Sevenoaks but with strong ties to the village. In a notable twist, he happens to be the ex-husband of the person writing these words!

This relationship may have had some influence in 'persuading' him to donate £100 back to the pub when scooping the prize. That draw sold 101 tickets, raising £1,020 for the Kings Arms – a vital cash boost to help cover unexpected kitchen costs.

And here's the thing – with just 101 tickets sold, the odds were seriously in favour of the players. Imagine: a £20 ticket winning you a cool grand. Our new Holiday Prize Draw is live, and your name could easily be next. Every ticket sold helps keep the Kings Arms thriving, so it really is a win-win.

Don't let the September closing date pass by without getting your ticket – see the poster for the QR code – or copy this address into your browser <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-kings-arms-holiday-1000-prize-draw> and start planning how you'll spend your winnings.

Another way to Win-Win

Join our Reward Scheme and get your KArD. For £20 a month, you'll unlock 10% off all food and drink at the pub AND you'll be helping us reach our sustainability target. This would enable the pub to enter each immensely challenging Autumn/Winter season with confidence. See the KArD poster for details.

So, whether it's by buying a ticket, signing up for the KArD, or both – you can help the Kings Arms remain at the heart of our community... and maybe, just maybe, enjoy a big cash prize along the way!

Please note: the pub is **open every day** over summer.

To book or ask a question just call on 01803 770027 or pop into the pub.

Follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/kingsarmsatstrete](https://www.facebook.com/kingsarmsatstrete)

Or go to the website www.kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk

For other enquiries, please contact info@kingsarmsatstrete.

For SCPL matters please contact Lisa Lyne on lisa.lyne@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk

Through summer, the Kings Arms is open seven days a week. Hours are:

Monday & Tuesday 5-10pm, Wednesday 12-3pm & 5-10pm with Pizza Pop-up

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August



MORRIS DANCING!
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15 FRI
FROM 7.30PM

20 WED
FROM 7:30PM



QUIZ NIGHT

Will your team win?
Either way, its a Kahoot!
Grab your Artisan pizza.



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Weather dependent!
All afternoon



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TREASURE HUNTS

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25 MON
FROM 1.30PM



QUIZ NIGHT

Will your team win?
Either way, its a Kahoot!
Grab your Artisan pizza.

27 WED
FROM 7:30PM



28th - 30th August

Dartmouth Regatta



KINGS ARMS

September

Monthly!



QUIZ NIGHT

Will your team win?
Either way, its a Kahoot!
Grab your Artisan pizza.



3 WED
FROM 7:30PM

FRI 5
7:30PM



THE KING'S
FEAST-
FOUR

FEAST for FOUR DRAW

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WED 10



QUIZ NIGHT

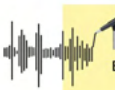
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QUIZ NIGHT

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17 WED
FROM 7:30PM



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Pub vibes!
Enjoy making music?
Your stage awaits!



18 THUR
FROM 7PM

24 WED
FROM 7:30PM



QUIZ NIGHT

Will your team win?
Either way, its a Kahoot!
Grab your Artisan pizza.



FRI 26 SEPT
7PM

HOLIDAY

£1000

Today's the day

THE PRIZE IS DRAWN

Are you in it to WIN it?!

October

More events
being scheduled
for October.



QUIZ NIGHT

Will your team win?
Either way, its a Kahoot!
Grab your Artisan pizza.



1 WED
FROM 7:30PM

FRI 3
7PM

FORK TO FEAST HARVEST SUPPER

A hearty celebration with
good food, good company,
and the fruits of the season.



FEAST for FOUR DRAW

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Coming in →
November



BONFIRE NIGHT



BLACK TIE AUCTION
COMING
THIS NOVEMBER



**KINGS ARMS
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
ON 29TH
NOVEMBER

Our MP Visits the Kings Arms – Championing the Village Pub!



MP Caroline Voaden hears first-hand from the Kings Arms team about the joys – and challenges – of running our village pub. (From the left: Lisa Lyne, Caroline Voaden MP, Duncan Tait, James Alcock (Plunkett Chief Executive), Robin Staunton, David Lydiat (Plunkett Head of External Affairs), Helene Kenny.

On 7th August, the Kings Arms welcomed Caroline Voaden MP, Vice Chair of the Hospitality & Tourism All-Party Parliamentary Group and a strong advocate for community hubs, alongside representatives from the Plunkett Foundation. Her visit was a chance to:

- Highlight the social value of pubs
- Demonstrate community ownership in action
- Explore targeted policy support for rural businesses like ours.

Many in Strete see the Kings Arms as a lifeline for the village – the hub of our community – but even if you don't share that view, it's hard to deny the important role the pub plays as a place at which to come together, a source of local employment, and a draw for visitors.

Strete is home to around 400 houses and 489 permanent residents (2021 Census).

Our population is older than most – 47% are over 65, and 18% over 80 – and nearly half the year, our streets are quieter due to the high number of second homes (estimated at over 25%).

The result is a winter trade collapse once tourists leave.

Passing trade is also threatened by the potential loss of the Slapton Line.

Running the pub under these conditions is demanding. The business has typically lost around £45–50k annually on turnover of £250–300k. Trade alone cannot keep the doors open – we depend on subscriptions; prize draws and tireless volunteer effort to bridge the gap. Staffing is a constant challenge, with few affordable homes nearby and rising costs across the board. And because we don't own the building, most grants are out of reach.

During her visit, Caroline heard our calls for fairer taxation (VAT cuts, draught beer duty reductions, capped energy tariffs), action on card payment levies, reform of the Community Ownership Fund, better training grants for young hospitality staff, and stronger rural housing and planning protections. We also discussed how pubs could be integrated into health and social care strategies, formally recognising their role in reducing loneliness and supporting wellbeing.

One small, but an immediate and practical outcome from the visit is that Caroline said she will write to the Council urging them to install a brown tourist sign for the Kings Arms, helping more visitors find us and boosting passing trade. We also offered to be a sounding board for her on rural hospitality issues – giving her direct insight into the realities faced by small, community-run businesses. The more our MP understands the role of places like the Kings Arms, the better she can champion rural communities like Strete.

Listen out for the Kings Arms to be name checked in Westminster!



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'A bangle stack', Four different textured bangles linked together with a silver ring. Each one is approx 2mm thickness.



A triple stacking beaded bracelet in blue colours. One sterling silver bracelet, a dark lapis blue bracelet and an indigo seed bracelet all linked together with a silver ring and small textured star.

A handmade solid silver double textured bangle joined together with silver ring and textured silver star. The texture is a slightly shimmering finish like the light sparkling off the water. The star can be left plain or can be personalised with two letters or numbers.





A triple stacking ring comprising of three rings, one flat textured silver ring, a thinner ridged patterned silver ring in the middle and a flat textured gold filled ring.

A Sterling silver stacking ring. Four different rings each with a different texture.

A beautiful stylish pair of silver seaweed earrings
A piece of seaweed found on Slapton beach in Devon then cast into silver hung on silver hooks.



Sterling Silver scallop shell earrings cast from an original shell washed up on a Devon beach.



I started making jewellery years ago but then stopped for 10 years or so when I lived in France, when we moved back to the UK and I needed to work alongside looking after a young family, this is when I renewed my interest with Silver Smithing. I have completed various courses, an evening course and a City and Guilds in Silver Smithing but very much self-taught after that.

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STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Hannah Iles

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MINUTES OF THE STRETE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 2025

PRESENT

Clr Ralph Clark (Chairman), Clr Ian Cumberlidge (IC), Clr Peter Hales (PH), Clr Kate Gill (KG), Paul Green (PG), Clr Laurel Lawford (LL)

Also in attendance: Hannah Iles (HI), Parish Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Paul Potgieter, Richard Foss and Clr Bernard Taylor, chair of SHDC joined the meeting.

PP left the meeting at 19.15

Clr Bernard Taylor, chair of SHDC shared details of the garden party to be held at Shilstone Manor, Modbury on 12th July with funds raised being shared with Devon Air Ambulance. Tickets to be purchased in advance for £15 and include food and a drink on arrival.

Action: Clerk to check if community speedwatch group can have a @strete-parish.gov.uk email address

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Clr LL shared that the new leader of SHDC is Dan Thomas, with Simon Rake as deputy. Lower ferry single crossing fare has increased. QR scams in operation, SHDC do NOT use QR codes and motorists should ignore any that are stuck on parking meters. Apprenticeships on offer at SDHC. Clr LL visited Blackbird Wood, which is currently very overgrown. Clr LL was hoping to see more community events. New signage and plan for the wood with costing to be shared with councillors after the meeting. Residents are requested to remove bungee cords and the like before the bins are collected to avoid serious injuries to refuse collectors. 17 vehicles are being replaced this autumn.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not much to report. Line painting at Strete Gate has been modified to suit Highways to Clr JB's disappointment. Agenda item on highways maintenance etc. coming to Cabinet on 25th June 2025. Clr JB hoping this will herald of a new approach to partnership working for the highways department.

STRETE ESTATE REPRESENTATIVES

No representative attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Clr Julian Brazil (JB)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON [MAY 15TH, 2025](#).

These were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Clr IC declared an interest as the contracted lengthsman for the parish.

3. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS

0473/25/TPO – Cllr IC has visited tree. 1.5m is a conservative crown reduction. No objections.

1404/25/HHO – Councillors queried proximity of decking to neighbouring properties and considered whether residents bordering the property had received notification of the plans.

1663/25/LBC – Belongs to Strete Estate. Cllr PH pointed out useful summary and diagrams in design and access statements. Strete Estate appear to be doing a good job of renovating old properties to make them habitable, in keeping with original design while improving efficiency/sustainability.

Action: Clerk to submit a comment of no objections for 0473/25/TPO.

Action: 1404/25/HHO Cllr PH to write to residents affected.

Action: 1404/25/HHO If no complaints received from residents before 1st July clerk to support with no comment.

Action: 1663/25/LBC. Clerk to support with no comment.

4. FINANCE

Figures to be updated at the meeting:- Current Account Balance £ 12575.68

Reserve Account £ Clerk has no access to statements or accounts

Monitoring/Spend to-date - New financial year, movement on accounts as expected. After Citizens Advice failed to acknowledge APM invitation to attend this meeting or provide a report, Cllr RC proposes their grant amount is reduced to £250 and the remaining £250 is reallocated to the coast-guard. 4 councillors agreed, no councillors objected.

Annual return paperwork and audit arrangements – Mr Bob Welham signed off AGAR paperwork.

All required pages of the AGAR approved and signed by chair and clerk.

Invoices have previously been circulated. All payments approved.

Invoices

Strete Village Hall Rent+ WIFI (month) £97.50

Greenspace £220.65

Stocksign (VAS keys) £0.00

SHDC dog waste bin collection £192.00

SHDC dog waste bin collection £156.00

Insurance £589.28

Bus shelter repair £135.00

Salaries

Clerk's wages April £466.00

HMRC PAYE April £1.40

Expenses claim – travel £19.49

Expenses claim – office supplies £13.50 Payments approved.

Action: Clerk to make payments

Action: Clerk to submit AGAR paperwork via email and send a copy to Cllr RC to upload to the website.

5. ASSET REGISTER

No progress since last meeting.

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY Tim Singleton and Samantha Cheese co-opted to council.

No objects from any councillors present.

Action: Clerk to complete necessary paperwork with TS and SC

7. PLAYPARK MAINTENANCE

Trim trail replacement costs forwarded to councillors. Like for like replacement £3790. Waiting for more information from Philip Cruse and Cllr IC. Decisions postponed to the July meeting. A resident has cleared overgrowth near playpark, showing post has been pushed over by greenery. Wire has been cut. Cllr IC is willing and able to repair.

Action: Cllr IC to provide costings for trim trail before the next meeting and investigate repairs to wire fence and post.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr LL regarding picnic table from the locality grant and the steps at Strete Gate

8. VILLAGE GREEN

Greenspace mowed on Tuesday. Three cuts planned for July and three for August. Cllr IC looked at trees in corner. Three birch trees could be reduced slightly, not necessary but five or six feet could be removed to aid neighbourly relations with the added benefit of firming the trees up.

9. ROAD SAFETY

Speed Watch update from Paul Potgieter. During practice run, 16 vehicles recorded – one reached speed of over 50 mph. Number of vehicles recorded in Devon and Cornwall average around 40% over the speed limit. CSWG only record speeds and file the registration number, type, colour and time of day using an online portal. PP has identified areas of concern at different times of day. Four areas approved and two pending, expecting clearance by end of month. Mixed response from drivers. PP was approached by a member of the public in the post office who decried the community speedwatch group as unnecessary. PP recommends uploading an information page about how the scheme works, what CSWG can and cannot do and what happens with the information obtained. He also suggested there should be a point of contact for queries and asked if the group could be allocated an @strete-pc.gov.uk email address to use.

Strete Gate Access Road update – SPC has been hassling Devon Highways for at least two years regarding repainting line markings to prevent dangerous, obstructive parking. Two days after works completed by SPC to improve line markings, Devon Highways complained to SPC and requested line markings be reinstated as was. With support of SPC's DCC representative, Cllr JB, a compromise solution was drafted and sent to Devon Highways, who responded that SPC should have raised their complaint with Cllr JB. Cllr JB has on multiple occasions in the past assured SPC that he has been liaising with highways and has supported SPC's plan for line marking numerous times.

Strete Gate Steps – email shared with councillors prior to the meeting regarding SHDC outlining three step plan. Councillors to consider .

Cllr PH drew SHDC councillor's attention to the point that PC councillors did not sign up to have to continually argue with other departments, which is demotivating councillors.

Slapton Line Speeding – waiting for update from Slapton Parish Council.

10. SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP Following disappointing news regarding the plans for the SLP Cllr PG expressed his opinion that CV MP is not proactive on the subject in parliament. He put forward that SPC should lobby CV MP to apply more pressure for work on the line. Councillors suggested that Cllr PG liaise with the Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce. Cllr LL added that, travelling the back roads on a regular basis, there is no indication that any of the proposed works has been carried out to improve the road system to cope with a potential line closure.

11. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE / ACTIVITY REPORTS

Cllr IC has been keeping buddle holes clear, but summer growth cut back has facilitated need for digging out soon on Totnes Road. Invoice to be sent to clerk in line with works report in time for consideration at July meeting. Cllr RC requested a quote for additional sweeping from Mark Rowe. The quote was not provided but work was carried out with agreement from SPC as sweep date was already booked. The invoiced amount has been queried as exceeded councillor expectations.

Action: Cllr IC to submit invoice of works to date before July meeting.

12. OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

The Kings Arms ACV application has been resubmitted. The surface dressing is to be completed on A379 Slapton Line this evening. Cllr PH followed up with DCC representative on Fibre broadband, no response received. Email sent to CV MP and Devon Communications Officer. CV MP responded that Openreach do not have much to say. Cllr PH added Openreach have no plans until 2029.

It is noted that the Kings Arms have the best connectivity in the village. Cllr PH reiterated previous concerns that given that fibre broadband funding was allocated over five years ago it raises the question whether this should be investigated. There is no update on the Blindwells development.

13. CLERK'S REPORT –

Comments were submitted for application 0151/25/FUL and a decision notice received for application 1176/25/TPO.

SHDC granted permission to fell the tree with conditions. The Enforcement caseload report shared. Log in details for the new gov.uk email accounts were shared with two councillors after the May meeting. Clerk able to assist with account access before or after meeting on 19th June if councillors are able to bring their devices to the meeting. PCW have not yet invoiced for the set-up of the email accounts.

Two invoices now received from SHDC for the emptying of the dog waste bin

Clerk is awaiting an update from Cllr Giles Sutton at Slapton Parish Council, who has a contact within the NPT regarding speeding on the Slapton Line. Sgt Ed Thomas has confirmed that he is still the sergeant for Dartmouth Police Station. Sgt Thomas provided updated contact details and shared the name of a new member of his team.

Surface dressing update for A379 at Torcross shared.

Correspondence received from Mark Khan regarding a Slapton WW2 Research Project, NALC, DALC and SLCC newsletters shared and Devon Community Resilience Forum Emergency Planning workshop shared.

A resident who had requested review of trees, requested this is postponed while they monitor.

SPC councillor vacancy advertised via SHDC. Advert amended on advice of the Elections Team.

Two applications received and CVs and covering letters shared with councillors to deliberate on

suitability at meeting on 11th June at the village hall.

There is no update on the steps at Strete Gate. Anticipate update from Cllr Laurel Lawford at meeting.

Access to the Lloyds account requested for Cllr Ralph Clark and is in progress but there is no update on NatWest access.

CILCA course still being explored. Clerk shared details of asset management training webinar for January 2026, with chair.

Following Cllr Helen Darch's resignation, the clerk should now be able to reclaim the VAT using a new government gateway ID.

Insurance renewal documents received and shared with councillors.

15. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Strete Village Hall

The Village Hall (VH) held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th June which included result details of the recent survey questionnaire that was hand delivered to every home in the village.

Although the results are helpful to the VH committee, the numbers returned were disappointing. Over the coming months' it is hoped that major brainstorming involving representatives of the Kings Arms, the Church and Chapel can be arranged to find a way to support these venues.

Strete Village Day will take place on Saturday 2nd August 2025. It attracts lots to join in for this once-a-year function. Contact Penny Penhale for organising details 01803 771005. Next meeting to discuss Village Day is on 26th June at 6:30pm. A commitment of help and support from members of the community, especially in setting up and taking down, is essential to ensure Village Day is a success.

Highway Safety and Road Works Next village road sweeping is expected to take place on 9th September.

Village Green Grass cutting in July & August is contracted for three cuts per month.

Children's Play Park Quote to replace Trim Trail is ongoing.

Community Wood New gate posts installed.

Blindwells Property Construction Works No sign of works re-starting in June.

Slapton Line

Petition set up to secure government funding to protect the A379 Slapton Line and Adaptation Works to the unclassified back roads has stagnated at 2,017. More support needed. An online Slapton Line Partnership Teams meeting is due to take place at 9am on 18th June. Surface dressing treatment across A379 SL is due to take place on 16th June.

Strete Gate Access Road

A negative response to the line marking works completed has not yet been resolved with Devon Highways. JB has requested a site meeting with Strete PC, but no response received to date.

Vehicle parking in the access road has been much improved since these works were completed.

Strete Gate Steps to the Beach Strete PC continues to pursue SHDC to replace these steps. SHDC have agreed to approach Strete Estate to obtain their approval for the works to take place. If approved, SHDC have agreed to provide 50% funding with Strete PC funding 50%. It is important that a safe and professional environment is provided to demonstrate to residents and the visiting public that their safety is paramount.

Community Speed Watch – Paul Potgieter Paul and the team of volunteers have completed the on-site training requirements and the Police have sanctioned the observation sites to record speed in excess of the 20mph speed limit. All necessary equipment has been provided. The first speed observation took place on Friday 30th May.

Random speed observation days will take place over the coming weeks and months.

Strete Estate

A planning application has been received for Lower Burlstone Farm which is a listed building.

Fibre Optic Broadband

Following information that some properties in the village are able to secure 300mbs speed for Broadband, correspondence was sent to Caroline Voaden MP and Cllr Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin (Devon CC with responsibility for the delivery of broadband) with a request to pursue Openreach for an explanation. Response to date is that it will be delivered by 2029. This is not considered to be acceptable and a further request has been submitted to both to express concerns at the delay.

Parish Councillor Advert

I am pleased to confirm that an application to fill the vacant position of Parish Councillor has been received and that the co-option process is expected to be completed at the PC meeting in July.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Now that Devon CC has a new administration, we wait to hear how the Government intends to proceed with their plans for LGR. Will the proposals previously submitted be acceptable to allow elected representatives to move forward to develop a full business case for LGR by the end of November 2025. It was previously agreed that two further meetings would take place this year in May/June and Sept/Oct before a proposed business plan to government would need to be submitted in November. This is to ensure consultation with residents takes place.

Kings Arms Community Pub

Strete Community Pub Ltd has submitted documentation to renew the Asset of Community Value (ACV) for the Kings Arms for another five years to SHDC.

Afternoon Tea was arranged on 16th June from 3pm to celebrate King Charles III official birthday. The afternoon was a huge success with many guests attending.

St Michael's Church

Rev. Matt Gorton has introduced a family friendly church service known as The 4. It's a short, welcoming gathering where kids have fun and everyone can enjoy coffee, donuts and a sense of community. The latest one took place on 15th June at 4pm. Look out for the next one in July.

16. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Kate Gill noted that the carpark warnings about not sleeping in the car park at Strete Gate have been removed from the posts inside the carpark but the one at the entrance on the left is still there. **Cllr Ian Cumberlidge noted that there had been no** further tree works at Sealcliffe.

Cllr Paul Green noted that the footpath sign at Widewell has been deliberately tampered with pointing walkers in the wrong direction.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The SDNL meetings have been consolidated and attendees need to re-register and the collection time for garden waste is to be brought forward to 06:15 until the autumn.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 17th July 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10

Slapton Line Partnership meeting

Date & time: 18/06/2025 09.00 – 10.00

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Caroline Voaden MP (CV)

Tom Vaughan (Devon County Council) (TV)

Dan Field (South Hams District Council) (DF)

Chris Brook (South Hams District Council) (CB)

Lou Hoskin (South Hams District Council) (LH)
– Adaptation Manager)

Cllr Laurel Lawford (South Hams District Council) (LL)

Cllr Jonathan Hawkins (South Hams District Council) (JH)

Dr Andrew Bowkett (Wild Planet Trust) (AB)

Clare Rugg (Wild Planet Trust) (CR)

Martin Davies (Environment Agency) (MD)

Owen Standen (Natural England) (OS)

Roger English (South Devon National Landscape) (RE)

Nick Laphorn (Field Studies Council) (NL)

Peter Hadley (Frogmore & Sherford Parish Council) (PH)

Jane Abbey (Slapton Parish Council) (JA)

Giles Sutton (Slapton Parish Council) (GS)

Gill Claydon (Stokenham Parish Council) (GC)

Ralph Clark (Strete Parish Council) (RC)

Paul Green (Strete Parish Council) (PG)

Apologies:

Cllr Julian Brazil (South Hams District Council & Devon County Council)

Discussion:

1. Introduction by CV and all participants.

2. Update from Devon County Council on Highways resilience matters.

TV: Studies have been carried on into resilience of back road networks, including cutting hedges, tidying up passing bays, drainage etc.

Studies are ongoing including consultations to understand the benefits of preferred options, design work for upgrading passing bays, and looking into the safety of junctions.

Traffic studies have been undertaken to understand the impact on journey times, and traffic counts were carried out in summer and autumn to understand the impact at peak times.

The scope on which routes are preferred have been revised, and work is ongoing with consultants.

The next stage is approval for the route.



Slapton Line Partnership



LL: Where was the work done? Would like to know exactly where new passing places are.

TV: Currently new passing places are proposals only, as there will be requirements for land acquisition. So far, only minor works have been undertaken to ensure passing bays are accessible. Local officers are undertaking a study to find out where drainage is an issue. Planning permission will also be required to expand passing places and potentially widen junctions.

GC: What is the timescale on consultation? Communities were previously consulted but there hasn't been an update.

TV: Waiting for consultants to report – no idea of timescale.

RC: Last year, DCC marked whole of Three Mile Lane from the main road to Strete to show where improvements would be made, and told residents work would be done later in the year. No work has been carried out so concerned that DCC will have to remark – very frustrating as positive action is needed.

TV: Takes the point on board – will follow up but no need to worry about actual markings on road as they will have been recorded. Delay is due to funding and availability of contractors for ongoing works. New work will require special funding.

JA: Five Mile Lane was flooded and impassable last year – this is not a good alternative route for Slapton Line. There have been considerable delays due to roadworks along Slapton Line – took resident 35 minutes to get from Slapton to Stokenham. They were previously informed there would be 15 new passing places on Slapton to Stokenham back road, but would like to know where? Hard to visualise how the route will work.

TV: Consultants are well aware of the issues. Use of back roads isn't preferred but is a resilience action. Will try to share information on plans as soon as possible.

JH: Passing places should already have been put in. Loss of Slapton Line will be a disaster.

CV: Have missed critical window this year – disappointing there is no timetable for works.

TV: Understands frustrations but these are not quick processes, and bring challenges.

CB: This is politically led, and will only work if it is a priority for the new Cabinet at DCC. CV and SHDC need to engage with the new leader and portfolio holder for highways behind the scenes.

RC: Priority should be to protect Slapton Line for as long as possible, rather than just working on the back lanes. In March 2024, progress was being made, but the General Election has delayed everything – DCC haven't done anything since. Set up a petition which gained 2000 signatures. DCC have recently spent £13-15m on highways in Exmouth, so why is Slapton Line not a priority?

3. Introduction to Lou as Adaptation Manager and high-level 'vision' for how we shape the role of Adaptation Manager and next steps

LH: Will speak to as many people as possible to understand the issue and gain context. Happy to meet in the next few weeks. The vision is for the Adaptation Manager to be the conduit for the community to engage with the Slapton Line Partnership revised strategy.

JA: How will Lou be engaging?

LH: Happy to visit Parish Councils.

Presentation attached

4. Flood defence issues update by South Hams District Council

DF: Coastal defences at Torcross end of Slapton Line are maintained by Environment Agency. Rest of the line is subject to erosion every year – there is no action in the Strategy to put in new defences. Focus will be on maintaining existing defences at southern end of the Line, but there will be no new defences along the rest.

RC: Have spoken about defences for the Line for over 20 years but nothing has been done.

Work has been done at Beesands, and discussed doing something similar along Slapton Line.

DF: In the Shoreline Management Plan, Beesands is 'Hold the Line' so can update existing defences. Slapton is not under this category so cannot do this. From SHDC perspective, there is no funding or planning.

CV: What does this mean?

DF: For the majority of the Slapton Line, the Strategy's policy is to do nothing. There are no defences to maintain, so the shoreline will move naturally – nature will take its course.

At Beesands, properties along the shore need protection but this isn't the case at Slapton.

Can send over more info again to include wording and give transparency for new people.

JA: What about the Memorial and car park? What will happen if these aren't protected?

Have previously discussed relocation of Monument but no appropriate site.

The junction of Sands Road is important so could this pinch point be protected?

CB: Lots of work was done by DCC, working with Parish Councils. DCC identified a potential site but no one could agree on landscaping so nothing happened. Disappointing that relocation didn't occur – not sure whether funding is being held so would be helpful to know.

Might be worth discussing again?

MD: Slapton Line Partnership's purpose is long term sustainable management. There is long term sustainability around Torcross and Beesands due to funding to protect properties and infrastructure. Many reports have come to conclusion that it isn't sustainable to defend Line. Knowing that Line will be breached at some point – adaptation plan needs to happen in parallel.

Environment Agency's role is to maintain Torcross flood defences, and is the gateway to Defra funding.

LL: Seem to have been going round in circles for 18 months – is there money from central Government?

CV: Answer from Government isn't positive. Even if we could get the money, how could we protect the Line?

MD: Would need planning permission which would be difficult due to SSSI. Would need to build a significant piece of infrastructure with high level of engineering – not a sustainable option.

CV: Maybe we have to wait for the Line to go before asking for money.

MD: Wouldn't want the road to be unusable due to small section of damage – will continue the conversation with NE.

5. AOB

PH: Could we ask community for ideas? Run a competition?

DF: The main reason for going round in circles is the lack of understanding around adaptation – this will look at transport, protecting the road for longer, bus routes, car parks. Need to work together so engagement is important. Vision for Slapton is positive, so everyone needs to work with Lou to move things forward.

LL: Would like an in-person meeting and an update from DCC.

CV: Suggested 24th October to give Lou a chance to get to know everyone first.

Will look at other dates earlier in the autumn.





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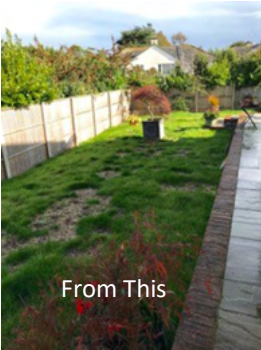
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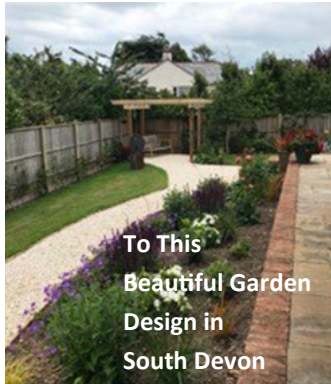
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MINUTES OF THE STRETE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025

PRESENT

Cllr Ralph Clark (RC) (Chairman); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Paul Green (PG); Cllr Helen Darch; Cllr Ian Cumberlidge, Hannah Iles (Clerk), representatives of organisations and parishioners.

Cllr Ralph Clark, Chair welcomed the attendees.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Cllr Laurel Lawford (LL)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2024

These were received and approved.

REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Dartmouth Caring: Nick Hindmarsh, Manager introduced himself and his role together with his colleague Caroline Martin. NH provided an update on jobs clubs (providing a vital service to people who are struggling to travel to Follaton House), craft clubs, the lunch club, the memory café (musicians - opera singers, folk bands attend), "soup club", there is an AA group held at the hub, all making use of the valuable space available. 60 clients from Strete have used the service over the past two years, 35 at present. NH shared the story of Andy, a previous nurse who found a gap in support between services. Andy provides that support to ensure provision is made for families to prepare for patients to get the care they need. Andy joins the dots between different services. NH thanked Strete community for their support.

The Kings Arms Community Pub: Duncan Tait thanked everyone and provided an update on the Kings Arms. DT explained the cost savings made, highlighted the important lifeline the subscriptions provide in keeping the pub afloat and shared the subscriber/shareholder benefits such as a discount card and prize draw. DT acknowledged the service and consistency issues customers have observed and explained what the team are doing to address this. An application for the renewal of the ACV is expected to be completed soon. DT called for volunteers.

Suggestion was made from the floor that people who have booked a table should be informed as soon as possible if food is not available on the day of their booking.

St Michaels Church

Joan Kendall confirmed the Church is opened and closed each day by volunteers. Numbers attending range from 4-10. Two volunteers clean and polish the brass. The flower arrangers provide the flowers as there is no flower fund. Grass is cut ten times a year, costing over £1000. The church is grateful for the grant from SPC that contributes towards this. Joan explained the new monthly format the church plan to adopt to encourage more people to join the congregation. Joan reminded everyone that if the church is not used the community may lose it.

Strete Chapel: Derek Harris shared that members of Strete Chapel meet every Sunday at 11am. There is currently no resident pastor but there are regular visitor speakers. First Sunday of the month there is a shared lunch. There is a mid-week bible study and a Thursday children's meeting. A collection was made to provide books to Stoke Fleming school and, on request by the head teacher, illustrated children's bibles were provided with the left over funds. Camping takes place at the farm, which has been happening since 1946. There is no charge for the camps. Approximately 25 join the service each week, more in the holidays. The chapel advertises services online. The congregation is a mixture of denominations. The chapel and church work well together, coming together for special services. The chapel desperately need a car park as nearby parking spaces are often filled. The fellowship is keen to support other local organisations and businesses. The village hall is the setting for the harvest lunch where approximately 80 people attend.

Strete Social Club: Karen Hales confirmed that they meet every other Tuesday, attendance averages 18/25, the programme of activities and speakers is very varied. Often put on tea parties. KH thanked community members for their support and SPC for funding the village hall hire for the year through a grant, which leaves funds to book speakers and activity leaders without raising subscriptions.

Strete Stretch Class: Stretch 10 – 11, approximately 10 attendees. Relaxing music. New members are welcome, but class sizes are limited so that Liz can check everyone is performing correctly.

Strete Village Hall & Village Day: Penny Penhale confirmed Village Day was very successful but need more volunteers to come forward earlier in the preparations. Internal and external repairs at the Village Hall continue but costs are increasing. Louise who cleans is leaving. Looking for a new cleaner from the village. Safety checks confirmed. Entrance has been upgraded, organised by Cllr RC. DP, treasurer successfully applied for a grant. A copy of streetwise was found during the building works from 1999 with a description of the village square, which showed enthusiasm from the community. Booking time 338 hours, 52% of revenue is through events organised by the committee, expenses £7,500 including £5,900 repairs and replacement and a loss of £1,600. Some committee members would like to step down.

A questionnaire is going out about the use of the hall, please complete before AGM on 12th June.

Paul asked if the Village Hall has a website,

PP confirmed it does and Paul offered to help with ideas.

Coastguard - <https://www.nci-prawlepoint.org.uk/>

Davis Rothwell advised coastal watch from Prawle Point NCI. The volunteers ensure safety of those at sea and on the coastal path. The reorganisation of the coastguard saw closures.

Shortly after, a fishing boat sank and two lives were lost. Open 365 days a year, watch maintained from 9-5, extended to 8pm in summer and governed by sunset in the winter. Today the engines on a pleasure craft broke down and an injured person came to the station needed help. Keep a log of all vessels, advertise local sea conditions and weather on radio and webcam. Completely rely on donations and fundraising, no government funding.

Stretewise Parish Magazine

Dave Jones shared that the Stretewise bi-monthly print run is 180 magazines. Parish Magazine Printers of Holsworthy, Bude continue to provide a high-quality print finish and a prompt reliable turnaround. We are now half-way though the print volume 34, this yearly volume numbering

system was originally set up by the previous editor Malcolm Hollis. The village has had a long history of village magazines and broadsheets recording the village activities, informing and entertaining the residents of Strete and the surrounding area. This year there has been an increase of new subscriptions mainly from new residents and some from the surrounding villages.

Advertising covers two thirds of the cost of the magazine production and printing with one third from subscriptions. Although we lost several advertisers for various reasons this year, we have replaced them with new advertisers and received continued support with donations from the Strete Parish Council and the Captain Pearson Fund, which will keep the revenue flow stable for continued print and production.

The magazine also relies upon the dedicated delivery team who distribute the magazine to the subscribers. Brenda Range, Liane Baldock, Colleen Seymour, Heather Robinson, Joan Kendall, Chris Burne, John Goldring, Carol Wills, Trudy Rothwell and not forgetting Monica, Andy, Sally at the Strete Post Office and Stores.

We continue to report on the village hall, social club and the community pub events and encourage a broad range of editorial contributions.

Melroe de Smithes Woodland Trust (Blackbird Wood)

Pam Wills confirmed trees are looking good and wildflowers coming through. There is very little income, but this year Cllr LL gave a generous amount of funding. Some work has been completed but has been paused for the bird nesting season. The trust is struggling to find a bank. PW asked that if anyone is walking through the wood with secateurs they are invited to remove brambles. Some more trees need to be taken down.

Strete Short Mat Bowls (no representative, report shared in advance by Gary Taylor)

A successful season for the bowls club which saw us win the league in division two by 10 points. Membership remains reasonably healthy allowing us sufficient funds to cover running costs. The recent newly purchased mats continue to enhance the reputation of the club resulting in us being asked to host one of the cup semi-finals. We are hopeful for another good season of attendance and continued success in division one when it begins in September.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Julian Brazil

A new administration is in place at county. The largest group are advocating a culture change to look outwards towards collaborating with other organisations as well as town and parish councils. We need to be more inclusive and listen to all parties, no matter what party they represent, so that every voice is equal and listened to. The culture at SHDC is positive and county could reflect this. The election results demonstrated the malcontent of the electorate. As a backbencher for 20+ years JB has felt the frustration of not been listened to for not being part of the right party. The top priority is SEND provision, following another OFSTED failure. The next priority is potholes. It is clear the public are fed up with the state of the roads. The inclination is to bring the service back in house. In Devon mending a pothole costs £180, in Somerset it costs £60. With outsourcing once it goes wrong the response is limited. SHDC found this with waste collection when it was outsourced to a private company. AGM next week when county positions will be confirmed. JB thanked SPC for everything they do and going above and beyond statutory duty to deliver for residents.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Laurel Lawford

Annual report received from Cllr LL in advance and read out by Cllr RC Firstly, I would like to say

thank you to the Parish council, and all they do for the community. You have all been very supportive over the last two years, and I really have enjoyed being your district councillor. I have certainly learnt a lot, and definitely still have a lot to learn!

The last year has been a challenging one for the District Council! We have had an appalling financial settlement from main government. We have faced some real financial pressure. Firstly, the complete removal of the Rural Service Delivery Grant – which had been introduced to recognise the extra costs of delivering services such as waste collection in rural areas. Combined with the increased cost of everything, especially wages with the increase in national insurance, we faced a stark choice. Either we increase revenue or cut discretionary services such as leisure centres, and public toilets. In order to meet the legal needs of a balanced budget, we have had to make some difficult decisions. Such as the increase in parking charges throughout the South Hams, and I think it's fair to say in some cases we did get the details wrong. All I would say is, we will be monitoring the situation very closely and will carry out a review of how things are working in the Autumn. This will give us the opportunity to make changes! Of course, an alternative way of addressing the budget pressures would have been to use the approximately £600,000 that we expect the introduction of double council tax on second homes to generate. However, we have always been clear that as second homes put pressure primarily on housing provision in the district, it is only right that we should use the additional council tax raised to address this. We have therefore ring-fenced this money to boost the supply of genuinely affordable housing. We have recently purchased the final three units at the St Annes Chapel development, which had originally been intended for the open market. Our work to make SHDC cleaner and greener continues. At long last there is progress on the installation of solar panels on the roof of Quayside in Kingsbridge and the new dry changing room allowing members of the public to use them during the day. Our van fleet will soon be moving over to electric vehicles. With the support of DEFRA, we have been able to acquire and plant a 65-acre community woodland site in South Brent. Other sites are in the pipeline, as we seek to plant a tree for every resident of the South Hams. As well as being an invaluable carbon store, the new woodland will boost biodiversity. Like your Parish Councillors I am here to represent, and work for all residents. I look forward to carrying on doing this in the future. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Cllr Ralph Clark

This Annual Parish Meeting is a time to look back over the previous 12 months and take stock of what has happened in the village.

I am pleased to report that social activities are still taking place in St Michael's Church, the Chapel, the Village Hall and the Kings Arms all glued together with the Village Shop run by Monica and Andy Pound.

Village Day in August was a huge success due to a huge volunteer effort in setting up, event involvement and support throughout the day and taking down afterwards. Community involvement is essential to make the village a busy and engaging place to live for all residents.

The many various organisations, in and nearby the village, that provide support and social engagement to Strete community have been invited here tonight to update us on their activities over the past year together with any plans they may have for the next 12 months. Thanks to everyone who volunteers and contributes to village life.

The Parish Council Together with Hannah (our clerk) there are currently six Parish Councillors all of

whom are present tonight. Most of them are known to you: - Helen, Kate, Peter, Ian, Paul and me. Tonight marks the end of the second year of the 4-year PC term. Although Paul has recently been co-opted as a councillor, we are currently still one councillor short of our quota of seven. The position is in the process of being advertised and we are hopeful that a candidate will be co-opted soon.

This has been my first year as Chairman and, in accordance with the rules, I shall be standing down pending the election of a new Chairman by Parish Councillors, at the start of the PC meeting later this evening.

On Friday 20th September last year, Strete Parish Council announced the sudden and unexpected death of Councillor Graham Campbell. Graham was a highly valued member of Strete Community, a prodigious volunteer for Citizens Advice and Dartmouth Caring and a hardworking respected colleague of Parish Councillors. His sudden passing left a void and the Parish Council remains saddened by his loss. We sincerely hope that with the passage of time his wife, Helen, and his family are able to come to terms with their loss.

Graham's death followed an A379 Slapton Line extra special meeting on 19th September to determine the status of action points agreed at the Slapton Line Partnership meeting in March 2024 in which Graham played an important part for the PC. Thanks to Anthony Mangnall's intervention, the management strategy for Slapton Line was formally amended in March 2024 from a policy of 'Managed Retreat' towards 'Hold the Line', meaning that the A379 road over Slapton Line should be maintained for as long as possible. Caroline Voaden MP and representatives from Neighbouring Parish Councils attended this meeting together with approximately 30 members of the public. Comments expressing frustration at the delay in getting agreed action points underway was the main point of the meeting. CV expressed her recognition that SL is a live issue. Sadly, very little has happened since, despite CV raising a request with the government minister for funding for SL protection works and various adaptation projects as well as money to help with the necessary planning applications. Adaptation work was identified on Totnes Road to improve connectivity between affected communities in the event of a breach. However, despite the understanding that improvements would happen in 2024, improvements did not take place. The July General Election caused stagnation in progress.

SHDC has recently appointed a new Adaptations Manager who is due to start in the position in June. As soon as this happens, a new SLP meeting will be called to re-establish the previously agreed actions.

The number of planning applications seen by the council the Parish Council (PC) over the past year was 7. This is a significant reduction to previous years. The village continues to benefit from the protection afforded to its character by the existence of the Strete Neighbourhood Plan (SNP). At a recent South West National Landscape (SWNL) meeting it was stated the NPs policies are strengthened in the governments new national planning policy. The PC continues to be convinced that the very existence of the SNP offers protection from uncontrolled development in our beautiful village. SWNL advised SNP will need to be reviewed before it is 5-years old in 2027.

The PC has continued its policy towards supporting social and charitable causes which are active and operating in the village. The PC also continues to receive many direct requests from organisations for financial assistance.

As a result of this policy, in the past year the PC made grants totalling £2,540, including £540 to St Michaels Church, £500 each to Citizen's Advice, Dartmouth Caring and Strete Social Club together with £250 to Stretewise Parish Magazine and the Community Wood. All of this is paid for from the Parish funds through the village precept (Council Tax). The PC intends to continue to support grants to the worthwhile social activities as well as maintain other services (grass cutting, sweeping and road drainage) at the current level.

The Play Park continues to be a safe place for children to play with regular safety inspections carried out at the playpark by SHDC.

The final phase of the redevelopment grant from Planning Gain received from the Blindwells development in Hynetown Road has been spent on a new roundabout in the children's Play Park. This was installed by Graham with the assistance of Keith and Chris Ellis. The equipment in the Play Park is getting very tired/old. The PC intends to set out a long-term affordable plan for repair/replacement.

The Village Green continues to provide a clean, well-maintained space for residents to walk their dogs and seating for those wishing to enjoy the peace and quiet whilst observing shipping activity at sea. A new all-weather replacement picnic bench, funded and supplied by DEFRA, has been installed following a submission by Cllr Peter Hales to SWNL.

Parking in the access road to Strete Gate car park was chaotic during the summer season and at each holiday event. Campervans & Motorhomes disregard to sensible parking was submitted to Devon Highways with numerous requests for action for more than 12 months. Strete PC put forward an affordable solution to improve safety and responsible parking which was not supported by DH. Rather than wait for an incident to happen, Strete PC decided to implement and upgrade a line marking solution which, so far, has proven to be successful.

This will continue to be monitored to demonstrate justification for the action taken.

The Kings Arms has opened continuously for the past year despite its ongoing financial difficulties. The Asset of Community Value for the pub will need to be renewed this year if the protection of the pub is to continue beyond the five-year term originally granted.

Strete Estate continues to consolidate and grow its business along with the refurbishment of Fuge House and Cox's Farm. We look forward to hearing more from them as their plans evolve. Brendan Spokes and his farm manager Peter hosted a very special and successful Bonfire Night Event at Cox's Farm Barn followed by fireworks in the Kings Arms garden. The estates willingness to connect with residents in the parish this way is fully appreciated.

Defibrillator training organised and managed by David Rothwell was once again provided at a public training session in the Village Hall in October and the Defib unit continues to be instantly available for emergency village use in the telephone box beside the shop. David has also undertaken Snow Warden duties for the village which includes the maintenance of the grit bins.

Litter picking in the village has continued throughout the year, kindly led by Louise Newman with refreshments at Manor Farm and the Village Hall kindly provided by Kate Gill and Penny Penhale.

Following frequently expressed concerns about vehicle speeding through the village a community Speed Watch Scheme has been set up in conjunction with the Police. Paul Potgieter has agreed to manage the scheme on behalf of the PC. Paul has set about putting together a team of volunteers,

arranging training and co-ordinating site locations, equipment and procedures with the Police. The scheme will be ready to start monitoring traffic movements in the village very soon.

Housing development and finishing works at the Blindwells Site in Hynetown Road has come to a halt. Strete PC has maintained contact with the developers in an attempt to obtain a completion date. The latest information received is that they hope to recommence in June this year.

Most recently the important 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May saw much celebration in the Kings Arms on Saturday 10th May and many parts of the country throughout the week from 5th May.

Looking ahead

The PC hopes to replace the steps to the beach from Strete Gate car park to provide a safe entry and exit from the beach. This is considered necessary as the access road from the car park to the access path to the beach near the toilets is too narrow for pedestrians and motor vehicles to pass safely. A visual risk assessment identifies a risk of injury to members of the public (particularly children) from vehicles entering or exiting the car park.

Repairs and replacement of some Play Park equipment is to be undertaken this year. This is long overdue and will need to be planned over several years to keep the cost affordable and within an acceptable budget for residents.

The PC will assist Strete Community Pub Ltd to renew the Asset of Community Value for another five years to match the terms of its ten-year lease with the Landlord which is due to expire in 2030.

The PC will ensure the majority voice of Strete community to protect the A379 Slapton Line and inland adaptation routes is expressed to Slapton Line Partnership members and the Adaptation Manager. This is another long-term project as central funding is needed over several years to meet with many nature and budget constraints to meet coastal protection and environmental limitations.

Devon County Council re-organisation is set to change the way local government in Devon has operated since the late 1800s. Whilst there have been other LG changes over last 100+ years, the current proposals required by central government are expected to see Devon split into two or three unitary authorities. The PC intends to monitor the proposals as they develop closely and ensure that community consultation and involvement takes place. Changes are not expected to become effective until 2028. As already mentioned, Strete Neighbourhood Plan will need to be reviewed before 2027 to allow for any possible changes introduced by LG. The PC is already involved in meetings with various organisations to keep abreast of any proposed changes that may affect the future of Strete.

In conclusion, it has been a privilege for me to serve as Parish Council Chairman for the past year. My thanks go to my hard-working fellow councillors for their support.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke in addition to those statements and questions covered under sections above.

THE NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN APRIL/MAY 2026

Cllr RC thanked everyone for attending and welcomed them to attend the subsequent meeting of the parish council. The meeting closed at 8pm.

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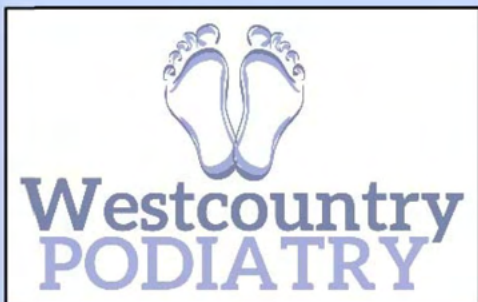
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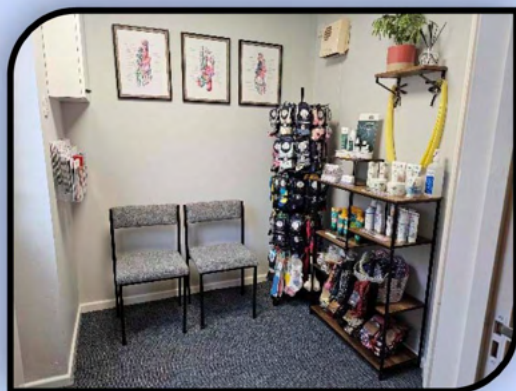
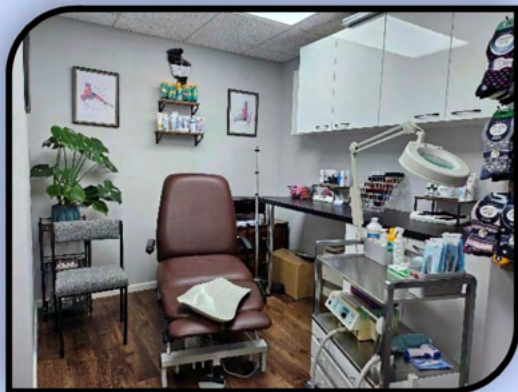


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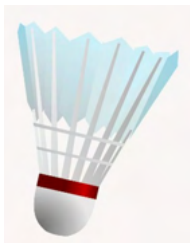
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STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH MAY 2025 IN STRETE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Ralph Clark (Chairman), Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC), Cllr Peter Hales (PH), Cllr Helen Darch, Cllr Kate Gill (KG), Cllr Paul Green (PG), , Cllr Julian Brazil (JB)

Also in attendance: Hannah Iles (HI), Parish Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Tim Singleton joined the parish meeting

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Written annual report received for annual parish meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Nothing in addition to report given in preceding annual parish meeting.

STRETE ESTATE REPRESENTATIVES

No representative attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Laurel Lawford (LL)

Resignation of Cllr Helen Darch (HD) announced by the chair

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON **APRIL 18TH, 2025.**

These were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr IC declared an interest as the contracted lengthsman for the parish

PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS

0151/25/FUL

Proposal: Part Retrospective Application for the siting of 3 mobile saunas (one existing)

Site Address: Blackpool Sands, Blackpool, Stoke Fleming

Comments to be submitted by 5 June 2025.

Councillors had reviewed the proposal prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the location of the proposed mobile saunas and agreed that they would not be positioned within Strete Parish boundary. Councillors agreed that the proposal was not appropriate for the area.

Action: Clerk to submit a comment: - Although this application is outside Strete Parish boundary, councillors consider the proposal inappropriate for the location.

FINANCE

Figures to be updated at the meeting:-

a: Current Account Balance £ 14161.14

b: Reserve Account £ 12008.34

c: Monitoring/Spend to-date. New financial year, movement on accounts as expected.

d: Annual return paperwork and audit arrangements – Certificate of exemption approved and signed by chair and clerk. Documents ready to be submitted to Bob Welham.

e: To approve payment of the following cheques/ bank transfers. Invoices have previously been circulated.

Invoices:

Strete Village Hall Rent+ WIFI (month) £47.50
Greenspace £444.21
DeeBee Payroll £60.00
Philip Cruse £563.50

Salaries

Clerk's wages April Waiting for payslip
HMRC PAYE April £466

Payments approved. Clerk's wages approved in principle if not vastly different from usual

Action: Clerk to make payments

Action: Clerk to add RC to the Lloyds account to make salary payments in future

5. ASSET REGISTER:

Photographs, Mapping & Register updated. Project to continue after the AGAR is prepared and APM has taken place.

Action: Clerk to check that insurance covers estimated value of assets

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

SHDC has been contacted regarding a vacancy since the March meeting and has just received a response. If election is not required councillors plan to co-opt a new member. One applicant has come forward to note their interest. The resignation of Cllr HD has created a second vacancy.

Action: clerk to send November advert to Helen Jarvis

7. PLAYPARK MAINTENANCE:

Cllr RC sent an email to Rhinoplay for comparison. Waiting for update from Cllr LL on picnic bench.

8. VILLAGE GREEN: No update

9. ROAD SAFETY:

CSW Group update - Meeting on Thursday next week for site approvals and training (train the trainer). Strete Gate car park - Cllr JB is speaking with Devon Highways about the line marking at Strete Gate. Strete Gate Steps - Cllr LL has been chasing relevant people at SHDC for an update. Last month councillors voted by majority to proceed with the steps at Strete Gate. Cllr RC suggested a minimum 50% contribution agreement from SHDC towards costs before proceeding. Cllr Peter Hales suggested Parish Council money should not be spent until SHDC provide written confirmation that they will refund the cost of the new steps. Councillors discussed potential liability for future maintenance and whether current third-party liability insurance would be adequate as the steps would be on land owned by Strete Estate and leased to SHDC. SPC also need to seek additional quotes. Councillors decided to wait for more information before appointing contractor.

10. SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP: Nothing to report – Online meeting planned for 9th May postponed for six weeks to 18th June.

11. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE / ACTIVITY REPORTS: Bus stop repaired.

Pedestrian sweeper. IC has visited Snails Castle and suggested there is no requirement for a sweep. Next village sweep – June 11th,

OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Kings Arms – ACV application in process

No Airband update. Rufus Gilbert did not stand in DCC election again. SPC will need to ask Cllr JB to step in once person is appointed responsibility for broadband services. PH to prepare letter to Caroline Voaden MP on this issue.

Action: HD to speak to Rob Sekula re: Kings Arms ACV

13. CLERK'S REPORT:

Planning Comments submitted

Gov.uk does anyone need help

Election Notices posted in village.

Correspondence

Parish Forum - 27 March 2025

Local Government Reorganisation – interim plan and cover letter

Vacancy Email sent to SHDC regarding co-option vacancy process. Chased up with elections and still received no response. Form sent to potential applicant

Strete Gate Email sent to Cllr LL requesting update on SHDC commitment to reimbursing SPC for steps. Expecting update from Cllr Laurel Lawford at meeting.

Asset Register Accompanied Cllr Ralph Clark on walk around Strete to identify and record all assets SPC are responsible for. Currently working on updating the asset register.

15. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Nothing in addition to report given in APM

16. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: Peter Hales - May 2025 Planning and Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring and Update Completion of Devon County by-elections in early May should pave the way for further progress on the Central Government initiative for re-organisation of local government, although it is as yet too early to determine what effect the changes in County Council leadership may have – DCC leadership positions will be decided on 22nd May. As already advised by Ward members, the reorganisation is likely to significantly affect Planning matters at a local level, although in the interim little hard information is available. On 24th April I attended a half day briefing event for Parish and Town Councillors at SHDC Follaton House entitled 'Planning for Climate and Nature'. Speakers included Phil Baker, SHDC Strategic Planning Lead and Peter Sandover, Chair of South Devon National Landscape (about the value of Neighbourhood Plans). Other than what we already know, no further information was forthcoming from the meeting, the main thrust being to encourage communities without Neighbourhood Plans to get them drafted and implemented. Planning Applications in Strete 1136/25/ARC - Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Slates), 4 (External Attachments), 5 (Materials/Finishes) of planning consent 3096/24/LBC. Coxs Farm, Strete, TQ6 ORW Also, 1137/25/ARC (identical to the above in terms of scope) has been submitted relating to listed building consent for the same property. These applications relate to details regarding external finishes and architectural details to previously approved applications. They were considered by Strete Parish Council at the April meeting where it was resolved to register a comment of 'No Objections. Public consultation ends on 15th May. 1176/25/TPO - Reference TPO 983: T11- Cherry Plum – Fell decayed tree as it has fallen over and replace with new Cherry Plum. Blindwells, Hynetown Road, Strete TQ6 ORS. This application was considered by Strete Parish Council at the April meeting where it was resolved to register a comment of 'No Objections'. Public consultation ends on 12th May.

Kings Arms Liaison: Following the attendance of the Pub Committee secretary Lisa Lyne at the March PC meeting, on behalf of the PC the Pub Committee has written a note to the Community Team at SHDC, advising of the intention to submit a nomination for the renewal of the listing of The King's Arms, Dartmouth Road, Strete, as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The note briefly justifies the approach and seeks any advice that can be offered about how best to align the submission with the SHDC process, including preferred documents and formats, recurring omissions to be avoided, or any specific points SHDC would particularly wish to be addressed. A response is awaited. The Pub held a very successful VE day celebration and is continuing to organise music nights and special events as the summer season approaches. An abundance of building work and scaffolding in the garden has hampered operations and detracted from the natural beauty of the site. More support from the village would be welcomed.

Local Bus Transport Liaison: Little to report - the nationwide subsidised single fare is now £3 maximum. Dartmouth Park and Ride re-started for the summer season on 5th April. Bus strategies will be impacted by local government reorganisation – the extent and nature of the impact is not yet known. Sustainability and Environmental Nothing to report. Liaison with other Parish Councils Nothing to report.

Ian Cumberlidge – May 2025 Tree Warden: Snails Castle, all but one tree looks very healthy in bloom. Road sweeper not required until the Autumn. Fire brigade called due to ground fire in land south of the A379 near The Turnpike properties creating black smoke across the A379. Lengthsman Works:- Only one area of greenery to be done in next 10 days and sight-line cutting

Kate Gill: May 2025 Monitoring Strete Gate Access Road car park – rumour that large vehicles receiving fines for parking beyond white lines of parking spaces. KG thanked Cllr Ian Cumberlidge for lighting the beacon on VE Day.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

SDNL plan shared.

Action: All councillors to review SDNL plan and comment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Thursday 19th June 2025** at **7:00pm** in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

HELD ON 27TH MAY 2025 IN

STRETE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM

PRESENT COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Ralph Clark (Chairman), Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC), Cllr Peter Hales (PH), Cllr Kate Gill (KG), Paul Green (PG)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

The clerk was unable to attend this meeting due to annual leave.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest declared in any matters on the agenda for this meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR

Cllr RC stood down as chair. Cllr RC was asked by PH if he was willing to continue as chair for another year. Cllr RC confirmed that he was willing and commented that next year a deputy would need to be appointed with the view of becoming chairman in 2027. Cllr RC explained he would not be standing for election in 2027. No other nominations received. Cllr PH Proposed Cllr RC as chair and Cllr KG Seconded. Unanimous support from all present.

Meeting closed.



Strete Social Club

STRETE SOCIAL CLUB PROGRAMME 2025

Meetings are usually held in Strete Village Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM		
May	13th	My Farming Life and Memories of VE Day - Pam Wills
	27th	The Why's and Wherefore's of Miranda the Mermaid - Heather Robinson
June	10th	Outing to Buckfast Abbey
	24th	Dame Hannah Trust - Debbie Lumsdon
July	8th	Art, Gin and Aeroplanes - Philippa Tait
	22nd	Our 2012 Olympics Experience - Jean Turrell

13th May: It was social club afternoon, with really bad weather members had braved to attend. Our speaker, a member of our club had been very ill and was not up to speaking on 'Meranda the Mermaid' so after contacting another possible to come and entertain us with his singing because he had to take his wife out to celebrate her birthday he was not available so Karen, our leader, came to the rescue singing and playing her guitar for us which we all joined in with. She was thanked by Joan.

We all then enjoyed the social time of chatter and cups of tea and delicious biscuits which we were told had to be eaten up. (Not a difficult order to obey!!!) Rita and Janet were the hostesses this afternoon. As usual Derek was on hand to do the draw with many lovely prizes brought along by the members

It was still foul weather when we all departed for home.

10th June: It was a very fine drizzle on the morning that members of the Social Club went on their visit to Buckfast Abbey.

Strete Social Club

Several cars carrying ladies to Buckfast set out from Strete. Each car load doing their own thing until it was time for lunch in the Grange Restaurant. Our group started off with a coffee whilst others looked in the Abbey or around the gardens.

Time passed very quickly and 12.30 soon came. We all met in the Restaurant, selected our choice of food and sat at a table which was reserved for us at the far end of the restaurant. There was a lovely atmosphere and all seemed to be enjoying each other's company as well as the food.

After lunch we then all went out to walk around outside the abbey in the grounds doing our own thing once again in the various groups. Three of us spent a lot of time looking for the pond which one of our members used to take her grandchildren to and where then there were a lot of tadpoles. We had trouble finding any tadpoles and we didn't see a frog but there were plenty of water snails in the murky pond. For us it was then a look around the Abbey. For me personally it brought back so many memories of when I lived at Buckfastleigh and we used to walk to Buckfast quite often and at Christmas they had life sized models depicting the Nativity Scene. Some time was then spent in the gift shop and plant collection. In the grounds was a little Methodist chapel which was much enjoyed with its simplicity after the grandeur of the Abbey. Tired legs then needed a rest so a cup of tea was enjoyed before we departed for home.

Streets Social Club

24th June: Tuesday had come around once more and it was our fortnightly social club meeting.

Several apologies were received from members for various reasons but those of us who came were in for a very enjoyable meeting.

Karen was in the Chair and as is usual went through a small amount of business before welcoming our speaker for the afternoon, Debbie the Community Engagement Lead at Dame Hannah Rogers Trust based at Ivybridge. Started with a legacy left by Dame Hannah Rogers to open an establishment to look after the young disabled.



Debbie was so full of enthusiasm and obviously enjoys her work at the Centre. She talked about some of the patients, with their consent, firstly telling us of how they have equipment to help with communication, some very simple like an X and smiley face which when asked a question the person can press either to tell them what their answer is.

The most up to date piece being 'Eyegaze' which is a screen in front of the resident on their wheelchair and this is accessed by touch or eye gaze or even movement of the head to indicate their message.. One young man sent a message to his mother on this piece of equipment, the first time that he had been able to 'speak' to her and she was so thrilled to receive this from her son.



They have been refurbishing the bungalows which is progressing well, this is where a couple of residents share the most beautiful accommodation and can live with the help of the staff a more independent life.

The main building has had a facelift and they now have a new family room where visitors can relax with their offspring when visiting. Also, there is a new Day Lounge which is for the use of adults who access their Day Services.

They have various fund-raising events and volunteers have also done Skydiving and cycle rides 1,000 miles over 10 days from Plymouth to Santander. Plus, many more.

Debbie could have gone on telling us much more about various events both for the residents and in the community and also about the charity shops that they have in Newton Abbot Plymouth, Ivybridge, Saltash and South Brent.

Joan did the vote of thanks as both her and Roy used to help at their Summer Fayres held at Blatchford Manor, Fleet and Kitley.

We are going to ask Debbie to come back again perhaps later in the Autumn to tell us more.

As well as the usual fee we give the speaker, a pot was placed on a table and our members could make a donation. This raised just under £50 for Debbie to take back with her.

Carol and Chris then served our tea with delicious merengues and biscuits with cream and strawberries on them made by Carol.

Strete Social Club **8th July:** We met on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon in the Village Hall for our fortnightly meeting. Karen took us through the business part of the meeting. She also reminded us that Village Day is on the first Saturday in August and would appreciate donations of cakes for the Tea tent. Cards had been sent to Sally and Angela who are not so well at the present time.

Passed around prior to the start of our meeting were books of the beautiful artwork that Pippa Tait does. Many of these she has made into cards and we could buy the cards if we so wished.



Our speaker for the afternoon was then introduced, a local resident in Strete, who was born at Harbertonford, attended the primary school in that village and then went on to Kevics in Totnes and on completing her time there went on to a college in Tiverton.

She then decided that she would like to get out of Devon and got an office position with Quantas Airlines, her real aim was to get to work for them at the Airport which she did achieve. She gradually worked her way up and had to deal with many situations, dealing with passengers, some nice and

a few really horrid, she was even spat upon and punched if she had to deal with delayed flights, overbooking etc.

She had famous stars travelling with the airline namely Kylie and Jason from the soaps who she got to meet and many more.

She had so many stories to relate and had us spell bound you could have heard a pin drop. (far too many for me to put into Strete-wise)

We then had a break after questions for our tea and delicious cheese puffs and home-made biscuits which Pippa, our speaker, had made and brought along for us.

Pippa is a very talented lady, she then went on to say how everyone can draw, many of us disagreeing with her, but to prove this she had given each one a card and black pen and showing us samples of her artwork we all had a go at creating our own greetings card. This was enjoyed, we then could see how with one pen scribbles and lines good pictures were created. Pippa had a difficult task to judge the best one which went to Sandie.

She also makes fruit gins and had brought along some for us to sample. Damson was a very popular one.

Lisa gave the vote of thanks and Pippa was given a bottle as she would not take a fee for speaking.

We are going to have her back to talk on another of her many talents Pottery.

A great fun afternoon was enjoyed and we all went our separate ways 'quite sober' after our sampling of the fruit gins.





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After the talk the bar will be open and an optional 2-course lunch will follow. The club is keen to attract new members and a warm welcome will be given to guests. If you would like to come along and be a guest please contact our Secretary Peter Hales on

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There are three purpose built hospices within the South West for children with life

limiting conditions and they largely rely on fundraising to continue their brilliant work.

The group are grateful for the support of our friends which included the Captain and Officer Cadets of BRNC (plus a generous donation), Dartmouth Rotary and singers Hands on Deck, Dancing Beggars and Viki Philps. Denise Gallagher, a loyal supporter created a beautiful handmade quilt which was our popular raffle prize and fundraiser (£428 alone)

All in all a brilliant effort from volunteers, cake makers, stall holders, grafters and erectors, those of you who promoted our event and of course the people of Dartmouth and surrounding areas who came to the event and contributed their cash and good wishes.

One more musical quote adapted from 10cc, (Dart) Art for Children’s Hospice Sake!

Ann Green, Communications volunteer

If you would like to get involved with our friendly group contact Sue Tweed to find out more. Tel: 07955 197721 Email: tweed833@btinternet.com

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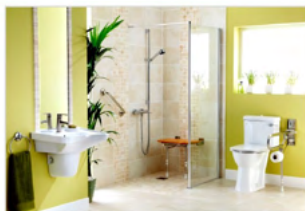
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STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th April 2025 IN STRETE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: Cllr Ralph Clark (Chairman), Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC), Cllr Peter Hales (PH), Cllr Kate Gill (KG), Paul Green (PG), Cllr Laurel Lawford (LL), Cllr Julian Brazil (JB)

Also in attendance: Hannah Iles (HI), Parish Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

Paul Potgieter gave an update on Speedwatch, which is almost ready. Four operators have trained online are waiting for date for face-to-face training and the delivery of equipment. Trainer will teach PP and then Paul can train others. The speedwatch group are looking for two more volunteers.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr LL contacted Charlotte re: Strete Gate Steps. Engineers have been down and done an assessment. On annual leave but will update next week. Cllr LL will follow up on Tuesday.

SPC has been informed that a contractor has been appointed by a third party to clear trees on private property without the owner's permission. SPC has been informed further that a solicitor has contacted the contractor and asked them to stop. The council note that this is a civil matter.

Cllr LL has contacted SHDC tree warden and he has not responded despite chasing. Unless the trees are protected with tree preservation orders it is a wildlife crime.

The Memorial Car Park has been resurfaced.

Action: SPC to contact Lee Marshall, to request SHDC tree warden to place a tree preservation order on the remaining trees where tree felling has taken place.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr JB notes his disappointment at Highway's negative view of the line marking work carried out to improve the parking area at Strete Gate access road. JB views the work as a positive action from a parish council. It has also been commented on approvingly by people visiting the area. Cllr KG noted that vehicles are now parking with their wheels within the car park line markings and therefore not blocking the access road at Strete Gate. Cllr JB recommends sending them the bill.

Online meeting on 9th May for SLP. Cllr JB has meeting with Adaptations Manager at the beginning of June. He is pushing for a face-to-face meeting.

County councillors have no say in which roads are prioritised for resurfacing. Highways are using machinery to identify the roads that need to be maintained. Cllr JB thinks that there needs to be more of a two-way dialogue with local councillors to identify roads that need urgent work.

STRETE ESTATE REPRESENTATIVES

No representative attended the meeting. Councillors noted that SE provided lamb to Kings Arms for Easter Sunday.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Helen Darch (HD)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON March 20TH, 2025.

These were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr IC declared an interest as the contracted buddle hole lengthsman for the parish, Cllr RC declared an interest in the line marking work at Strete Gate due to his link with the business contracted to carry out the work.

PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS

Strete Barton House Application – Approved

117/25/TPO to fell a decayed cherry plum tree at Blindwells, Hynetown Road

Root damaged potentially caused by construction vehicles during development works being carried out.

1136/25/ARC Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (slates), 4 (external attachments) 5 (materials/finishes) of planning consent 3096/24/LBC. Work well underway. Slate and lime render specified (in keeping with the period) unless planning officer will agree to leaving stonework bare. Noted lime render can also provide some insulation properties.

Action: Clerk to submit a comment of no objections

FINANCE

Figures to be updated at the meeting (end of financial year):-

Current Account Balance £6065.13

Reserve Account £12,008.34

Monitoring/Spend to-date. New financial year. Precept expected in next few weeks.

Annual return paperwork and audit arrangements – Bob Welham timescale for completion. Cllr HD and clerk to meet to prepare. To approve payment of the following cheques/ bank transfers. Invoices have previously been circulated.

Invoices:

Strete Village Hall Rent+ WIFI (month) £72.50

Greenspace £240.40

Mark Rowe (sweeping) £444.00

DALC (membership) £210.44

Ian Cumberlidge (lengthman services) £402.50

QMS (road markings) £780.00

Salaries

Clerk's wages April £459.90

HMRC PAYE April £0

Action: Clerk to make payments

5. ASSET REGISTER

Photographs, Mapping & Register to be completed after the AGAR is prepared and APM has taken place.

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY SHDC has been contacted regarding vacancy. Waiting for response. If election is not required councillors plan to co-opt a new member. One applicant has come forward to note their interest.

7. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

APM invitation list to various organisations. Organisations awarded a grant in 2024 have been asked to provide report on benefits from receipt of grant.

8. PLAYPARK MAINTENANCE Rhinoplay report/quote discussed. Councillors have decided to repair/replace one or two items at a time and keep the repair list under review, weighing up cost against benefit to the community.

Cllr IC spoke to Philip Cruse to assist with the trim trail timber replacement.

Action: Cllr IC to provide quote for installation and timber to replace trim trail

Action: Cllr RC to contact Rhinoplay to advise SPC will not be proceeding with the quoted repair/replacements at present.

9. VILLAGE GREEN

Now into two cuts per month + Quarterly cuts for ancillary areas

Greenspace owner will be away for three weeks, cuts have been planned around his leave.

10. ROAD SAFETY

Strete Gate Access Road – SPC note, with disappointment, the DCC objections to works undertaken to improve safety – residents have noted a marked improvement in safety and parking behaviour.

Steps to the beach – Decision to commence postponed pending update from Cllr LL on SHDC plan of action/agreement to refund SPC for the work. Cllr KG suggested filling the gap in the hedge to prevent people from being able to access the old steps through or over the post and rail fence, as alternative to replacing the steps. Councillors debated whether the steps are important to access the beach from the car park. Councillors considered the narrow access road and danger to pedestrians on the road, the state of the existing path in front of the toilet block and the recent blockage of the septic tank. Four councillors voted to proceed with the work, one councillor voted against.

Speedwatch – update from PP above.

Action: Cllr LL to provide update from SHDC on steps to the beach before the next meeting

11. SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP Nothing to report – Online meeting planned for 9th May.

12. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE / ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bus Stop Damage is waiting for repair by Keith Ellis. A Slapton Parish councillor witnessed a van hit the bus stop and shared the vehicle registration. The vehicle registration was shared with Sgt Ed Thomas with a request to provide owner details for the PC to claim on insurance. Information not provided.

Potential pedestrian operated sweeper has been identified for Snails Castle road. Dates to be confirmed, likely before the end of April. Cllr IC asked if cutting back will be required before, to be checked.

Buddle hole report – Invoice must be submitted for works completed monthly to comply with transparency requirements. IC to provide monthly report for the parish council meeting with hours and locations itemised.

Next village sweep – June 10th

OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Kings Arms – Asset of Community Value (ACV). Application discussed with SCPL after pub meeting on Saturday.

Connecting Devon & Somerset – Airband (fibre broadband) update, no updates – Reports that Full Fibre available in the village, possibly BT Openreach are doing updates on an ad hoc basis.

Action: PH to write a letter to the area engineer for BT Openreach on behalf of the village.

14. CLERK'S REPORT –

Planning There were no comments to submit. One enforcement returned as no action, planning now approved. Two applications received and shared with councillors pre-meeting.

Gov.uk Log in details for new email accounts received from PCW and shared with councillors.

Chair and clerk have accessed and started to use new accounts. Setting up new out of office to inform anyone sending emails to streteclerk@gmail.com that the email will not be monitored from a specified date.

Election Notices posted in village.

Road Safety Speeding report on Slapton Line shared with Slapton Parish Council Clerk and Sgt Ed Thomas. Slapton Cllrs have responded and noted that they would not support a reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph, but they are all agreed that police speed checks are necessary as a deterrent and to enforce the 60 mph limit. Cllr Sutton, Slapton PC's OPCC liaison Cllr and an ex-police officer himself, has a good relationship with Ed (the Neighbourhood Police Team Leader) and has also emailed him directly this week to express Slapton concerns and to request that speed checks are carried out.

Correspondence

Parish Forum - 27 March 2025

Local Government Reorganisation – interim plan and cover letter

Vacancy Email sent to SHDC regarding co-option vacancy process. Chased up with elections and still received no response. Form sent to potential applicant.

Strete Gate Email sent to Cllr LL requesting update on SHDC committing to reimbursing SPC for steps. Expecting update from Cllr Laurel Lawford at meeting.

Asset Register Accompanied Cllr Ralph Clark on walk around Strete to identify and record all assets SPC are responsible for. Currently working on updating the asset register.

15. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Strete Village Hall

1945 style VE Day anniversary celebration. This event has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Village Day to take place on Saturday 2nd August 2025. Contact Penny Penhale for organising details 01803 771005. Next VH meeting to include the AGM and an update on Village Day is on 12th June at 6:30pm. A commitment of help and support from members of the community, especially in setting up and taking down, is essential to ensure Village Day is a success.

Highway Safety and Road Works

Possible availability of a pedestrian operated sweeper to sweep Snails Castle.

Next village road sweeping is expected to take place 10th June.

Village Green

Grass cutting is now into two cuts per month.

Children's Play Park

The play equipment is in need of attention. The PC receives monthly inspection reports from SHDC. These reports hi-light items that need attention and a decision has been made to start repairs. Most of the equipment is estimated to be over 20 years old and, from cost estimates received, indicate they will be expensive to replace. Strete PC would benefit from assistance to research funding for play items. Anyone interested in helping please contact the clerk on clerk@strete-pc.gov.uk

Community Wood

A large area on the left as you come into the wood has been cleared where planting of some crab apples with a local school is planned to take place in the next few weeks. A new interpretation panel at the entrance will, hopefully, also be ready in a few weeks.

Blindwells Property Construction Works

Tree to be removed due to damage and then replaced.

Slapton Line

Petition set up to secure government funding to protect the A379 Slapton Line and Adaptation Works to the unclassified back roads has reached 2003. More support needed.

An online Slapton Line Partnership Teams meeting is due to take place at 12pm on 9th May.

Surface dressing treatment across A379 SL is due to take place at night towards the end of May.

Strete Gate Access Road

Sweeping and line marking works took place on 26th March. Support for the work completed has been received from many users of this location. Observations to date indicate a more responsible and respectful parking behaviour in place for the benefit of all users of the area. A negative response to the works completed has been received from Devon Highways.

Strete Gate Steps to the Beach

Access by unsafe steps to the beach from Strete Gate Car Park resulted in two serious injury incidents in 2024. Strete PC have pursued SHDC to replace these steps. Strete PC have obtained a quotation to reinstate the steps with a guard rail and have requested this to be actioned asap. It is important to advertise a safe and professional environment and to demonstrate to residents and the visiting public that their safety is paramount. It may be necessary for Strete PC to fund this initially to ensure this is actioned before more accidents occur.

Community Speed Watch – Paul Potgieter

Paul has applied for the Police to attend a roadside training session to ensure the site monitoring procedures by volunteers are correct, together with use of the equipment required. Paul has finalised recommendations of observation points and risk assessments. Once the Police have approved these, Paul will enter these positions into the main operations records for everyone's reference. Body Cams are provided by the Police. A portable road sign is also recommended saying "COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH IN OPERATION".

More volunteer operators are required for deployment as there is always going to be a shortage of availability from a team of only four. Operational observations will commence once the police have carried out the onsite training.

Strete Estate

Evidence of restoration work taking place at Cox's Farm opposite the Kings Arms pub in Strete.

Tree Felling Incident

A complaint has been received about significant tree and scrub being cleared south of the A379 towards the beach in ground below The Turnpike, Sea Cliff Cottage and The Haven. Typically, this type of activity is not undertaken during bird nesting season, in an AONB, SSSI area as well as the unknown risk of unexploded armaments from D-Day training. Strete PC requested SHDC and the Police to investigate if this activity should be prohibited. Negative response received to date. More information requested by the Police. No planning breach advised from SHDC.

Parish Councillor Advert

Strete PC is still one councillor short. This position has to be advertised to ensure transparency. One member of the community has expressed willingness to become a member of the PC. The PC hopes to be able to engage someone before the summer season.

Anyone wishing to express interest in this position please contact Strete Clerk on clerk@strete-pc.gov.uk

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Government has required all areas of the country that operate a 'two-tier' local government model

to submit interim proposals on moving to a unitary council model to deliver all Council services.

SHDC have submitted an Interim Plan (the 1:4:5 plan) for LGR. It is important to mention that the Interim Plan is only an indication of how SHDC have developed plans to date. Things may change as they work up the detail throughout the rest of this year. An early indication from Government that the proposals submitted are considered acceptable will allow SHDC move forward to develop a full business case for LGR by the end of November 2025. Two further meetings are to take place this year in May/June and Sept/Oct before the business plan to government is submitted in November.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Peter Hales - April 2025

Planning and Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring and Update

There is little further to report. The issue of local planning and particularly the future role of Neighbourhood Plans remains mired by the ongoing re-organisation of local government. Over the past month various activists with a particular point of view, e.g. the South Hams Society, have been vocal in publicly expressing their dismay at possible change in policy and changes in land use and housing allocations. However, this is probably premature as there appears to be no hard detail available about the impact that the organisational changes will have. On 24th April SHDC is organising a briefing event for Parish and Town Councillors entitled 'Planning for Climate and Nature', which I aim to attend. Speakers will include Phil Baker, SHDC Strategic Planning Lead and Peter Sandover, Chair of South Devon National Landscape (about the value of neighbourhood plans). More information may be forthcoming at that meeting. However, I suggest that until the new framework of local government is settled and endorsed nationally, there will be little progress at local level.

Planning Applications in Strete

4078/24/FUL - Replace render, roof, 2 x rooflights, installation of 2 x Air Source Heat Pumps, new garden shed with PV panels, upgrade property to improve efficiency & replanting of garden. Strete Barton Totnes Road Strete TQ6 ORU. This application was approved by the Planning Officer on 1st April after the applicant submitted a revised roof plan with smaller roof lights to reduce the impact of light leakage, as required by the 'dark skies' policy included in the Strete Neighbourhood Plan.

1136/25/ARC - Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Slates), 4 (External Attachments), 5 (Materials/Finishes) of planning consent 3096/24/LBC. Coxs Farm, Strete, TQ6 ORW Also, 1137/25/ARC (identical to the above in terms of scope) has been submitted relating to listed building consent for the same property. These applications relate to details regarding external finishes and architectural details to previously approved applications. They will be considered by Strete PC at the April meeting. The applicant has provided the following statement in his application:-

"The renovation approach is based on minimal intervention, focusing on improving circulation, thermal performance, comfort, and future usability while preserving the building's character. Some changes aim to reverse past insensitive alterations and enhance its aesthetic value. Key proposals include internal and external renovations without altering the building's footprint, such as re-roofing with traditional materials, modifying subdivisions in the north and west lean-tos, and window replacements. Inappropriate materials like concrete tiles, asbestos sheeting, and black timber cladding will be replaced with traditional alternatives."

Kings Arms Liaison

The Management Committee held a meeting of shareholders and subscribers on in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th April. Interim Chairman Tim Fowler stood down from his post at the meeting, as

did Treasurer Ian Stephenson. Duncan Tait was appointed as the new interim Chairman. There is currently a vacancy for the Treasurer role as the Committee seeks a suitably financially qualified person in the village who would be willing to take on the role. Robin Staunton has also joined the Committee. Tim provided a short eulogy for the late Geoff Bullym who sadly passed away recently. Geoff was a valued supporter of the pub both as a customer and as a stand-in chef and helped the Committee out by standing in on a number of occasions. The audience were told that the pub has managed to continue trading through the Spring with severely reduced opening hours, but the financial position was 'touch and go'. Approx 80 new subscribers are required for the subscription funding appeal to reach its target. However, with the holiday season approaching and visitors becoming more numerous and with a new chef starting work on Monday 14th, the Committee is looking forward to a good summer season which will provide suitable returns to see the pub through next winter. A new discount scheme for subscribers is imminent, and all existing shareholders will be entered in a monthly food voucher sweepstake.

The Pub Committee secretary Lisa Lyne attended the March PC meeting, where it was resolved that the PC would facilitate re-newel of the Asset of Community Value (ACV) order which currently runs out in September.

Local Bus Transport Liaison.

New summer timetables became effective on service 93 through the village on 30th March. There are now 4 services in each direction on Sundays and Public Holiday (previously two) and 11 on weekdays (including Saturdays). All these services also interconnect at Kingsbridge with the 3 service between Kingsbridge and Plymouth (allowing through journeys to be made), and at Dartmouth with an improved Dartmouth to Totnes 92 service. These improvements have been brought about as a result of Devon County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan for 25/26 with funding from Central **Government under the National Bus Strategy**

The nationwide subsidised single fare is now £3 maximum. Bus strategies will be impacted by local government reorganisation – the extent and nature of the impact is not yet known.

Sustainability and Environmental . Nothing to report.

Liaison with other Parish Councils

Broadband Connection. Still no further information or update about the progress of Project Gigabit in the area (Project Gigabit aims to bring 1000 Gb broadband connection via fibre cables to rural areas). Devon County Council is in purdah pending the local elections in May, and requests for update are not being responded to.

Ian Cumberlidge - April 2025

Footpaths/bridleways:- I haven't found/come across any problems with paths in general.

All suddenly looking very Spring-like, lots of early floral growth etc. (3 Adders spotted, in different locations, all basking in the sun...! Who can blame them...?!)

Playpark:- Grass cut recently, and being used quite a bit. The usual 'fault list' has turned up, but several items have been dealt with already. Discussion for future plans covered at meeting this evening.

Tree Warden:- The tree felling/clearing below 1 Harbour Lights appears to have stopped, by my recent 'check'. Need to discuss at meeting. The cherry plum fell/removal @ Blindwells isn't a major issue, as it has fallen anyway, but replanting should be 'followed up'.

Strete Gate Area:- Since the "re-vamp" of markings, there is a marked reduction of slightly dangerous parking. Still have over-long campervans over the white lines, but difficult to prevent that happening. All in all...much better.

Lengthsman Works:- As we had a prolonged dry spell of weather, there were little or no problems with drains/buddle holes, but this recent heavy rain has flagged up some necessary remedial work, for growth clearance and some silt removal.

CORRESPONDENCE Friends of the Dart

SDNL (AONB) online meeting 22nd April

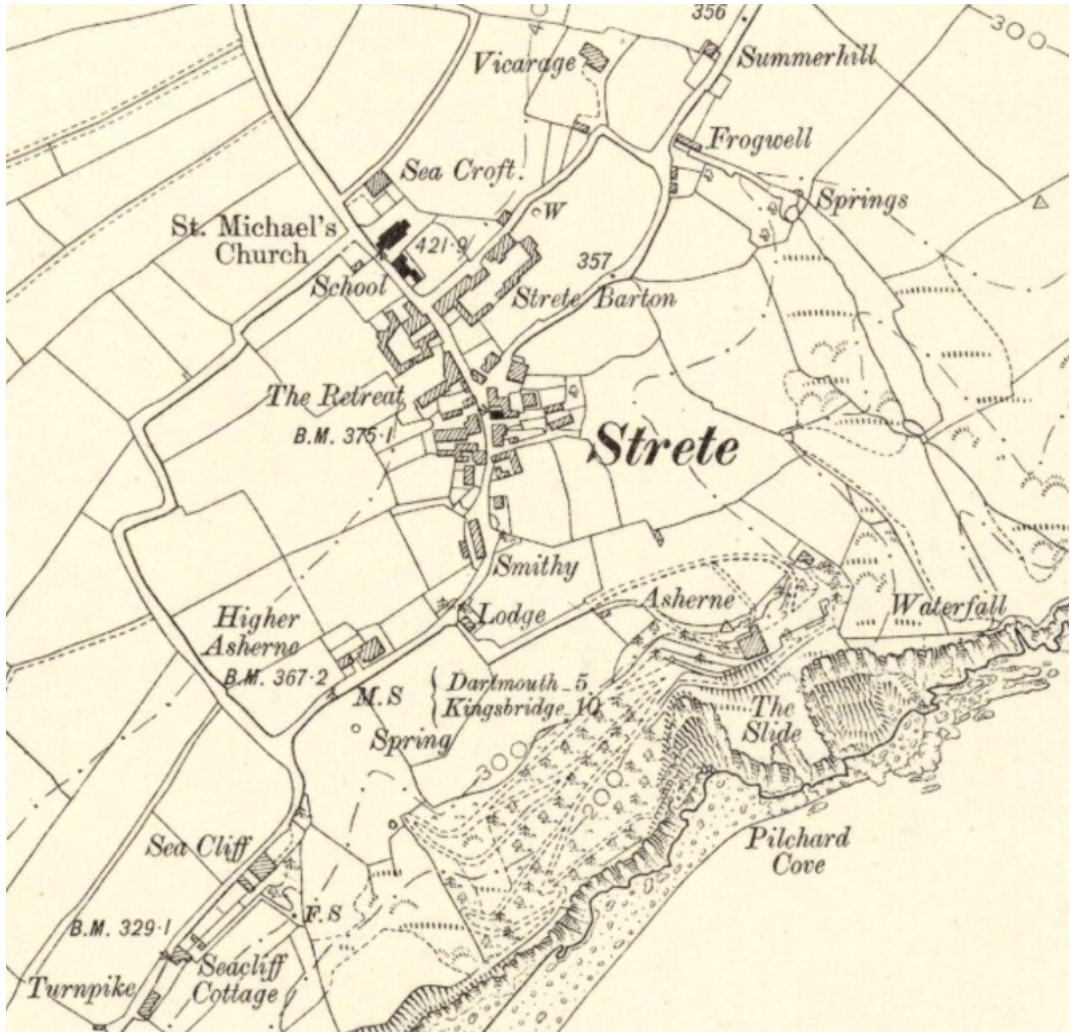
Climate & Nature Meeting at Follaton on 24th April

2025 Practitioners Guide for AGAR

To be included in the next newsletter

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Thursday 15th May 2025** at **7:30pm** in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9:10pm



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