

10 Members of the public were present

Present: Mr R Tully (Chairman), Mrs C Hunt Miss E Bridge, Miss P Ellis, Mr P. Fenwick, Mrs R. Garner
Mr I Jones, Mr H Rawlings and Mr J Robinson.

In Attendance: District Cllr Rose Rowe

1 Apologies – None

2 Police Report – No report received. Cllr Robinson advised that the recently planted flowers at the war memorial had been stolen. It was agreed that this was sick criminal offence. Various notices including the April Council meeting minutes were taken down from the Rydon Cross notice board and the posters advertising the forthcoming summer show had also been removed. Cllr Fenwick suggested having a lockable notice board. Cllr Ellis advised that the police had reported that two males were cold calling on homes pretending to be self employed gardeners. Also a property in Flood Street had been broken into.

3 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting on 20th May 2013

Taken as read and signed by the Chairman,

4 Matters arising from the Minutes – None

5 Chairman's Report – The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Robinson had attended a recent Parish cluster meeting. The topics included working together on joint bids to the TAP fund. Public toilets were costing a considerable amount to maintain and the District Council were looking to save £ 80,000.00 by asking Parishes to consider maintaining their own facilities. The Community Payback scheme was discussed and advice was given that a charge of £ 150.00 for a supervisor would be incurred. The general feeling of the meeting was those that had used this service shared their generally positive experiences. There had been a number of planning related workshops recently run. An update on Totnes on The Move was given.

6 Reports from County & District Councillors – Cllr Rowe advised that she had also attended the Cluster meeting and highlighted a new pamphlet circulated by the District Council with a web site to enable Parishioners to find out more about their personal bin collections, rates payable and other useful information. Regarding her County Council duties Cllr Rowe advised that she represented eleven Parishes some of which held their monthly meetings on the same evenings Cllr Rowe reported that she would attend Parish meetings in turn and when they clashed she would send a written report to be read out on her behalf. She was now involved in school transport and Exeter scrutiny groups.

7 Reports from Sub-Committees Cllr Fenwick advised that the Rowe's Meadow development was nearing the end of the process with two houses remaining to be sold. There were still several outstanding issues being resolved and a final inspection will be needed. Difficulties with South Hams responses continue. As requested he had provided Cllr Rowe with details of outstanding issues particularly with Ross Kennerly. Cllr Robinson also wrote to Cllr Tucker. Regarding Cavanna Homes a walk about had taken place within the village. David Greene was accompanied by their architect and a photographer, and joined Cllr Robinson, himself and Mike Webster. This familiarisation walk took 3 ½ hours. They seemed committed to the consultation process but are aware that South Hams are revisiting the Master planning process in July Cllr Fenwick was encouraged by their attitude. The next step is to meet the Steering Group and Cllr Fenwick had asked for this early in July. Taylor Wimpey has submitted a new application to build up to 175 units on the car boot sale site. There is a special meeting on this at Collaton St Mary Parish Rooms on Friday 5th July at 7:00pm. South Hams are to review new proposals designed to speed up the Master planning Process which has been reported as being too slow. Master plans in process can continue according to minutes. Cllr Fenwick was very concerned that this could lead to a dilution of the process and proposed that the Council writes a strongly worded letter to the District Council leader voicing our concerns and asking that this Council be recognised as a master plan already is already in process, and requesting that the reported delays in the current process are transparent so that time lost awaiting responses from South Hams is clear. This was agreed. Regarding Neighbourhood Plans Cllr Fenwick advised that he had met with Greg Davies of the Community Council of Devon at the end of May and had an interesting meeting.

South Hams have invited this Council to a workshop on 17th July on Neighbourhood Plans which Cllr Fenwick intended to attend along with at least one other Cllr. Following this and immediately prior to the next PC meeting Cllr Fenwick proposed that we hold an ‘open meeting’ on the subject with agenda items to include New Local Plan with Graham Swiss, District Forward planning manager, Neighbourhood Plans – pros and cons for Stoke Gabriel and Current experience of compiling a Neighbourhood Plan with David Watts of the Paignton Neighbourhood forum. Discussion took place and it was agreed that an open meeting should be held prior to the August Parish Council to commence at 6.30pm. Cllr Fenwick will confirm the speakers to Cllr Robinson. Cllr Garner reported that Parish Plan group meetings were successful. Cllr Rawlings had made a presentation concerning the new web site. A discussion had taken place about a cycle path from the village to Totnes. Cllr Rowe advised that this had been discussed before and Berry Pomeroy had not supported the idea. Cllr Rawlings reported that good progress was being made on the web site and intended to recruit volunteers to assist with the inputting of information.

8 Planning The following planning applications had been considered at a meeting held on 24th June 2013 at which the following councillors were present: Ellis, Robinson, Hunt and Bridge.

1. Land at SX8457 behind Rowes Meadow – Erection of equipment shed **No objection**
 2. Hunters Moon, Mill Hill – Entrance porch and external alterations **No Objection**
 3. Rydon Mead, Paignton Road – Replace existing garage and erection of single storey **No objection**
 4. 7 Pound Field – Flat dormer to rear and porch extension **No objection**
- Regarding item 4 Cllr Hunt advised that Cllr Garner had not been involved and had taken no part in the decision making.

Planning Applications Granted by SHDC –

1. 3 Rowes Farm Barns, Aish Road – Erection of conservatory
2. Amberley, Vicarage Road - extensions
3. Land adjacent Lower Broadpath – instatement of building and erection of store
4. Tree House, Hillfield – Alterations to dwelling and access to Higher Broadpath

Planning Applications refused by SHDC – None

Applications Withdrawn – None

Appeals Received by SHDC – None

Ongoing Applications – Cllr Robinson advised that a site inspection meeting had been held with the District planning officer regarding the change of use of land behind Rowes Meadow to a burial site. Cllr Robinson also advised that he had sought funding to be used for the alterations needed without success. It appeared that funding was available for community projects but only for those able to enjoy them. Cllr Garner suggested that funding may be available if the grants were for a memorial garden or woodland burial site, for relatives and friends of the deceased to use. She will arrange for a meeting with Green Fuse in Totnes, who have advised with the setting up of other new burial sites in the local area. Cllr Jones thought that this was a nice idea but felt that the maintenance costs could be excessive

9 Items raised on behalf of the Clerk – Cllr Robinson passed a copy of the CPRE Spring issue to the Chairman. Cllr Robinson advised that a letter from Dartington Parish Council had been received requesting that we meet with them to discuss our forming a Neighbourhood Plan. As it appeared that they were further ahead than us with this idea Cllr Robinson advised that he had replied stating that we could meet with them at a later date. A letter had been received from Marldon Parish Council requesting our consideration to join with them and place a joint bid to the TAP fund to employ a lengths man. It was agreed that this was a good idea and a letter would be written in reply. Cllr Robinson advised that a letter had been written to Cllr Tucker, the District Council leader advising him of all the outstanding issues with the District. Cllr Robinson advised that he had only learnt about the recent cluster meeting from Cllr Rowe who had queried way this Council had not received an invitation. He reminded the Councillors that some time ago the Council had been accused of not being bothered to attend these meetings and the reason was that invitations had not been made. This statement had previously been queried although Cllr Robinson had insisted that it

as correct. Cllr Robinson advised that he had written to the District Council about the lack of invitations and read out a reply that he had received from the District Corporate Services Manager who in her reply profusely apologised that Stoke Gabriel Parish Council had not in the past been invited. There had apparently been a mix up over e-mail contact details. She assured Cllr Robinson that invitations would be sent out correctly in future. Finally Cllr Robinson reminded the Council that a request had been made from the floor at the AGM suggesting that reports from local organisation could be presented. This was agreed and those organisations would be invited to give their reports in person.

10 **Hoyle Copse** Cllr. Jones had nothing to report this month.

11 **Highway and Hedgerow Matters** – Cllr Hunt expressed concern over the large pothole in Coombe House Lane. Cllr Garner was concerned about the tarmac in Aish Road. This was due to the tarmacing of Rowes Meadow and would be cleared away on completion of the work. Cllr Bridge raised concerns over the pedestrian safety barriers in Aish Road. Cllr Robinson advised that when he met on site with the planning officer these were discussed and would be re-positioned. Cllr Bridge wished thanks to be recorded to Mandy Holmes who had spent time clearing rubbish away from the Church Inn car park and weeds from outside the Castle Inn. Cllr Ellis requested consideration to a new dog litter bin being supplied in Byter Mill Lane. This was agreed and she would advise Cllr Robinson of the exact position. There was also a large pothole in Broadpath. Cllr Ellis requested that a new public toilet sign be erected as the old one had been removed. It was agreed to ask the owner of the Post Office if this could be fixed to the outside wall. Cllr Tully raised concerns from a number of Parishioners about weed spraying together with all those who had made complaints about the state of the village. General discussion took place and it was agreed by all that the weed spraying routine would take place as previously agreed. Cllr Robinson would advise the contractors not to spray unnecessarily if the area concerned had already been cleared. Cllr Robinson advised that a Parishioner had been challenged by a resident of Hoyle Lane informing them that it should not be used as it was not a public highway. Counsellors were surprised at this and confirmed that Hoyle Lane is a public road/lane and can be used by anyone

12 **Matters raised by Councillors** – Cllr Bridge raised the issue regarding the fencing adjacent to the play area in Rowes Meadow. This was an issue that had previously been discussed with Linden Homes by Cllrs Fenwick and Robinson. Cllr Jones advised that he was progressing with the village maps.

13 **Accounts**

To agree the following payments

It was proposed by Cllr Bridge and seconded by Cllr Rawlings to make these payments

J Robinson – Expenses	£ 65.74
Plandscape – May flower beds	£ 43.06
South Hams District Council – Play area work	£ 336.00

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next Meeting-

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th August 2013 starting at 6.30pm with an open meeting on Neighbourhood Planning.