

Over 80 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, and Mr J Robinson.

In Attendance: County Cllr Pennington and District Cllr Rose Rowe

A presentation by Des Dunlop, David Green and John Bulch representing Cavanna Homes Limited was given concerning land at Paignton Road which is allocated for residential and employment development under Policy RA24 of the South Hams Rural Areas Site Allocations DPD. Cavanna advised that a Steering Group/Forum would be set up to agree the design, landscaping and mix of houses and members of South Hams District Council, the Parish Council and members of the public would be invited to attend. The general feeling was that this proposal should not be brought forward from 2016. The Chairman thanked the representatives for their presentation and also thanked David Kenyon, Graham Swiss and Ed Brown from the District Council for attending.

1 Apologies – Mr H. Rawlings

2 Police Report – From a report received Cllr Tully advised that criminal damage to a vehicle occurred on 26th December, possession of drugs at the quay on 27th December, two thefts of frozen food and theft of two pedal cycles from the Paignton Road area in early January. PCSO Paula reminded everyone to insure that all garages and out buildings are securely locked and valued items kept out of sight. The number to call at the time of discovered thefts was 101. If information is to be passed to the Police this can done anonymously by ringing crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

3 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting on 26th November 2012
Taken as read and signed by the Chairman,

4 Matters arising from the Minutes – Cllr Ellis raised a point under item 11 that one tree at Barn Park had not been pollarded. Cllr Robinson advised that he had contacted the District Council who confirmed that the work would be completed. Under item 7 Cllr Rowe advised that only 1800 empty homes were in our area not 30,000 has previously advised. Under item 2 Cllr Robinson raised concern over the security at the Gabriel Court Hotel and requested that both entrances be fenced and locked.

5 Chairman's Report – Concerning a statement made by Cllr Robinson after the Cavanna presentation about problems and frustrations both he and the Council had experienced over the last few months the Chairman advised that seeing how many Parishioners remained for the main meeting it was obvious that Cllr Robinson had the total support of the majority of the village. Other Parish Councillors had shown their support and both our County Cllr and District Cllr had advised that they thought that the Parish Council was one of the best run in South Hams. Many Parishioners had spoken during the session and implored Cllr Robinson to continue in his role as Cllr and acting Clerk.

6 Reports from County & District Councillors – Cllr Pennington advised that the County Council budget would be £ 468m. £ 21.4m would be saved by streamlining departments. The Government formula grant had been reduced to £ 131m and the Joint Scrutiny Council had agreed that there would not be an increase in County Council tax for the forthcoming year. Cllr Pennington advised that he was concerned by the reduction in special needs grants and intended to raise his concerns in Council. Other reductions included college and school transport and C roads. Potholes were an issue but they were slowly being repaired. Cllr Ellis asked if a list of local potholes could be passed to Cllr Pennington who agreed to raise them with Devon Highways. Finally Cllr Pennington suggested that it would be more beneficial to have a regular lengths man rather than spending £ 250,000.00 on arts and investment grants. Cllr Rowe advised that she had been working on the District budget for 2013/14 through the various member groups. The findings would be verified by the full Council at their meeting on 14th February. The Council had a budget cap of £ 623,998.00 and had made some savings. £ 400,000.00 would have to use on the new homes bonus to fund housing capital projects. The Council was proposing an increase of 3.5% which would be £ 4.83 per year on

A and B properties. In order to save further money the Council has discussed the upkeep of public toilets and would suggest that this Parish makes a contribution toward the cost. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider this idea. Consideration had been given to the new local allocations policy for housing. Which will make it so important that all interested parties put their names on the housing list.

7 Reports from Sub-Committees Cllr Fenwick advised following a site meeting in December SHDC have confirmed the position on various aspects of the ‘Discharge of Conditions.’ The key points are landscaping which has been confirmed with the exception of the Devon hedge bank and access of footpath into Aish Road. SHDC Planning is taking a strong supportive position on this and the ‘buffer strip is included in the landscape plan and the responsible property owner must adhere to the landscape plan. Ecology satisfactory with exception of ‘Aish Road’ problem. Major issues with stone boundary walls identified at the site meeting and SHDC will advise and agree on demolition and rebuild timetables in accordance with the statement that all areas of new stone walls should be of natural random stone laid traditionally on its quarry bedding and pointed in a (brown) mortar finish recessed from the outer face of the wall. Additional site inspection needed on roads, drains, etc. South Hams are taking a very strong position on the discharge of conditions of the site. Collaton St. Mary Taylor Wimpey planning application was refused by Torbay Council. The Torbay Plan & Neighbourhood forum could be complicating their response. Cllr Ellis asked if the substation had been altered to make quieter and Cllr Fenwick advised that this had been done.

8 Planning The following planning applications had been considered at meetings held on 20th December 2012 and 24th January 2013

1. Land at Broadley Lane – Retention of portable pheasant rearing units **No Objection**
2. Brook Cottage, Byter Mill Lane – Change of use of annexe to holiday accommodation
No Objection but conditions re off road parking
3. The Cider Press, Aish – Refurbishment of existing barn **No Objection**
4. Rose Byre. Aish - Refurbishment of existing barn **No Objection**
5. Tree House, Hillfield – Alterations top dwelling and parking table
No Objections but remove parking bay from application
6. River View, Mill Hill – Extension to property **Objection. Visual and neighbour impact and overdevelopment. Consider leaving extension at present height and place roof windows**
7. Land Adjacent Lower Broadpath – Erection of agricultural store
Objection. Overdevelopment of existing store and visual impact
8. Land at SX 8458, Aish - Change of use of land to holiday enterprise to include erection of 8 yurts and toilet/shower block, storage containers and pond. **Objection. Access visibility - visibility at Coombe House Lane – unsafe for walkers. Visual impact of toilet and shower block and storage containers.**

Planning Applications Granted by SHDC –

1. The Cider Press, Aish – Refurbishment of existing barn
2. Rose Byre. Aish - Refurbishment of existing barn

Planning Applications refused by SHDC – None

Applications Withdrawn – None

Appeals Received by SHDC – None

Ongoing Applications – None

9 Items raised on behalf of the Clerk – Cllr Robinson advised that there was to be an electoral review of South Hams to decide on changes to the ward boundaries. Representations should be made by 18th February. Cllr Fenwick proposed that the Council should write requesting that no changes were made to the existing boundaries. This was seconded by Cllr Ellis with all in favour. Cllr Robinson passed the Devon Senior Voice magazine to Cllr Ellis. A booklet from South West Water about their 25 year outlook was passed to the chairman. Cllr Robinson advised that an updated version of the Council’s standing orders part

two had already been circulated and asked that consideration be given to its adoption. Cllr Hunt proposed that it should be adopted and this was seconded by Cllr Fenwick and agreed by all.

10 Hoyle Copse Cllr. Jones reported that During December and January work has continued on the stepping of the north boundary hedge and coppicing the hazel in the same area. This work is now completed for this season. Work has now commenced on clearing of the quarry floor and removal of the invasive cotoneaster and ash. Further work for this season includes shrub planting to the screen for the Linden Homes Development, strimming previously cleared areas to enable primroses and bluebells to flourish, removal of two ash trees obstructing the growth of the large beech and if time permits further coppicing of hazel and ash removal on the west side. On January 9th we were pleased to welcome Lynn Kenderdine the County Wildlife Site Officer of the Devon Wild Life Trust who had asked to come to inspect how the management had progressed since her last visit 8 or so years ago and to meet the volunteers. I am pleased to report that she was very impressed with the work that has been carried out and offered to make further visit through the year to observe the flora during the four seasons. This would provide her with information to advise on a management strategy for the coming years. Following a suggestion from our Chairman I am pleased that she has agreed to attend a future Parish Council Meeting to talk about her findings and her suggestions for future management.

The Hoyle Copse Gang also spent half a day working in the Village Orchard to tidy up before the Wassail and to start on reducing the ivy on the church boundary wall. Cllr Jones thanked Trevor Sedgbeer for his donation of a first aid kit.

11 Highway and Hedgerow Matters – Cllr Ellis, Cllr Hunt and Cllr Tully advised on various potholes. As previously reported a full detailed list was passed to Cllr Pennington. Cllr Bridge reported on the ongoing issue concerning a sewer leak opposite the local shop. Although the leak had now been repaired over two weeks after it was reported she felt that a strong letter should be written to South West Water. This was agreed. Cllr Jones reported that 4x4 vehicles were being driven along Drymore Lane causing extensive damage and noise especially at night. The culprit was known and the issue would be reported to the police. A number of signs were missing around the village and the new village sign needed further work. Cllr Pennington advised that the TAP fund could be used for such emergencies. Cllr Robinson advised that the sign at the junction of Paignton Road and Aish Road had been knocked down by the A & B coach driver. This had been reported to A & B Coaches. Cllr Robinson advised that a road closure would take place in Coombe Shut outside Little Holme between 11th and 13th February and Coombe House Lane would be closed on Saturday 16th March between 15.30 and 18.00 for the South Devon 10k run. Cllr Tully advised that the six ton limit sign on the Waddeton Road at Port Bridge should be re-sited at Four Cross. Cllr Robinson requested updates on the annual footpath inspections at the next meeting.

12 Matters raised by Councillors – No matters were raised.

13 Accounts

Cllr Robinson explained that there was a Government grant towards the annual precept for 2013/14 of £ 998.00. If the Council wished to keep the precept at £ 14,000.00, the same as in previous years, we should request from SHDC the sum of £ 13008.00. The grant would be added to this amount. The amount from the District Council should therefore mean that the local Parish tax would be reduced. This was agreed by all Councillors.

To agree the following payments

It was proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Jones to make these payments

J Robinson – Expenses	£ 43.02
J. Robinson annual allowance for use of house and Motor vehicle (as agreed)	£ 200.00
Stoke Gabriel Village Hall – Hire November 2012	£ 14.00
Plandscape – November cuts	£ 185.81
Plandscape – Annual orchard hedge cut	£ 131.14
Enigma Signs - Geological Map display	£ 154.34

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Date of next Meeting- The next meeting is Monday 25th February 2013

