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STRETE CELEBRATES





STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

Celebratory events planned in Strete over the Platinum Jubilee long weekend

Everyone is very welcome at all the events

Thursday 2 nd June	6pm	Musical Concert in St Michael's Church. The church will also have a display of flowers on view all weekend.
	9.15pm	St Michaels Church bell will be rung. simultaneously with others across England.
	9.30pm	Beacon Lighting at Manor Farm, timed to be simultaneous with others across England at 9.45. Afterwards, refreshments at Manor Farm Barn courtesy of Kate Gill.
Friday 3 rd June and Saturday 4 th June	11am to 10pm	Beer Festival at the Kings Arms. Jazz band, food and fun.
Sunday 5 th June	11am	St Michael's Church Service of Thanksgiving for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
	2.30 to 4.30	Strete Street Tea Party on Hynetown Road outside the Parish Hall. (Road closure). Bring along a plate of food and meet your neighbours! Hot drinks will be provided by Strete Social Club, and there will be homemade bunting, competitions for the kids and a free Platinum Jubilee China commemorative mug for every Strete Parish resident 16yrs of age or under, courtesy of Strete Parish Council.
	Approx 4pm	Official Strete Village Photograph, to be taken by Nick Shepherd in the Church Car Park.

As well as the beer festival on Friday and Saturday, the Kings Arms Community Pub will of course be open every day throughout the long weekend to host your family celebrations and serve you with a delicious range of food and drink.

Table bookings are highly recommended as they expect to be very busy.

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Kings Arms



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Friday 3rd/Saturday 4th | Noon to 11pm

Live streaming of The Party at the Palace.

Friday:

Kings & Queens kids fancy dress
Live music from:
Wez Richmond.
The Boatnotes (featuring Joe Dostal).

Saturday:

Coronation 50s fancy dress for all.
Live music from:
The Dart Valley Stompers jazz band.
Skiffle & West Country Folk from Anfer.



PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PICNIC TEA PARTY

Dear Householder

The Picnic Tea Party will take place
in **Hynetown Road**
on **Sunday 5th June**
from **2.30 - 4.30 pm**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

* **PICNIC:** please bring your own food, drink, plates, cups, etc. Coffee and tea will be available in the hall. Tables and chairs will be set out in the road so come with family + friends + visitors + neighbours to enjoy this very special occasion. We do need some idea of how many people will be coming so should be grateful if you complete the form below and either put in the box outside the main doors of the hall or the one in the shop.

Alternatively, you could email Penny: p.g.penhale@hotmail.com

* **COMPETITION:** design and make a Jubilee Hat. Any age can enter and the hats will be judged during the afternoon. There is a cash prize, kindly donated by the Captain Pearson Memorial Trust.

* **JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE MUGS:** these, kindly donated by the Parish Council, will be given to all young people 16 and under, permanently resident in the Parish.

* **TOAST:** to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

* **PHOTOGRAPH:** 4.00 - 4.30 pm, a photograph of Parishioners will be taken in the Church car park.

* **ROAD CLOSURE:** Hynetown Road, from Totnes Road to The Plat junction, will be closed to traffic from midday until 6.00 pm on 5th June.

* **WEATHER:** it **will be** a beautiful day but **if** it did happen to rain, we shall just move into the hall!

Yours sincerely,

Penny

on behalf of Strete Parish Hall Committee

Name

No.attending



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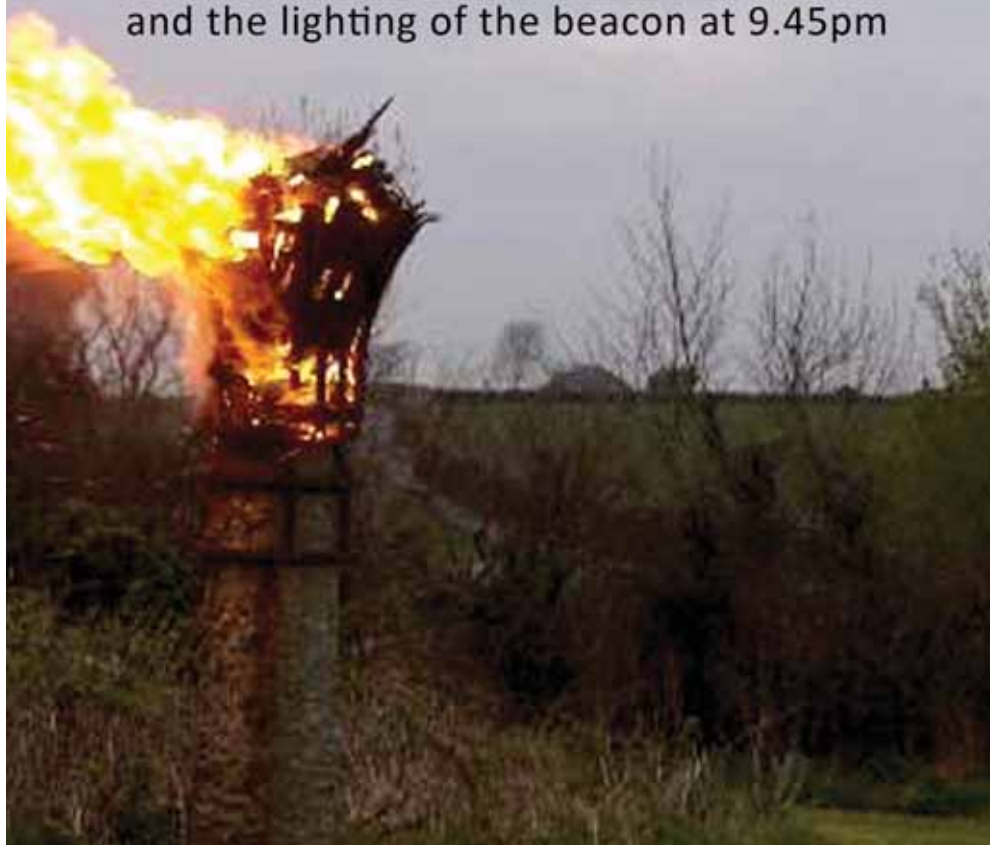
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To reserve seats please contact Trish 07976 269208
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STRETE LIGHTS THE BEACON



Manor Farm on Thursday 2nd starting 7pm
with music, refreshments
and the lighting of the beacon at 9.45pm





Thursday 2nd June 7pm



The Beacon Evening at Manor Farm

There will live music and supper will be available in the barn from **7pm**. Coffee will be available.

Please bring your own drink/alcohol for the toast to

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

At 9.30pm we will gather in the arboretum for the lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm by Beacon Master Ian Cumberlidge.

Later we will reconvene in the barn to continue our celebrations with music.

The event will be recorded by filming remotely using miniature aircraft.

Menu

Caramelized Apple & Blue Cheese Crostini

Beacon Tart

Mixed salads

Red Cabbage with Blackberries & Star Anise

Jacket Potatoes

Cheese Board

Raspberry Apple & Marshmallow Surprise Dessert

Coffee with Mints



Parish Hall Committee Annual Report

We continue to work hard to ensure Strete Parish Hall is an asset at the heart of our community: being accessible, sustainable and always presentable.

- * **Since** last year the woodworm in the roof has been treated. Whilst working up there the technician discovered various holes in the roof which had been stuffed with plastic carrier bags: these have now been fixed.
- * **The outside** of the hall has been pressure washed with anti-fungicide.
- * **Two trees** either side of the main gate have been removed as they were causing problems with the patio slabs and the church car park wall. There has been the added advantage of opening up views of the hall. We have had 2 large branches overhanging the church car park removed at the church's request.
- * **Maintenance** of the grounds continues to be a problem as despite various requests no-one has come forward to help. We are, therefore, having to pay for some of the work. Our patio benches were sadly condemned and 2 new teak benches purchased. Social Club had donated £200 a while back towards a new porch but after the committee decided not to have a porch as the back door was now a fire door, Social Club asked that the money go towards one of the benches: there is a plaque on one stating this. These have been treated with teak oil and stored in the garage for the winter.
- * **The dangerous** garage door has been replaced.
- * **Inside** new non-slip flooring has been fitted in the kitchen, inner hallway, storeroom and cleaner's cupboard.
- * **We have** a new cleaner who does 3 hours a week. She is a 6th former at Kingsbridge Community College and has a 4 week schedule plus extra when needed!
- * **Our hourly rental** has been raised from £10.00/hour to £12.50 but long-term users are still able to pay the £10.00. We have also updated our terms and conditions.
- * **Since January 2020** we have been negotiating with Western Power for an increase in their annual rent which has not changed since the 1980s. A solicitor had to be employed, paid by WP, to help us through the legal process. Eventually, in April, contracts were finalised. We are now in the process, with a different solicitor, of registering the Hall with the Land Registry. This could not be started until the contract with WP was completed - apparently.
- * **Events** in the Hall have continued: Short Mat Bowls, Stretch, Social Club, Children's Parties, a Christening, PC and Pub Share Holders meetings and an extremely successful charity Auction of Promises, raising money for the Red Cross Crisis in Ukraine. A Line Dancing Class has started too. Our monthly events are slowly returning and we had a very successful BBQ and Jazz Band event last September. As we have the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations weekend at the beginning of June we decided not to arrange a Village Day but have another BBQ and Jazz Band event on 6th August.

* **Our finances** are still quite sound but we might have to think about alternative ways of heating the hall - solar panels, etc. We shall look into possible grants

* **Sadly** we have had resignations, one of which is Lesley Andrew our very efficient Treasurer. She has been unwell and decided that the time was right to leave, She has been invaluable in her post and with all the other work she has done in the garden, the hall, events, bookings and as my friend and right hand assistant. Luckily Danni who has moved into the village has agreed to take over and the handover is almost complete. Joan Kendall has also left us - her work, knowledge and support have been invaluable. They will both be missed but we know, when they can, they will support Strete Parish Hall.

* **Lesley** and I had started putting our thoughts together to set up a Hall website. Danni has taken this on and is proving a real asset to our Committee and me. Once the website is up and running a Strete Parish Hall sign will go up in the grounds with the contact address.

I repeat: we continue to work hard to make Strete Parish Hall the best we possibly can.

Come to one of our events to experience our lovely hall and meet up with a really friendly group of people who are trying very, very hard to provide a special community facility.





Strete Chapel



Greetings once again from Strete Chapel. We are meeting every **Sunday at 11am** for our weekly service. We have enjoyed fellowship together as well as interesting and challenging messages from our visiting speakers. On the first Sunday of every month we have a **shared lunch** which is enjoyed by all.



Young Searchers children club is meeting from **6-7pm** every **Thursday**. We have been enjoying games, craft and learning through Bible stories each week. If interested please come along!



On Saturday 14th May '**Good news for everyone**' held a coffee morning in the chapel to share information about their work and give out Bibles and the HOPE magazine. If you would like a Bible or Hope magazine then please ask in the chapel or go on to the website to learn more! <https://goodnewsuk.com/>

GOOD NEWS
for Everyone!
formerly known as GideonsUK



With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee approaching it is exciting to be part of a nationwide celebration. We will be joining with Strete Church on Sunday 5th June 2022 for a shared service prior to the village picnic. As Christians the Queen remains an important representative of our faith. She has shared publicly that she has a personal faith, and this has been reflected in both her words and deeds.

In 2008 the Queen said: 'I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life ... He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served.' (<https://christianity.org.uk>)

As a chapel we see the Queen's service and dedication to others as an example to us all. We continue to pray for her as she requested in her first Christmas broadcast in 1952.

'Pray for me ... that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'



St Michael's Church

Sitting in the sun on Plymouth Hoe, munching a tasty sandwich, whilst waiting for my car to be serviced, it's very hard to comprehend the confusion, cruelty and mayhem being experienced across the world, thinking especially of the continuing fighting in Ukraine.

As I watch the pleasure craft crossing the Sound, listen to the water moving gently over the rocks, see the seagulls and pigeons soaring and swooping, I am reminded yet again of the privilege we all have been given to live in this peaceful and beautiful county of Devon.

And I am so glad that some people, fleeing from the destruction of their homeland, have been able to come here too. I do hope we all make them feel welcome.

Thank you for being such lovely communities.

Every blessing

Rev'd Alison

St. Michael's Church

Totnes Road Strete Dartmouth.

The Vicar is Revd. Alison Shaw.

The PCC consists of: PCC members :

Helen Darch, Joan Kendall, Sheila Kingsley-Smith, Andrea Phillips, Brenda Range, Patricia Robertson, and Richard Soans .



**St Michael's
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Every Thursday Morning
From 11:00 -12:30
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Strete Social Club

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STRETE SOCIAL CLUB REPORT 5th APRIL 2022

Dorothy Teal, Joint Organiser, welcomed everyone to our early April meeting. It was fine to see so many members out on a fresh spring afternoon.

Our excellent speaker for the afternoon was Kathy Stansfield from Dartmouth Community Bookshop. Kathy told fascinating stories of the history of the Bookshop and how it operates today. The Harbour Bookshop, as it was previously known and fondly remembered by many members, was set up by Christopher Robin Milne in 1951 in premises now occupied by Whistlefish. Christopher was hoping to avoid the publicity associated with his father's Winnie the Pooh Stories featuring himself, Christopher Robin, a burden he felt heavily. He was known as Billy Moon in his rather dysfunctional family and when sent away to boarding school at ten years old was mercilessly teased about the stories by his father based upon his own teddy. He remained shy and reserved throughout his life. Indeed, when American tourists studying PhD's in Winnie the Pooh would appear at the Harbour Bookshop, he would swiftly hide out the back!

The story of the Bookshop took a new turn many years later when in August 2011 was to be closing when its current owner decided to sell it. The premises were leased and the owner wished to develop the site which prompted the bookshop owner to retrench to his other shop in Falmouth. Loyal customers decided to launch a Save the Harbour Bookshop Campaign and with help from Dartmouth and Kingswear Society, local businesses and publicity in the Chronicle they raised funds.

The Plunkett Foundation assisted them to create a co-operative using the same Model as Community Shops and Pubs (indeed our own Kings Arms!). But this was to be the first Community Bookshop in the country. Dartmouth Trust offered the current premises at a peppercorn rent and many meetings were held in the Cherub across the road! Share issues raised funds and the Members managed to reopen in December 2011, a magnificent achievement.

The Bookshop currently thrives with the long serving manager and a team of volunteers although Covid limitations have challenged this set up as has been the case for so many organisations. However, this prompted a new initiative to provide not just click and collect but an on line presence via uk.bookshop.org/shop/Dartmouth community bookshop. They run collaborative Events and Signings with the Library. Even though the Winnie the Pooh franchise has been sold to Disney there is still that connection. Pictures adorn the walls and Christopher Robin's 100th Birthday was marked in 2021 – and a large Bear is still in the window!

Tea and delicious biscuits were served by Chris Burne and Liane Baldock. It was another enjoyable sociable afternoon.

STRETE SOCIAL CLUB REPORT 19th APRIL 2022

Karen Hales, Joint Organiser, welcomed everyone to our second April meeting. Dorothy Teal, Joint was unable to attend, not due to her planned holiday but sadly due to Covid. Joan Kendall was also absent due to this but happily both ladies are getting better. Several other members were busy with visitors and Easter trips away.

But our select few enjoyed a lovely afternoon with a delightful speaker, Yvonne Temple from the Hip Hip Hooray Studio in Dartmouth, a wonderful new craft shop which opened in April 2021. The business has been doing well with many people taking up or resuming crafts during lockdowns. Holidaymakers



and even mariners from boats are also tempted to buy one of her kits with all the materials to get creative and make something. Yvonne was taught to sew by her Mum at 7 and has always loved anything creative even making her own clothes at 10. She ran a successful business designing and making wedding dresses for four years while raising her family but a house move meant she tried a new direction. Yvonne loves to connect with the community through her shop, running workshops



at the rear even if the shop is just 6 feet wide in places! She has found great success in providing creative sewing retreats in Ashprington, offering great food and accommodation with a chance to make friends and be pampered. But no hot tubs for us - Yvonne invited us all to make a floral motif for a card and had provided all the materials in individual packs. Soon we were all busy sewing flowers and never had the room been so quiet! We even were brandishing glue guns under Yvonne's excellent guidance and proudly all produced handmade cards to take home. Tea and delicious biscuits were served by Rosemarie Stevens and Judy Bedggood after our hard work and Derek Darch organised an excellent raffle. It was another enjoyable afternoon together.

STRETE SOCIAL CLUB REPORT - 3rd MAY 2022

Dorothy Teal welcomed everyone to our early May meeting on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Many members gathered to meet friends and hear our speaker, Liz Raeburn. She was delighted to return to Strete which holds happy memories of walking with the late Malcolm Shuttleworth and his wife Mary, dearly missed friends of us all. Her presentation was entitled "With The Sea On My Left" a most amazing story of walking around the English Coast. She simply loves walking and wanted a challenge! She set off from Slapton with the sea on her left on 1st May 2019 and returned back there on 4th November having walked 2490 miles of coastal path in 55 days a truly magnificent achievement.

Before setting out she made herself a few rules including use marked trails, permissive routes, ferries and bridges wherever possible. If she took any form of transport, she must return to that point the next day. The Golden Rule was to keep in touch with the family every day. She also promised to send a friend in Kingsbridge a post-card from every castle – a big task in Northumberland!

Accommodation had a change of plan. She started on Day One with full camping gear and tent but soon realised that this was far too heavy and by Gara Rock agreed to have it collected and go onward with a lighter pack – of just 42 kg! She stayed in a variety of places from beach huts and beaches to caravans off season but mainly in Youth Hostels and backpacker hostels usually about £10 per night. She even resorted to guest rooms in Care Homes on occasion.

Favourite walking days included Saltburn by the Sea in Yorkshire, Blakeney in North Norfolk, Beachy Head, Dover, the Jurassic Coast, Clevedon at sunset and many more. Favourite coastal paths were Offa's Dyke and Beadnell Harbour in Northumberland.

Food was critical as the biggest problem was keeping weight on. Plenty of noodles, jacket potatoes and 4 pints of full cream milk a day were needed. She had one major injury when she fell just 100 yards from a Youth Hostel in Perranporth. Surgery was required on her arm and 3 weeks rest at home was advised. Then she returned and carried on! She noted helpful organisations such as the RSPB, RNLI, Tourist Information and National Coastal Watch.

In summary Liz said that each walking day presented a variety of challenges. She loved the changing scenery every day, not knowing what to expect. She enjoyed chatting to locals and people she met on the paths but also enjoyed the solitude. She never expected it to be a pilgrimage, but it became one as she had so much time to think. But she never felt threatened or alone. Interestingly Liz said that we can confuse loneliness with being solitary because as a society we have forgotten how to be still. But being solitary gave her the opportunity to step out of the ordinary to find her own voice and her own thoughts.

The whole experience has opened her life up to new things.

Liz closed by posing members a quiz on our coastline with prizes for those who could name the place from her clues.

Karen Hales thanked Liz for an inspiring and happy afternoon. She said she had greatly enjoyed her visit to our friendly community Social Club. Teas were served by Colleen and Carol with Derek organising the raffle. The meeting closed with everyone cheered by a delightful time together.

STRETE SOCIAL CLUB REPORT - 17th MAY 2022

It was a cold and wet afternoon but there was a very warm welcome to our Parish Hall where members of the social club met for their fortnightly meeting.

There was a good attendance with one gentleman guest. Our leader dealt with the usual business and our speaker for the afternoon was introduced and welcomed back to give us an illustrated talk on Cornwall.

Brian Parker took us through the history of Cornwall covering the language, religion, culture, traditions, engineering connected with the mines and of course the two bridges that link Cornwall to Devon, traditions and food (Cornish Pasty) and dispelled the saying that the thick crust on the edge was for the Miners to throw away this as it was contaminated with arsenic) illustrating this with a photograph of Miners eating with the edge of the pasty wrapped in a protective cover of paper or something). The two main occupations are Fishing and of course Mining of which one can see left in the landscape the engine houses to remind us of this.

He did not mention the scone and which way jam and cream should be and also the Saffron cake which is in the writer's mind is very Cornish.

He finished with a picture of the bridge where the Cornish Emblem is mounted showing a miner, fisherman, the shield with the dots being coins and the Cornish Chough perched at the centre of the top Bearing the Celtic name KERNOW.

He was thanked by Karen for an interesting and informative talk so well put that we could all understand even the most complicated of subjects.

Tea and biscuits were served by Karen and Hilary after which the draw was made. This brought a very interesting afternoon to a close.



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STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 24th March 2022 AT 7.00 PM

PUBLIC FORUM: Mr. Green and Ms. Kenny discussed a letter they had sent to the Council on the application for **Landcombe House. 0426/22/FUL**. This planning application sought to address issues with road safety at the gate access on the approach to the House on the A379. With this in mind Devon Highways had visited to review the site. Mr Green also explained the application covered access issues experienced by elderly relatives. Finally, the application sought to deal with a previous concern expressed by the Council on the view from the Coastal footpath. PH asked about a fallback position described in the application to go for agricultural use as permitted development. Mr Green replied this was on the recommendation of their agent so that work would take place under either use.

Mr and Mrs Bennett introduced themselves as new householders who had purchased a primary home in Strete.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor was absent and a report on Devon County Council [DCC] was not given.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The District Councillor was not present and a report on South Hams District Council [SHDC] was not given. He had emailed to inform the Council that the garden waste collection would recommence next week. For Strete the first collection would be on Wednesday 6th April.

0322/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); County Councillor Julian Brazil; District Councillor Richard Foss.

0322/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17th February 2022

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

0322/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **Prior to the meeting the Monitoring Officer had been consulted on the disclosable interests councillors held in the Kings Arms Strete. It was decided in view of this the Council would not consider application Kings Arms Inn Strete. 0189/22/ADV.**

0322/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council on

Landcombe House. 0426/22/FUL. New access driveway using existing entrance. In addition to blocking up of existing entrance and the reduction in size of the existing parking area (retrospective). Landcombe House Strete TQ6 0RH. The application was discussed and

included a concern over the speed limits around Landcombe House which are currently at 40MPH rather than 20MPH. The entrance on the bend by the barns will be closed on the recommendation of DCC Highways as it is deemed dangerous. IC asked if the old gateposts would be reinstated. This was confirmed as part of the intention to be the main entrance to the property. **Resolved to support with a comment on the need for a review of the speed limits stating a preference to see the 20MPH limit extended up to Landcombe House.**

Blossoms Pasture. 0135/22/HHO. Householder application for alterations and extensions, detached garage, relocation of oil tank. Blossoms Pasture Hynetown Road Strete TQ6 ORS. **Resolved to support.**

Kings Arms Inn Strete. 0189/22/ADV. Advertisement Consent for replacement fixed sign 2.3m high x 1.2m width x 01.m depth and new banner sign 1.4m high x 5m width x 0.1m depth located at the car park (retrospective). Kings Arms Strete TQ6 ORW. **This was not considered by Councillors.**

Stancombe Wood. 0678/22/FUL. Provision of grain/straw store (resubmission of 0119/21/FUL). Cornish Post Blackawton. TQ9 7AW. **Resolved to object on the basis of traffic at the site. Councillors felt there would be fewer lorries on site and on the Totnes Road but these would be larger.**

0322/5 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS
Council targets agreed for 2021/22 year.

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	DAAT has closed their latest grant round. They will work with the parish in future funding bids. Some land in the village is still subject to probate. A parishioner had suggested land down by Southwood which had been used for a daytime helicopter at one time. PH felt it was too steep for night time landing. £1,010.47 is earmarked in reserves toward the project.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	Vision Zero awarded £2,345 toward a second VAS machine. DCC Highways is liaising with PH on the requirements for a VAS machine. It is now proposed to link the gateway project [discussed January 2022] with the VAS and see if the monies can be used for both initiatives. Monies to be spent by July 2022.

3	Raise Awareness of any forthcoming Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	Drop-in event in Village Hall will be rescheduled to a Saturday in May. The CAB to provide their advisors. PH has requested £400 from RF's Biodiversity and Climate Change fund toward this initiative.
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	Need a volunteer.
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	Sites offered include Manor Farm. The Church will plant a crab-apple tree in the Churchyard to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. IC suggested room for two [silver birch] trees below the Village Green. DCC Highways would need to be consulted on suitable trees and upkeep/insurance issues.
6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	Target met at the October 2021 meeting.	It was resolved at the October meeting to endorse the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill going through parliament.

Other matters.

Leak at the top of Philip Knight's field by the VAS. This has been marked up by South West Water to be dealt with. **Monument at Strete Gate.** The latest draft maintenance agreement [circulated to councillors on 16th March] has been taken back to the Field Studies Council for further discussion. Piers Spence at Stokenham will represent the six parishes. The principle of sharing the cost of maintenance is agreed by all six parishes and an indicative contribution figure has been calculated for each Parish based upon Parish populations. It remains for these individual contributions to be finalized and approved by the six Councils upon completion of discussions on scope with the Field Studies Council. It was observed that DCC wouldn't submit a planning application to re-site the monument until the maintenance agreement had been finalized but the agreement couldn't be finalized until the monument was in its new location. Insurance for the monument would be the responsibility of DCC.

The dog bin was now in its new location up from Manor Farm.

Resolved the Clerk to confirm with SHDC that the refuse collection would now include this bin. Signs will be put up to direct dog walkers toward the new bin.

Post box. This may need to be escalated as Royal Mail has not responded.

0322/6(a) FINANCE

Four cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting.

Cheque 1829 – South Hams District Council print costs toward Strete Neighbourhood referendum £575.43 plus £98.29 VAT. The payment was approved but as South Hams Council no

1826 – Clerk salary for March £271 plus pay award backdated to April 2021. £52.25.	1827 – Strete Parish Hall hire February £30.
1828 – Mr Peter Hales reimbursement of print	

longer accepts cheques it was resolved the Clerk would pay this on her credit card and claim reimbursement in April. **It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payments as enumerated above.**

0322/6(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for March 2022. She informed the meeting this statement was near enough the final outturn for the year. As cheque 1829 must be paid online and reclaimed in the new financial year, the monitoring should be adjusted for the £673.72 gross cost lodged in 2021/22 and now carried forward to 2022/23. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website and the noticeboards.**

0322/6(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £9,142.26CR Current account at 08/03/22, £11,309.59CR Business Reserve account at 08/03/22.

0322/6(d) FINANCE

Fuel costs are considerably higher than 2021 and had been raised as an issue by some contractors. Since contracts had been agreed in February, there had been an extra £180 lodged for the grass cutting contract and £550 included in the 2022/23 budget toward the road sweep. **These contracts will be monitored and checked against actual fuel prices. The Clerk will send out an updated budget spreadsheet for 2022/23.**

0322/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Buddle holes. IC updated the meeting on the specification for the buddle hole contract. He had identified more buddle holes including ones at Norns Lane, Burlestone and Gara Mill. **Resolved PH to update the map for the parish with all buddle holes. The updated scope will go out to tender to three contractors.**

0322/8 PLATINUM JUBILEE

Beacon lighting will take place at 9.15pm on June 2nd. This will coordinate with beacons being lit nationwide. PH updated the meeting on the plans for the mugs.

The Council resolved to order 36 jubilee mugs [the smallest batch order of the preferred supplier] to give away to children in the parish. Resolved the Clerk to find out how many children [16 or under on 5th June 2022] were in the parish.

0322/9 SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP

GC reported back from the last Slapton Line Partnership meeting held on March 22nd. He recounted Julian Brazil's view at the meeting that little had been done since 2003 to preserve the Line. The rock armour along the beach was not substantial enough to counter another severe storm. Richard Foss and Julian Brazil have engaged a contractor to replace breaches of the armour as they occur. GC noted a need for more money to be put toward the security of the Line. He also felt it would be helpful if there was a way to overcome the restrictions imposed by the SSSI designation and the perceived significant influence of Natural England and The Environment Agency. However, any amendments to the SSSI designation would have to go through parliament. The MP is keen to ensure the Line is retained and is attending Partnership meetings. GC felt the adaptation plan which is being scoped at the moment and has a two-year timescale to completion was at risk of being derailed by a major storm in the meantime. The adaptation manager Sam Lew has convened an Adaptation Plan workshop on April 5th and GC and PH will attend this.

GC referred to scientific papers on the Bay and its geology previously circulated to Partnership members. **Resolved the Clerk to locate these papers and circulate them.**

0322/10 MONUMENT AT STRETE GATE This was reported on at 0322/5.

0322/11 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Annual meeting of electors on 21st April. Invitations have been delivered to groups in the Parish to attend on the 21st April. Email chasers will be sent and the agenda put in the noticeboards. The police have been invited as well. Julian and Richard will be asked if they can attend. **KG offered to provide refreshments for the meeting.**

Banking. The Clerk received an electronic mandate from Bankline to complete. She contacted them to request a paper copy as the PDF isn't downloading. The PC can then start the process to enrol onto Bankline. **This was discussed later in the meeting under 0322/16.**

Road safety measures. PH has corresponded with James Anstee at DCC on the project. The police are doing a two-week monitoring of speed through Strete from 10th March. The data should be available to underlie where a mobile speed camera can be located. DCC have not confirmed the gateway works could be included in this project.

Post box on Hynetown Road. The Council wrote to Royal Mail on 24th January to complain and ask for the post-box to be reinstated.

HMCE grant. To apply in April for various road-related works including buddle holes and main sweep.

Jubilee. Liaison with other local parishes. Slapton PC has asked for details of Strete events so the celebration can be coordinated. Stoke Fleming PC has sent a list of their planned events.

The report was received.

0322/12 CHAIR'S REPORT Report submitted before the meeting.

March Newsletter. A paper copy of this was distributed to every household in Strete during the week commencing 7th March.

The newsletter discussed the Precept, the Parish Council's plans for traffic calming and the grant for an additional vehicle speed monitoring device, Broadband improvement and additional telephone poles in the village, winter road salt and plans for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Parish Council plans to give a free commemorative China mug to every young person resident in the Parish aged 16 or under at 5th June 2022. Also attached to the newsletter was a resident survey seeking feedback on the Section 106 funds from the developer, and which capital projects the funds should be directed towards. The survey closes on 18th March and it is hoped that it will provide useful feedback to inform a discussion at the forthcoming village meeting in April

Annual Village Meeting. This is set for 6.30pm on Thursday 21st April in the Parish Hall and will immediately precede the April meeting of the Parish Council. I understand that Anthony Mangnall MP has recently visited Stokenham PC to take public questions and I hope that we might be able to get him along either to the Annual Parish Meeting or another public village meeting in Strete, so that residents may ask him about his perceptions regarding the permanence of the Slapton Line and other pressing matters of interest

Bus Consultation by Devon County. DCC has now finished its consultation with the bus companies on an enhanced partnership. Disappointingly, it has decided to delay the full public consultation on the Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) until after it has received a decision from central government on levels of funding. DCC anticipate this will be sometime in March but have been given no firm timeline from the DfT. The consultation had been due to have started in mid-January 22.

Contracts. The Parish Council is currently out to tender for Buddle Hole Drainage maintenance (3-year contract). A road sweeping contract for two years was awarded to Mark Rowe at the February meeting.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anniversary in June. A meeting between interested parties was held immediately prior to the February Parish Council meeting. A range of events is being planned by village organisations and other individuals. The Parish Council will do its best to ensure that all residents are fully aware of the events as the June date approaches.

Slapton Line Partnership. Sam Lew has started employment as Adaptation Manager for the Partnership and has introduced himself to a number of Parish Councillors at a meeting in February. Sam has agreed to attend the PC meeting planned for 19th May to answer residents' questions about the draft Adaptation Plan that he has been recruited to produce.

The next meeting of the SLP has been advised for 22nd March 2022 and an agenda has just been issued (appended). The PC has also been asked to make delegates available to take part in an Adaptation Plan Co-creation Workshop on 5th April, which is being organised by Sam. However, details are not yet available.

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial. The second face-to-face six-Parishes meeting took place at Strete Parish Hall on 10th March. In the interim between the first and second meetings, Piers Spence and Richard Foss had attended an informal meeting with the Field Studies Council to ascertain their position on who should control and execute the expected scope of work that is proposed to be funded by the six Parishes.

FSC indicated that they would prefer to control and execute the work themselves using their own contractors, a position which reduces the scope of the draft agreement somewhat from a Strete PC perspective. Revised drafts have been produced and scrutinised and at the meeting on the 10th the Six Parishes were able to agree a preferred form of words and a payment arrangement to share the cost of a ten-year agreement, allowing the FSC to organise and carry out the work. This will become revision C4 Plan A of the Agreement and will be issued shortly to all interested parties. Costs will be shared by the Parishes in proportion to their respective populations - Strete's share of the cost is expected to be £77 per annum. Revision C4 Plan A of the Agreement is now finalised as an agreed form of words in expectation of final negotiation of the scope with the FSC. FSC have indicated that this will not be possible until they have seen the detail of the removal and replacement scope of work from DCC, including landscaping. The next actions are therefore with DCC to get on and submit a planning application and then carry out the removal and relocation of the memorial to the new site at Strete Gate. Both Ward members attended the meeting and will report back to their respective organisations that the Parishes are ready to go ahead with Maintenance Funding – this was previously being touted by DCC as one of the reasons for lack of progress on the relocation.

Climate Change Emergency. Recent alarming increases in the costs of fuel and energy utilities underline the pressing need to encourage residents to reduce dependence and consumption on fossil fuels and shift to greener sources of energy. The PC's postponed Home Energy Efficiency residents meeting arranged for 15th January had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but it is hoped to be able to re-arrange it for a date in May.

Waste Collections. SHDC have advised that the "Brown Bin" green garden waste collections will re-commence from 28th March. The first collection in Strete will be Wednesday 6th April.

Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance. The PC is continuing to search for a suitable night landing site for this important facility. The basic requirements are for a flat field (max 6-degree slope) sized at least 50 metres by 50 metres, not used by animals or crops, accessible from public roads and with no nearby overhead wires. (The criteria for night landings are much tighter than for those carried out in daylight.

Post Box on Hynetown Road. I am afraid that so far, the PC has been unable to get any form of response from Royal Mail over our appeal against their decision to remove it. The PC will continue to press for a replacement.

Coronavirus Pandemic. Whilst most restrictions have now been removed, and the remaining travel restrictions are set to be removed on 18th March, it remains the fact that reported cases are high and there are anecdotal reports of high levels of infection locally. In the seven days up until 10th March the reported infection rate in the South Hams was 665 per 100,000, up from 413 the previous week. **The Chair's report was received.**

0322/13 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan is conducting a consultation exercise on the Climate Change Emergency **until April 21st**. The consultation recommends the inclusion of a number of climate-friendly features in new planning applications such as solar power, heat pumps and new EV chargers.

0322/14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 0322/12.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. Dear All Not a lot to tell you except that negotiations are still ongoing. We are still in consultation with FSC and holding meetings with our fellow councils. One was held on 10th March. We will be having a Slapton Line Partnership Meeting on 22nd March at Follaton House chaired by Sam Lew. Information will be available in due course.

LN. Roads: hedges, and litter. LN was absent but had submitted a report. Road Report. I have very little to report on the roads. The milestones are fine. There is a large pothole on the Totnes Road by Combe Cross. The litter pick took place kindly coordinated by Helen Darch and my husband, Richard as I got stranded in London due to the weather. Kate Gill very kindly provided refreshments, thank you very much. Thanks to everyone who came and collected litter in rather inclement weather, I gather there was not as much as last time, except on the A379 towards Blackpool. The Clerk confirmed the gate posts on the Coastal path will be mended by John Gilbert and recharged to DCC. GC reported eight steps are broken on the path down to Strete Gate. **Resolved the Clerk to report this to the Rights of Way officer.**

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison. Defibrillator. The defibrillator continues to be monitored and reported to the South West Ambulance.

Snow warden. The final few bags of salt that remained outside the village hall have now been returned, and the garage re organised to accommodate in total twenty-five bags of salt should they be required in the future. A total of fifty-five bags were collected by villagers.

Parish Hall. Two recent resignations from the hall committee means that there is a real need for some local residents with fresh ideas to step forward to support and help with events for this much needed village asset.

The date for the Auction of Promises has been changed to Saturday 9th April, with all proceeds now going to the

Ukrainian Appeal. There have been some wonderful pledges of support, and it was felt that this may encourage more people from both within and outside the village to come along. Local primary schools have been invited to produce bunting and pictures, the local paper will be asked to do a feature about the event, and social media portals will be used to spread the word about the event. Doors will open at 6.45pm and music on arrival will be provided by Trish and George from the Laughing Monk. Canapes will be offered to accompany drinks that will be available from the bar, and the auction will begin at 7.30pm.

Other. The new poo bin has now been installed by the bottle banks on Totnes Road. There have been no issues with the others.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Strete Gate: - Strete Gate;- Nothing really to report here, apart from a rather noisy, and late, music and bonfire party last week, on the back of the beach. The start of a season of 'many', I fear...! GC noted the extension of the carpark was also in place for Tor Cross car park.

Tree Warden;- A handful of trees, (Pinus Macrocarpa) are having to be dismantled at the S.W. end of the village. Casualties of Storm Eunice, I'm afraid.

It would appear that, still, more trees are being removed than are being 'planted', (sadly), which is something that ought to be "addressed" soon.

Play Park; - I have noted down a small list of items which 'we' need to purchase, with which 'we' can carry out some repairs fairly painlessly. The play-park grass now needs cutting and will be cut next week except a bit in the middle where the moles are. They will need to be moved. The play equipment needs a coat of anti-rust paint and GC has some non-slip paint for metalwork.

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. PC Report – March 2022. Neighbourhood Plan. Finally, South Hams District Council concurs with the Examiner's recommendations in respect of the modification to address the settlement boundary error included in the made Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which excluded the Kings Arms Car Park from within the settlement boundary.

SHDC require a copy of the amended Neighbourhood Plan to check out. They have suggested the Front Page is amended to read ***"Made Plan as amended by Formal Modification: 10th March 2022"*** and include all amended plans in the document where the new settlement boundary is shown. This will be prepared and submitted before the next Parish Council meeting in April.

The Kings Arms. The gardening volunteer team continue to work weekly on improving the garden as a place for customers to relax and unwind with a beer or glass of wine together with something to eat. New electricity rates have been received that show a 51% increase. This could lead to electric charges for the pub in the region of £8k per annum based on the usage for 2021.

A retrospective planning application has been submitted for the replacement signs in the pub Car Park. Closing date for comments is 17/03/2022 with a decision due on 14/04/2022. Strete Community Pub Ltd (SCPL) Committee is preparing a financial report to deliver to Shareholders on **Sunday 24 April at 2pm in the Parish Hall, Strete**. This report will focus on the health of the company accounts and present its outgoings, income, the peaks and troughs of business, areas of concern and future forecasts.

As a community run pub, we are always seeking volunteers so, if there is anyone who would like to get involved, please make contact with the Secretary, Karen Hales (karen.hales@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk

Steve (chef), Louis and Scott are becoming a formidable team in the kitchen along with Natalia (Tally), who has progressed to Supervisor at Front of House. Together with the support of Lizzie, Lucca, Lola, Ruby and Roscoe, who have all shown tremendous determination to make the experience of customers truly awesome, the Kings Arms is certainly getting its name on the map as being the destination pub in the area for hearty and tasty food, the fabulous views and the genuine warm welcome!

The Management Team have advertised for a Front of House Manager as Easter & Summer approaches to ensure the pub continues to improve the experience for everyone visiting the pub. **GC.**

Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Village Green. The field has been cut for the first time since Christmas, the start of a new contract with Greenspace.

The field continues to be a regular social mixing space for local dogs and their owners. Often there are 6 dogs and owners having a great run and a good chat!

Citizens Advice have had a slight delay in returning to face-to-face interview in Dartmouth. This will now start in the first week of April at Dartmouth Community Cafe in the market place in Dartmouth. There will be a face-to-face service from Monday April 4th.

The TQ6 Community Partnership has a new coordinator who is looking to work with all the surrounding villages to identify parishioners' needs and link up with service providers.

The Community Cafe has been the collection point for an amazing contribution to supporting refugees from the Ukraine. Donations of warm clothing, everyday medicine and hygiene material have filled several lorries and the first convoy has reached the refugees. A second group of vans and lorries is going to Moldova as there are problems there with a less developed economy and social system struggling to cope with the refugees. **Reports were received.**

0322/15 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

0322/16 OTHER BUSINESS

PH reported back on the survey sent round on the [s106] monies and which of the three sites parishioners would prefer. These are the Playpark, Village Green and Blackbird Wood. He suggested a site visit to all three sites. **All to let the Clerk know preferred dates for this.**

DR mentioned the badly-rotted fencing by the diagonal carpark. The Clerk explained this was in hand with the landowner. He also mentioned the Auction of Promises and the need to promote this around the Village. The possibility of solar panels on the roof of the Parish Hall was raised. However, a survey had revealed problems with the roof which needed to be fixed first. The Clerk asked if there would be any objections if the Ukrainian flag was raised on the flagpole. This had been cleared with the Parish Hall Committee. **There were no objections.**

GC asked the Clerk about the progress on the bank account and online banking. She explained there had been problems with getting the Bankline registration form to download. She had spoken with Bankline who insisted the form be downloaded and completed using Adobe Acrobat DC; a paper form would not be suitable. She had this latest version of Adobe on her computers but was still unable to load the form. A councillor had tried to download the forms without success as well. Due to the requirements of Standing Orders, it is necessary to have dual signatories when operating a bank account online and Bankline for Communities is the only suitable and compliant bank account offered by Bankline for NatWest customers. *Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk has met with Nick Shepherd the Council's Internal auditor who had kindly liaised with Bankline. He had downloaded the form and now the form will be sent to signatories to sign digitally and a resolution passed by the Council to confirm the acceptance of the terms of Bankline. A resolution will be passed at the April meeting.* Mr and Mrs Bennett kindly offered to provide an owl nesting box for Blackbird Wood and were happy to donate this to the Trust.

0322/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 21st April 2022. There will be two meetings the first of which at 6.30pm is the annual meeting of electors. The Parish Council meeting will run on straight after that meeting. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 8.34 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 21st APRIL 2022

AUCTION OF PROMISES

'The organisers of the Auction of Promises held in the village hall on Saturday 9th April to raise funds for the Ukrainian Appeal are delighted that a staggering **£6704.16** has been forwarded to the appeal.

A huge thank you goes out all those who donated auction promises, to Mr Andrew Jarrod, our local auctioneer, for hosting the evening, and to everyone else who helped make it such a success.

A huge thankyou once again.'

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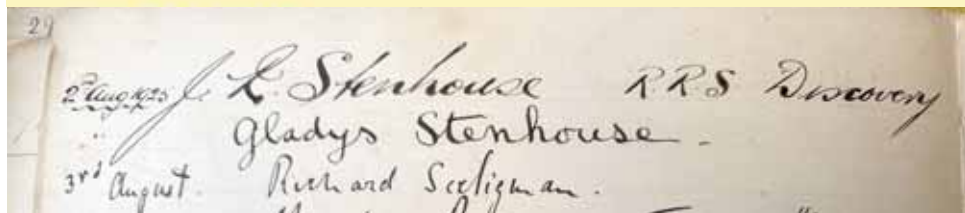
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He was killed in the Red Sea in WW2.



“Joseph Stenhouse, captain of Discovery. The ship left Portsmouth in July 1925. The final aspects of the refit and trials had been rushed in order to reach the Southern Ocean before the start of the whaling season in November, which led to a number of faults developing in the ship as she sailed through the Bay of Biscay and she had to put into Dartmouth for repairs and modifications which took two months”.

J.R. Stenhouse was born in Dumbarton, Scotland, into a prosperous shipbuilding family, and was educated in England at Barrow Grammar School. After a short spell as a junior clerk with Lloyd's Register of Shipping, he served a Merchant Officer's apprenticeship on tall ships rounding Cape Horn. He then joined the British India Steam Navigation Company before receiving a last-minute appointment as First Officer on the Aurora, which was then in Australia awaiting refit. Receiving a commission as a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve on 1 August 1914.



Joseph Russell Stenhouse DSO, OBE, DSC, RD, RNR (1887-1941), commanded the expedition vessel 'SY Aurora' during the 283 day drift in the ice while on service with the Ross Sea component of Shackleton's Imperial Trans Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17. In February 1916 the ice broke up, and a month later the ship was free.



It was subsequently able to reach New Zealand for repairs and resupply, before returning to Antarctica to rescue the seven surviving members of the shore party. For which he was awarded the Polar Medal and the OBE.

During the First World War, he served in Q ships, and was awarded the DSO for anti-submarine actions. Later in the war, he served with Sir Ernest Shackleton in northern Russia, advising on polar equipment and transport and was decorated for the second time. After the war, he returned to the Antarctic with the Discovery Committee with the responsibility of fitting out *RRS Discovery*. He commanded the ship between 1925 and 1927 while she was engaged on whaling and oceanographic research, and was in command during the voyage to Wiencke Island in 1927.

In 1923 Stenhouse married Gladys Mackintosh. He retired from the RNR on 31 December 1931 with the rank of commander. At the outbreak of World War II, however, Stenhouse signed on for active service. While in the Gulf of Aden in 1940, he risked his own life to save that of a crew member after his ship was struck by a mine. On 12 September 1941 he was reported missing, presumed killed, when a merchant navy vessel in which he was travelling as a passenger struck a mine, exploded and sank in the Red Sea.



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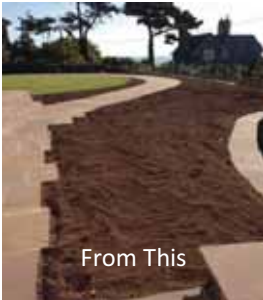
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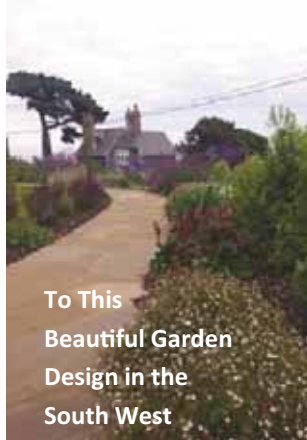
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MINUTES OF THE STRETE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}; Laura Wotton and Emma Widdicombe from SHDC; representatives of parish organizations and parishioners.

0521APM/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB).

0521APM/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING

There was NO meeting held in 2020 due to COVID.

0521APM/3 CONSULTATION ON MOTORHOME POLICY

Emma and Laura attended the meeting to give an explanation of the proposals to provide facilities for motorhomes to stay overnight at two of the three carparks on the Line. Strete Gate was excluded from this consultation as there were no plans to open it up to motorhomes at this time. A report entitled 'Motorhomes Policy' was due to be debated at the South Hams' Executive committee on 22nd April. This had been circulated for consultation over 3 weeks and a large number of responses were received. Broadly the motorhome fraternity was in favour and local people were against the proposed scheme. Of note over seventy people in Slapton had objected to the scheme. **This meeting was to discuss the proposals and for Strete Parish Council to reply to South Hams to confirm whether we supported or did not support the proposals in the report.**

The proposals were to use the carparks as self-contained overnight parking for motorhomes with a maximum stay of two nights. There would be enforcement of activity by localities officers. The first twelve months were a trial period where activity and nuisance would be logged. The proposals reflected common practice across the UK where carparks are turned over to motorhome use at night. The councillors discussed the report. Among questions asked was how would the scheme be policed by South Hams. Graham commented that South Hams Council had struggled to deal with camping on the beach last year. One significant issue was the loss of the toilets at the memorial carpark after Storm Emma and these had not been replaced. Also, how could recommendations be made until the scheme had been piloted. Kate read from her response submitted to South Hams as part of the consultation on the report. She expressed concern over certain assumptions in the report. For instance, that motorhome users would benefit the local economy since many brought their own food. The problems with traffic through the villages would not be solved unless the Aires were located away from the small local roads in larger towns. Simply the local infrastructure can't cope with large vehicles at the moment and this would encourage more of them. There was an issue with pollution from the vehicles and litter in general.

She also felt the scheme should not encourage further development on the AONB as in Option C with permanent showers and facilities. Ian felt the barriers would permit smaller camps to enter the sites and these tended to be ones without onboard facilities. So, this would need to be policed. He also wondered if the barrier at the memorial carpark would lead to traffic moving on to Strete Gate instead. Emma and Laura promised to review all the consultations and they were happy to visit again to discuss later developments.

The Parish Council resolved not to support the proposals as they are stated at the moment.

0521APM/4 REPORTS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Blackawton and Strete History Group [BASH]. Kate Gill reported for BASH. COVID has deterred activity to a great extent. However, VE Day on May 8th was recognised by the lighting of the beacon at Manor Farm. Kate is involved in the Dartmouth Mayflower 400 project which has been carried over from 2020 and has plans for a book on the pilgrims and the food they ate.

Melroe De Smithes. Pam Wills emailed a report on the Woods which the Clerk read out. The woods are looking good at the moment. There are quite a few wild flowers coming up; unfortunately, I think we have some foreign bluebells! We will have to wait until the leaves are on the ash trees before we can see if there is any ash die-back but unfortunately, I expect there will be. The time has come to cut the alders down on the far end against the field and will be replaced with more trees. The path around needs some attention. I see the plastic matting under the path is showing through some places. The notice board inside the gate that explains what is in the woods needs re-doing. If there is anyone in the village who would be interested in coming up with a design please come and see me. I noticed the gate needs attending to, probably needs a new post. All these things cost money so hopefully there will be some grants which we can apply for.

St Michaels Church. The Reverend Alison Shaw talked on the parish church. She reminded the meeting that St Michaels is the parish church for Strete. COVID has affected the normal routines of the parish but prayer and worship has continued, sometimes online. The Church continues to pray for the community of Strete. She also wants to see more engagement in the community and there is a foodbank in the Church for donations to be made. The letter in Strete-wise had garnered little response which was disappointing. If the Parish wants to enjoy solace and access to the ceremonies of baptism, marriage and burial then the Church needs the support of the Village.

Strete Chapel. Derek Harris presented an account of the Chapel which has a building next to the village shop. He started by thanking the meeting for an opportunity to speak. The Chapel and Church share fellowship on special occasions. Last year had seen the Chapel closed due to COVID. Services took place by email and Zoom with other congregations. In July 2020 the government allowed churches to meet again. However, the Chapel was not big enough to accommodate social distancing so the congregation has met at Stoke Fleming Village Hall. They look forward to resuming services in the Chapel as the rules permit and risk assessments are undertaken. There are a number of speakers invited to give the Gospel as there is no pastor. All who are curious about the Christian faith are welcome.

Strete Indoor Bowls Club. The Clerk read out a short report sent to her by Tony Andrew. Unfortunately, like a lot of clubs our 2020/2021 season was a complete wash out, due to the Covid Pandemic.

Traditionally we commence our season at the end of September and conclude in March the following year, with Club, League, Cup and friendly matches played most week's during that time. Our Club Nights are Mondays with the majority of matches played on a Thursday evening. We are a small bunch of enthusiasts, who enjoy both the sport of Short Mat Bowls as well as the usual banter and camaraderie expressed at our weekly get togethers – nothing too serious but competitive with each other. With the refurbishment of the Village Hall that has taken place during the lockdown period we were delighted to be offered the use of the Bryan Seymour Room for our regular use, although the sad passing of Bryan does somewhat take the shine off the new facility. Hopefully, if everything continues to move forward, we will, later in the year, hear the click of bowl on bowl once more within the hall and with a little bit of luck be welcoming some new members to the fold.

Strete Parish Hall. Penny Penhale commenced by congratulating Peter Hales on his appointment as chairman for 2021/22. The last event held in the Hall was the Burns Supper held on 21st January 2020. A few classes were held for instance the stretch class which takes place on Tuesdays. The Hall committee was successful with grants and donations which enabled them to carry out much of the planned works they scheduled. For instance, the west-end wall was almost done except for a fire door and handrail. These changes mean the back door to the Hall is no longer an entrance.

The front doors, planters and rails have been painted and plants put in. A wild flower garden has been planted with insect hotels and places for hedgehogs. The outside lights have been repainted. The new Bryan Seymour Room has new shelving and a coat of paint. The hallways and double doors have been painted. A storeroom at the rear now stores chairs, and tables and has been repainted. There was non-slip flooring in the kitchen and hallway. One outstanding job is treatment for woodworm in the roof. A few events are planned in the next few months for instance a coffee morning on 26th May, a BBQ in September and a quiz in October.

Stretch Class. Penny gave a report. This class meets on Tuesdays and now has 13 people.

Strete Social Club. The Clerk had visited Dorothy Teal to chat about her report. The club had not been able to meet over the COVID period but had at least one event planned before the summer break in July. Dorothy was optimistic things would pick up as conditions improved.

Stretewise Parish magazine. Dave Jones gave an account of the magazine as editor since 2019. The page count was now over 80 pages which is only possible to sustain with advertising and it should break even in 2020/21. The magazine will fund trophies for the Village Day. Subscriptions have increased slightly with around three-quarters of the Village taking the magazine. The magazine wouldn't survive without subscribers. Dave thanked his delivery team for their hard work and cheerfulness.

0521APM/5 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The county councillor was unable to attend and had given his apologies.

0521APM/6 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Richard Foss reported on South Hams District Council under lockdown. There was still a marked change in activity down to the effect of the pandemic. The Council had to meet in Tavistock as other accommodation was too restricted under the COVID rules. There was a problem with refuse collection. Richard thought the contractor, FCC, had not realised the

scale of the contract work required. There is a shortage of drivers but plans are in place to use new smaller lorries to collect the refuse. Those householders who had moved onto the new collection system will continue on that but others will remain on the old system for the moment. He is happy to be the main contact on this issue .

He was not surprised at local response to the motorhomes proposal. He felt council officers needed to be more flexible and work longer shift patterns to match the activity.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Strete had been signed off today at South Hams so it was now official. Richard informed all he was now the Chairman of South Hams District Council and he was congratulated on this.

Peter mentioned a planning application on 2 Crestfield which had been refused. He commented on disparities in interpretation of the planning requirements on this application.

Richard promised to take this up with Patrick Whymer [the head of Planning].

0521APM/7 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported on what was happening with policing as she is the Councillor advocate or liaison with police for Strete. Sgt Jon Croft had responded on two questions to confirm there will be a foot patrol in the Village either PCSO Broadhurst or himself. The Clerk had asked about beach marshals for Strete Gate and this will be looked at as well.

0521APM/8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A brief report was given by Peter. The Council had met on Zoom for the past year until this meeting. People have had to adjust socially but there have also been some heroes for instance the Shop which remained open throughout the pandemic. There had been progress though for instance an extension of the Asset of Community Value protection on the Pub. Various contracts such as sweeping and cleaning the buddle holes were live. The neighbourhood Plan was final and the Council supported it. A scheme of work was planned for the parish benches and picnic tables. Looking forward plans to develop road safety in the village and promote climate change and sustainably measures.

0521APM/9 OPEN FORUM

No one raised anything.

0521APM/10 THE NEXT PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD in MAY 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 21st APRIL 2022



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)
HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 21st April 2022 AT 8 PM
ON THURSDAY 20th May 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell; Cllr Louise Newman (LN); County Councillor Julian Brazil (JB); District Councillor Richard Foss (RF). Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}; four members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Those parishioners present declined to speak.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor complimented Strete's chairman on his proactive approach. He observed this made things easier for the County and District councillors. For example, the plans to move the monument at the Middle carpark which were being discussed in 2019 were aided considerably by the recent work of the Strete and Stokenham chairmen on the maintenance agreement between the six parishes.

Both Devon County Council and South Hams District Council are investing in the proposed Plymouth Freeport. It is hoped this will bring jobs and business into the South Hams.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthandsouthdevonfreeport>

JB noted how communities had come together during COVID and parish councils had helped this to a large extent. Finally, he paid tribute to previous chairmen of Strete Parish Council: Malcolm Hollis, Tony Crawford and Bryan Seymour. He reminded all that parish councillors are unpaid volunteers who give their time freely. **The report was received.**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF touched on the Slapton Line Partnership meeting on 22nd March with Sam Lew [the adaptation manager for the Slapton Line Partnership]. The process of deciding the future of the Line is going to be a long one. It will take funding from central government to keep the Line open. There needs to be a plan in place for when the Line finally goes which is likely some time given the rise in sea level. This back up plan needs to consider an alternate route using the back roads.

Mr. Steve Mullineaux, the Director of Customer Service Delivery at South Hams District Council [SHDC] then spoke in reply to a letter sent by the Parish Council in March which had raised a number of complaints about various services provided by SHDC. He commented that SHDC levies around 9p in the £ on Council Tax bills.

Waste collection service. The contractor engaged by SHDC is a Spanish firm FCC which already had the contract for West Devon. This had worked well and included the recycling arrangements envisaged for SHDC. The contract between SHDC and FCC originally agreed FCC would implement the new recycling system in September 2020.

Thereafter a number of problems arose: the pandemic, lack of staff, unfamiliarity with the routes and the changed working practices adopted under the new recycling arrangements.

It was decided around March 2021 to introduce a phased roll-out of the new arrangements. So, some householders would stay on the new system, some would be on a 'comingled' system where waste would be sorted at the Plymouth waste facility. And some would remain on the old blue and clear plastic bag system. At the same time a decision was taken to focus on the statutory waste collection i.e., the refuse and recycling not the garden waste. This was a temporary means of freeing up resources to focus on the main waste collection. The green waste collection was resumed in March/April 2022.

SHDC has regular meetings with FCC on the management of the contract. In the meantime, householders should report missed collections to www.southhams.gov.uk/missedcollection as this will provide client data on the performance of the contract to report to FCC. Steve also advised householders to leave their uncollected bins outside until the end of the next working day as these may be picked up on a remedial collection.

Planning. SHDC sees more applications than any other district in Devon with only Cornwall locally surpassing this volume. The volume is then compounded by a shortage of planners. Market incentives have been offered but planners move on and so qualified people, many of them knowledgeable on the local area, are lost. Steve admitted a lack of response to communications is a problem with staff but planners have around 50 cases each when the recommended number is 35. The enforcement team has been boosted to six members by new recruits. SHDC intends to bring staff back into the office and this should improve workflow. He admitted the draft Memorandum of Understanding on the working relationship between SHDC Planning and the parishes had not been accepted by many parishes.

PH thanked Steve for this explanation. Steve then left the meeting.

0422/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC).

0422/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24TH March 2022

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

0422/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **No interests were declared though KG later declared an interest under 0422/8.**

0422/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS: Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council on

Southwood Farm Blackpool. 0344/22/FUL. Proposed agricultural building 22.86m x 22.87m with 3.04 m overhang. Southwood Farm Blackpool TQ6 0PN. **Resolved to support with a recommendation that there is a tree screen on the elevations which face the Village.**

Southwood Farm Blackpool. 0345/22/FUL. Proposed agricultural building 18.28m x 22.87m with 3.04 m overhang. Southwood Farm Blackpool TQ6 0PN. **Resolved to support with a recommendation that there is a tree screen on the elevations which face the Village.**

Camellia House, Vicarage Lane Strete. 0871/22/HHO. Householder application for part conversion of garage to living room, changes to window and door colour and minor changes to type and size of windows. Camellia House, Vicarage Lane Strete TQ6 0RN.

Resolved to support.

Other planning matters. RF commented on the recent outcome of Asherne [0647/21/FUL] where the Development Management Committee on 13th April resolved to support the application after a presentation by KG who represented Strete Parish Council. It was explained the car park would not create additional road traffic and this was accepted by the Committee.

RF and JB then left the meeting.

0422/5 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Council targets agreed for 2021/22 year.

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	DAAT has closed their latest grant round. They will work with the parish in future funding bids. This is a long-term goal now. Some land in the village is still subject to probate. £1,010.47 is earmarked in reserves toward the project.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	Vision Zero awarded £2,345 toward a second VAS machine. PH to reply to Vision Zero on whether Strete Parish Council wish to subscribe to the discounted bulk-buy scheme. Monies to be spent by July 2022.
3	Raise Awareness of any forthcoming Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	Drop-in event in Village Hall will be rescheduled to a Saturday in May. The CAB to provide their advisors. PH has requested £400 from RF's Biodiversity and Climate Change fund toward this initiative.
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	Need a volunteer.
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	Sites offered include Manor Farm. The Church will plant a crab-apple tree in the Churchyard to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. IC suggested room for two [silver birch] trees below the Village Green. DCC Highways would need to be consulted on suitable trees and up-keep/insurance issues.

6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	Target met at the October 2021 meeting.	It was resolved at the October meeting to endorse the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill going through parliament.
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Other matters. None were raised separately.

0422/6(a) FINANCE

Ten cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting.

1829 – Clerk reimbursement for card payment for print costs toward neighbourhood Plan. Payment approved 0322/6a. £575.43 plus £98.29 VAT.	1830– Clerk reimbursement for card payment to the Society of Local Council Clerks for CILCA course £410. Approved 1021/8.
1831 – Grant to Parish Hall toward bunting for Platinum Jubilee £75. Approved 1221/8.	1832 – Clerk salary for April £271.
1833 – St Michaels Parish Church annual grant £400. Approved 1121/12.	1834 – Devon Association of Local Councils annual membership £117.58.
1835 – To reimburse Mr P Hales for payment to order 72 jubilee mugs at £527.23 inc VAT. Includes 36 mugs approved 0322/8.	1836 – Helen Solomon Ltd Payroll for y/e 31 st March 2022 £70 plus VAT.
1837 – Mr Chris Ellis bus shelter repairs £70. Approved 1021/8.	1838 – Strete Parish Hall hire March 2 meetings. £60.

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

0422/6(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the initial monitoring statements for 2022/23 which cover April 2022. The costs (£2,688.53) and income (£544.78 from a VAT reclaim for 2021/22) in the statements reflect the first month of the year only. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website and the noticeboards.**

0422/6(c) FINANCE

The fixed asset for the year to 31st March 2022 was received and approved. This now included £1,311.50 of upgrades to the Council’s benches and picnic tables which included replacement timbers, screws and weatherproofing. These measures would extend the useful life of the equipment in excess of 1 year. There were also 5 speed signs. The total cost of fixed assets held is now £89,563.39 at 31st March 2022.

0422/6(d) FINANCE

The Clerk had circulated a **Certificate of Exemption** to exempt the Council from an external audit [limited assurance review] prior to the meeting. This document permits an authority to self-certify that an external audit is not required in a particular year. However, to do so the authority must have income or expenditure less than £25,000 in the year under review here,

2021/22, and the external auditor has not raised matters of concern in connection with the previous audit year i.e., 2020/21. *Draft gross income is £15,742 and draft gross costs £13,218 at 31/3/22. Resolved: to date and sign the certificate to send back to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP.*

The independent examiner to review the accounts and systems in early May and do a report for the May meeting.

0422/6(e) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £9,872.27CR Current account at 08/04/22, £11,309.69CR Business Reserve account at 08/04/22.

0422/6(f) FINANCE

The Clerk explained that Bankline required the Council to pass a resolution as part of the process of application for the online account. The resolution states the Council authorises two signatories to sign on its behalf and the Council accepts its terms of business. Two other signatories will be added once the account is live.

It was resolved that the persons named in section [4] of this application are authorised to:

- **complete and sign the National Westminster Bank PLC’s Bankline application form for provision of internet banking services.**
- **accept the Bankline for Communities pilot terms on behalf of the unincorporated body.**

0422/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

The WIFI contract will need to be renewed from May.

Buddle holes. The process of locating buddle holes is ongoing. **This was noted.**

0422/8 PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Council resolved to order an additional 36 jubilee mugs to provide to children in the parish. KG declared an interest as she wished to order mugs. PH kindly ordered 72 mugs in early April which should arrive in early May in good time for the June celebration. There is also a cheque of £75 toward bunting costs which will go to the Parish Hall committee. £450 in grants have been received toward jubilee costs.

0422/9 CLERK’S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Banking. As above [0422/6(f)] a mandate needs to be signed and a resolution passed. The form should then capture the electronic signatures for the two of four signing under the mandate rules and then be sent back to Bankline. According to Bankline the other two signatories can then be added once the account is up and running.

Road safety measures. Strete Parish Council has now received a grant of £2,345. There is an option to subscribe to a joint-purchase scheme to purchase the VAS at a discount. The Council still need to consider if the Gateway Project can be included in the scheme in this project. It has been lodged in the 2022/23 budget at nil cost. **For note.**

Notification of road works. The Clerk gets daily notices but the information remains a bit hit and miss. The daily notices don’t always match what gets done. Maybe one for Julian.

HMCE grant. This has been applied for to cover at least 50% of the £ 1,480 [ex fuel variation] road sweep contract entered into in February. The Council can apply for more once the buddle hole contract is let. The claim must be for future works not that already paid-for.

Update on insurance and policies and procedures. A renewal from our current insurer was received last week for the same premium as last year £336.83. To investigate if this is still suitable and if another suitable premium might quote for less. To report to the May meeting. For June: to update and adopt the financial regulations. For July: report on updated standing orders. **Action: to discuss and update/adopt as noted. The report was received.**

0422/10 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. April 2022 report

Residents survey for improvements to leisure facilities

Thanks to all residents who responded to the recent survey regarding ideas for spending the approx. £12,000 s106 Developer Contributions for the Blindwells site. These monies are available now to spend on capital projects involving the Play Park, the Village Green and Blackbird Wood. We had 21 survey replies and residents provided a broad mix of opinions and ideas. The PC carried out a series of site meetings at the three locations on the evening of 19th April in order to inform further discussion.

May PC Meeting

The Right Hon Anthony Mangnall MP has agreed to attend our next Parish Council meeting in May. Also in attendance will be Sam Lew, the new Adaptation Manager at the Slapton Line Partnership. One of the more important issues likely to be addressed by Mr Mangnall will be questions surrounding the resilience of the Line. This will be a public meeting, and I believe that there is likely to be a lot of public interest.

Bus Consultation by Devon County

National announcements from DfT that the funding available for the 'Bus Back Better' campaign has been slashed to £1.9 Bn has rather scuppered hopes for the Devon Bus Service Improvement Plan. It is currently unclear what level of funding the County will receive, but it will be a case of cutting the cloth to suit the funding once an announcement is made. Much of the work that went into compiling the BSIP will have been wasted.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anniversary in June

A range of events is being planned by village organisations and other individuals, including a street party (with road closure) on Hynetown Road on the Sunday afternoon. The Parish Council will do its best to ensure that all residents are fully aware of the events as the June weekend approaches. I can confirm that the PC has resolved to give a free commemorative China mug to every Parish resident aged 16 or under on 5th June, and we are keen to refine our list of eligible young people. If you know someone who would be eligible, please let the Clerk know. It is hoped that the mugs will be available for distribution at the Sunday event.

Slapton Line Partnership

A meeting of the SLP took place on 22nd March 2022 and agreed minutes are awaited.

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial

Following agreement of a form of words for the Maintenance Agreement between the six Parishes, Piers Spence, Chairman of Stokenham PC, has opened discussions with the FSC.

Climate Change Emergency

It is still hoped that the PC's postponed Home Energy Efficiency residents meeting arranged for 15th January can be re-arranged for a Saturday morning in May

Waste Collections

The “Brown Bin” green garden waste collections re-commenced in Strete on Wednesday 6th April. However, SHDC have today published an open letter revealing that the contractor is currently suffering from staff shortages and as a result, some brown bin collections are being missed so that statutory black bin and recycling services can be maintained. It remains to be seen how much of a problem this will pose, but it is a disappointing development. **Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance**

The PC has so far drawn a blank in its search for a suitable night landing site for this important facility, and it seems that all current possible candidate sites have now been evaluated and rejected. It remains a long-term PC goal for a site to be found. Meantime, the funding previously raised by a fundraiser at Manor Farm is safely earmarked in a PC bank account.

The basic requirements for a site are for a flat field (max 6-degree slope) sized at least 50 metres by 50 metres, not used by animals or crops, accessible from public roads and with no nearby overhead wires. (The criteria for night landings are much tighter than for those carried out in daylight).

Post Box on Hynetown Road

No response or acknowledgement of our appeal was received from Royal Mail. This is unacceptable, and our MP has now agreed to take up the matter on our behalf. We await developments. **The Chair’s report was received.**

0422/11 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

No report was given.

0422/12 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 0422/12.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend either of the two SLP meetings held recently. Graham has provided info in his report. I have however done some research in old newspaper articles on the correct historical background to our problems with the Line. I will bring some copies with me.

LN. Roads: hedges, and litter There is very little to report on the roads. I notice there is some litter about and am considering a litter pick prior to the Jubilee weekend. **Resolved LN to organise a litter pick on May 28th in the Village. KG to provide refreshments afterwards.**

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison.

Defibrillator. The defibrillator continues to be regularly monitored and reported to the South West Ambulance.

Parish Hall liaison. A very successful Auction of Promises was held in the village hall on Saturday 9th March with a total of over £6500.00 being raised towards the Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal Fund. A huge big thankyou has been given to those who helped organise the event and to those who so generously provided auction gifts.

The next planned event at the hall is a Curling evening on Saturday 30th March.

There have been a number of resignations from the hall committee and if anyone knows of people willing to give up a little of their time to help organise and run events, do please let Penny Penhale know.

Dog bins. There have been no issues with the emptying of dog and litter bins.

DR asked PH if he would make a loyal toast at the tea party on June 5th and he agreed.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Playpark. We should all be fairly "au fait" with the condition of the play-park now, following yesterday evening's site-visit. Whilst I would agree that it is NOT in 'tip-top' condition, it is functional, but needs a bit of "up-lift". I wouldn't be too concerned about its 'looks' at the moment, and having discussed a few very minor problems with Simon Smith, (the Park Inspector), these are easily remedied. A few sessions of mole-hill removal, and another good grass-cut will make a difference. (It IS a playpark, & NOT a bowling green!)

Strete Gate:- No major problems to 'flag-up' really. Car park ok, Loo block well maintained, but still No steps! Although, I seem to remember, that this "promise" was "binned", which is disappointing!

Rights of way. There are still half-a-dozen "dodgy" steps on the coastal footpath, between Strete village, (Pond Field) and Old Hill bridleway junction. All other footpaths/bridleways seem to be fine, and teeming with wildlife, now that Spring/Summer is here.

Tree Warden: there is nothing particularly alarming to report, and hopefully, most Hedge cutting should be minimal, or not happening, as "we", or the birds, are in nesting mode now. (some are feeding chicks already...!!). IC mentioned a plot of land down by Old Hill which he thought might be common land. **Resolved the Clerk and IC to visit the site and inspect it.**

The Clerk will then confirm with the Land Registry if the land is registered.

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. PC Report – April 2022. Neighbourhood Plan. The amended Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted and approved by SHDC. This has been circulated to all Parish Council and NP Steering Group members.

This has been uploaded to the SHDC website

<https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/strete>

and Strete website https://strete.org.uk/rw_common/plugins/stacks/armadillo/media/04dAmendedSNPMarch2022.pdf where it is available for all to see. Work started on Strete NP in June 2015.

The Kings Arms. The retrospective planning application submitted for the replacement signs in the pub Car Park was approved on 14/04/2022.

Strete Community Pub Ltd (SCPL) Committee will deliver a 6-month update to Shareholders on **Sunday 24 April at 2pm in the Parish Hall, Strete.**

This report will focus on the health of the company accounts and present its outgoings, income, the peaks and troughs of business, areas of concern and future forecasts.

As a community run pub, we are always seeking volunteers so, if there is anyone who would like to get involved, please make contact with the Secretary,

Karen Hales karen.hales@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk

Steve (chef) and Natalia (Tally) together with the rest of the Kings Arms Team have all shown tremendous determination to make the experience of customers truly awesome at the Kings Arms.

The Easter holiday was extremely busy and the warm sunny weather brought many to the Kings Arms pub and garden. The Management Team believe a Front of House Manager is needed to support staff and manage the day-to-day organisational issues with housekeeping that arise.

Village Sweeping, Fuge Road and Gateway Scheme. The village sweep is due to take place on 10th May 2022 and will include Fuge Road on all future occasions. This is to present the Fuge Road to Devon Highways in a more ‘cared for’ condition to encourage and persuade them to undertake highway improvements for long-term protection of the route. The PC is still waiting to hear back from Devon Highways in respect of the proposal submitted to reduce vehicle speeding by installing a line marking gateway scheme to encourage vehicles approaching the village near Manor Farm camp site to observe the 20mph speed limit.

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Village Green. No issues re the village field, being cut as required. Cut due this week.

Prideaux Lane barriers. Some time ago the lock on the barrier nearest Start Bay Park went missing. One of the users of the track must have unlocked it and lost it. DCC footpaths have queried the lack of lock after an inspection of the bridleway, and have asked that we replace the missing one. I am suggesting that we use a combination lock as that will mean both locks will not have to be changed. The combination can be given to the farmers and landowners. This will cost £15 for a suitable lock. **Resolved to carry over until GC attends in May.**

Citizens Advice. Please note that Citizens Advice are now operating drop-in face-to-face appointments with an adviser in Dartmouth, on Mondays from 10.30 – 1.30. These are held in the Community Café which is in the Market Place.

Slapton Line Partnership. I was unable to attend the SLP adaptation workshop due to the effects of Covid. The 6 hour Zoom workshop covered a number of important areas, but it would seem that little attention was given to the effects on the local communities and the local economy of a break in the Line. This continues to be worrying, as the emphasis is heavily on environmental aspects. I have not managed to read all the 150-page document about the science and geology of the Line that was put up on the SLP website. I intend to request the evidence about the effectiveness or not of the provision of more rock armour. This is just brushed aside in discussions. **Reports were received.**

0422/13 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

0422/14 OTHER BUSINESS

None was raised.

0422/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 19th May 2022. This will be the Annual General Meeting of the Council. The MP will attend to discuss matters of concern to parishioners. This will include the plans for the Slapton Line. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9.12 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 19th MAY 2022

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- 3 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 tablespoons melted butter



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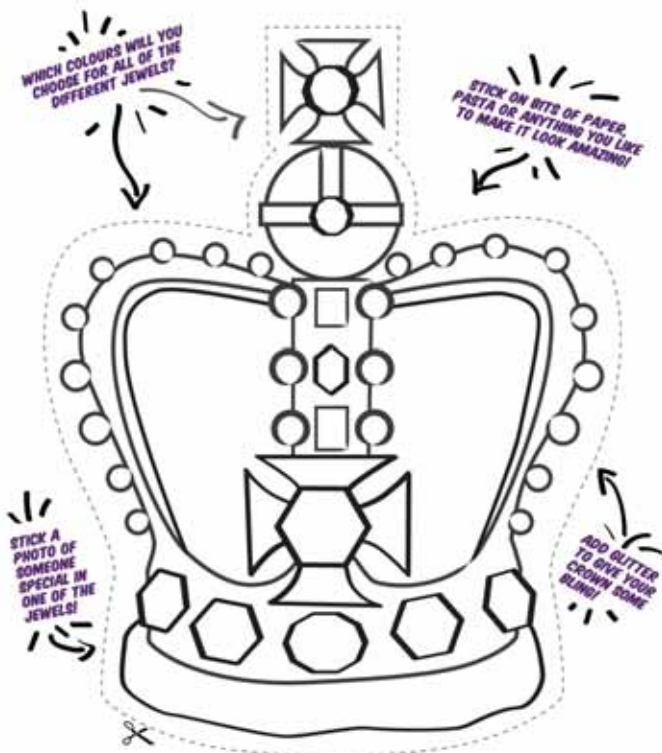
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Hive – Dominion or Democracy?

Self-preservation!

Daily life in the hive changes in order to survive according to the seasons and keeping warm!

In mid to late summer, only small amounts of nectar and pollen are brought into the colony. Often no brood are being reared, so the colony does not grow. Nectar production naturally reduces in the autumn and only allows a small crop of young bees to carry through the winter.

The colony needs honey for energy and pollen for protein, minerals, and vitamins to survive the winter and raise their new family in early spring. Survival depends on a large cluster of young bees and a good supply of food. If the cluster is too small, it cannot generate enough heat to survive the winter. Bees die if their body temperature drops below 57°F so the colony must be able to make and save heat to survive in winter. This is done by the bees by digesting honey to produce heat. They save the heat by bunching together in a tight cluster. The outer layer of bees is an insulating shell that traps the heat in the centre of the cluster.

The bees on the outer layers periodically change places with inside bees so that none of them become too cold. The cluster tightens or loosens depending on the temperature in the hive.

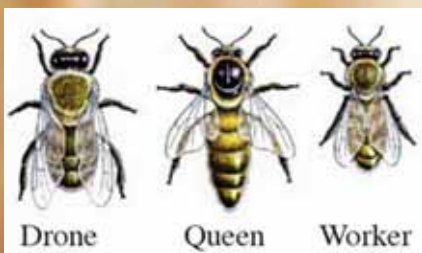
We have to think of bees as a working family. It is however a little bit like “which came first the chicken or the egg?” First, we have to identify the types of bees in the hive/swarm so that we can understand their importance. The Queen is the egg layer and as such she is pampered.

She is identified by the apiarist as the bee with a long body, but with so many busy bees in the hive she is for speed usually identified by a coloured mark on her thorax.

Her life and work is intriguing.

The Queen is the egg layer.

The drones are the males which fertilize the eggs and the workers are the girls who do just that – work to collect nectar to convert into honey.



She has a long tapering body a necessity for being able to access the brood cells in which she lays her eggs. She lives for up to 2-3 years and during that time she will lay about 600,000 eggs. She is not the only female in the colony/hive but she is the only one capable of laying eggs which can be of either sex depending upon circumstance. When the workers sense the need for a new queen they create some special queen cells, one of which is the 'swarm cell'. They are larger than the others and hang downwards like inverted wax cups. The swarm cell is a good sign. It means that the hive is healthy and thriving and 'about to burst at the seams'. This cell is created on the bottom edge of a bar of comb. (There can be one of three types and positions. These other types of cells are made when the workers detect that all is not right in their dominion and will not be illustrated here.)

The existing queen takes her share of the hive/swarm to find a new home and the remaining workers set about rearing their new Queen. The egg which will replace the swarming queen has already been laid by her.

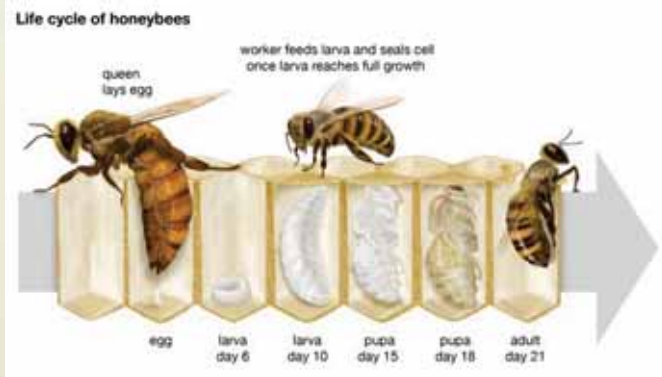
It will take three days to hatch into a larva.

The new Queen develops much like the other bees but in her large special cell; as a larva she is fed large quantities of royal

jelly for three days, then pollen and honey for three more. A couple of weeks after emerging from her cell; sunshine and warmth permitting, she will leave the hive and mate with a dozen or so drones. All the semen she acquires is stored in her abdomen for her entire life as she only mates this one time. Once the semen runs out, she will lay unfertilized eggs which will then become drones. This may be the point in her life when she gets bee balled – 'Balling' the queen happens when her hive considers she is too old or infertile, so her replacement is created from an egg she has already laid.

When the virgin queen matures ready to mate with the drones, the hive members surround the old queen and form a ball around her. This ball of bees effectively smothers her by causing her to overheat from the mass of bee body heat. The virgin queen then mates with the drones and begins her reign as the dominant royal bee and the whole process starts again.

Balling is not limited to the aging queen. Other insects of the order Hymenoptera (honey bees, other bees, wasps, ants and hornets) that enter a hive in an attempt to overthrow, destroy or rob it are in danger of suffering the same treatment.....



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At the heart of village life is the Post Office / shop which Monica and Andy have been running, providing and serving the community for many years. It feels only right that it is Monica who we are lucky enough to be given a tiny window into her view of life in Strete!

Monica, you must have seen many changes since moving to Strete and I wonder what you feel the benefits have been to the village in terms of community?

"We first moved to Strete in the early eighties and at that time, Strete had its own garage for local repairs and a youth club. The Parish Hall in the summer changed to a Youth Hostel and the kids played on the streets and there was a real feeling of community! As the village has grown, the young families are beginning to buy houses in Strete, often wanting to be part of Village life."

What is the most beautiful beach that you have been to?

"We live by two lovely beaches and when we go away from Devon for a holiday, we often show people pictures of where we live. When we are asked in amazement for the reasons why we leave home we always just say 'the weather!'"

What tips or tricks have you picked up from your job in the Post Office?

"We took over the Post Office in May '96 and the biggest change has been the moving from paper transactions to computer... of course you do realise that the computer is only as good as the person putting in all the information!"



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Strawberry & Cream Sandwich Sponge

by Jamie Oliver

Ingredients

225g unsalted butter
(at room temperature)
225g white caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
4 large eggs
225g self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
Splash of milk

Filling

200ml double cream
1 vanilla pod
1½ tbs of icing sugar, plus
extra for dusting
250g fresh strawberries



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas 4. Grease and line the bases of 2 round 20cm sandwich tins.
2. Cream together the butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl until pale and fluffy. Mix in the vanilla extract.
3. Beat the eggs, then gradually mix into the creamed butter and sugar. Sift, then fold in the flour, baking powder and ¼ of a teaspoon of sea salt with a large metal spoon until just incorporated (don't overmix).
4. Stir in 1 splash of milk to loosen the batter, then evenly divide it between the 2 cake tins.
5. Bake the cakes in the oven for 22 to 25 minutes, or until golden and cooked through. To test, insert a skewer into the middle of a cake; it's ready when the skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tins for 5 minutes, then turn onto a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Once completely cool, pour the cream into a large bowl, scrape in the vanilla seeds and whisk until you have soft peaks.
7. Sift in icing sugar and gently fold through. Place one of the cakes on your chosen plate or cake stand and spread over the vanilla cream, but not right to the edges or it will spill later.
8. Hull and roughly slice the strawberries, then scatter on top of the second cake. Dust with icing sugar and decorate with extra strawberries, if you like.



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Things have been getting steadily busier at the Kings Arms over the last couple of months. As the temperature creeps up and the sun shines for longer each day, the garden is seeing more and more visitors...which is going to be key if the pub is going to thrive after all the Covid problems.

There's been a number of well supported events. Pirate Day on May Day was a festival of Yo Ho Ho and walking the plank. There were young urchins and old salty seadogs in full fancy dress, a tale of gold from the esteemed pirate Roaring Ron, and sea shanties were sung.

The monthly quiz and the music nights continue to thrive. The Village Lunch has been a great way to connect people in the village but is now taking a break for the summer. Back in September.

Looking ahead, the main event is of course the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations.

There are a number of events around the village, covered off elsewhere in Stretewise. At the Kings Arms there will be a two-day beer & cider festival with live music, fancy dress and a special BBQ menu. We're calling it Stretefest.

There will be a superb selection of 25 different craft ales and ciders, all from Devon and most from the TQ postcodes, including some exceptional microbreweries. The BBQ menu will be supercharged so that beyond the usual lovely burgers with all the trimmings there will also be the likes of chicken & pineapple koftas, tandoori chicken thighs, aubergine steaks with peperonata salsa, and handmade haloumi vegetable kebabs.

On Friday 3rd, it's Kings & Queens themed fancy dress for kids, with live music from Wez Richmond and The Boatnotes (featuring Joe Dostal).

On Saturday 4th, it's Coronation 50s themed. Fancy dress for all who choose. The Dart Valley Stompers are playing trad jazz from noon and Amfer will be playing West Country folk and skiffle, perfect for some cider drinking.

The pub will open from noon to 11pm on both days, there will be seating for all, and if the weather is not perfect there are a number of gazebos we can erect.

The Jubilee celebrations at the pub are a village event but we expect it to attract not only all of the village but many others. With it being so busy it would be very helpful if a few people could volunteer to help for a couple of hours. If you can, please get in touch, either via Messenger or email on info@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk.

The pub event is bookended in the village by an 'opening ceremony' on Thursday 2nd - involving a concert at St. Michael's Church at 6pm and the lighting of the beacon at manor Farm at 9pm - and the Super Strete Street Party on Sunday 5th at 2.30pm. It's Bring Your Own Picnic. Hot drinks will be provided by Strete Social Club. This will be followed by a group photo after 4pm. The pub will of course be open as usual for a drink after this.

Other than the Jubilee, there will be several other events at the pub In June.

- Wednesday 8th sees the final Quiz (7pm) before a Summer break. This is usually very busy so please book ahead.
- Fishy Fridays have become a much-loved night at the pub but in June instead of the usual two per month, there will only be one, on Friday 17th, with market specials and Start Bay cod & chips.
- On Thursday 19th at 8pm a new event is beginning, the Book Club, run by a local lady. At this first event, she will introduce the evening and propose a book. Please get in touch if you are interested.
- Over the summer, the plan is to run a monthly BBQ, with a range of typical and special BBQ dishes. In June this will be on Saturday 25th.
- In July, there is a plan to hold a BBQ and beer festival towards the end of the month.



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The future of the Slapton Line

Thursday May 19th at 7pm to 8pm in the Strete Parish Hall

Some 20+ residence of Strete took up the invitation to meet the Right Hon Anthony Mangnall MP to discuss and take questions regarding future plans surrounding the resilience of the Slapton Line.

Mr Mangnall began the session by outlining his wholehearted opinion that there was only one option regarding the future of the Slapton Line and that is to ensure that finance be made available for an infrastructure that will protect the Slapton Line road for the future. Allowing nature to take it's course and trying to adapt alternative narrow road access, should or more likely when the Slapton Line again is breached, shows a total disregard for the essential needs of the local and visiting

community and was not an option. Mr Mangnall proceeded to outline two aspects to a future plan, the short term defence and response to any breach of the Slapton Line which is a report due by the end of June and will go to Parliament for funding. Then there is a longer term in-depth engineering analysis which will determine the most effective and up to date sea defence systems that can be put in place to protect the line. Contributions to discussion from those attending reiterated these views and the meeting ended in a positive and hopeful mood for the future of the Slapton Line.



68 Mr Anthony Mangnall MP is doing a road show related to the levelling up agenda so if parishioners would like him visit again then let the Parish Council know.

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