

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2017
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

Present	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Ian Stainton	IS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	Jim Fowler	JF	Parish Paths Partnership Minute 173.1 only
Apologies	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	PC Ryan Hazlehurst		See Annex A for police report
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 4			

173/17 REPORTS

173.1 Parish Paths Partnership: JF reported on Footpath 1 which runs beside the playing field. The gate at the underpass end of the path had been chained and locked and at present the landowner was considering his position.

173.2 Police: The police had submitted a report by e-mail, see Annex A below.

173.3 Shop: Dinah Ashton, shop manager and post mistress had given the Post Office six months' notice of her intention to retire on 31 March 2018. Charlene Toon-Poynton had indicated that she would be willing to take over on Dinah's retirement.

174/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September be accepted as a correct record

Motion carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

175/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

176/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

Flood Group: There had been two instances of sewage in Jubilee Street following heavy rain on 4 August and 16 September. The clerk was instructed to write to South West Water expressing disappointment that Operation Watershed had not been entirely successful. Gary Streeter MP would also be advised.

Clerk

177/17 PLANNING

177.1 New applications

3009/17/LBC Stadbury Grange, TQ7 4PD: listed building consent for three roof lights and conversion of part of stable to office and new solar panels.
To be visited on 3 October

2974/17/FUL Wakeham New Barn, TQ7 4NE: New vehicular access to field.
To be considered.

178/17 FINANCE

Bank balances

Bank balances as at 30 September: **£22,193.36**

179/17 PAYMENTS APPROVED

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Royal British Legion	Poppy appeal	50.00
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	239.00
Colin Pearson	Pool maintenance	875.00
First Federation	Pool electricity and water	1,419.31
John Reid	Grass cutting	298.00

Peter Javes	Administration	303.42
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>3,184.73</u>
Cash held on behalf of car show		<u>8,298.00</u>
Cash now available		<u>£10,710.63</u>

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable. VAT currently to be claimed from HMRC amounts to £3,464. Car Show proceeds are held awaiting instructions from the Car Show Committee.

180/17 ANNUAL RETURN 2016-17

The Clerk reported that the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017 had been returned signed by the external auditor. The return would now be made available for inspection by parishioners and a notice to that effect had been posted on notice boards.

181/17 BANK SIGNATORIES

RESOLUTION: THAT John Yeabsley and Rosie Warrillow be added to the bank mandate as authorised signatories.

Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk was instructed to advise Lloyds Bank accordingly.

Clerk

182/17 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

Members of the New Build committee had a productive meeting with the hall committee to discuss plans and progress. It had been established that the hall's constitution will allow the building of a new hall within the grounds, and that all funding and management of this new project would be managed by the New Build committee.

The New Build committee had met twice and needed one more session to finalise the community's requirements before instructing the architect for more detailed drawings. The proposal includes a hall large enough to allow for future development in the parish, at present estimated at seating for 180, plus a separate meeting room. Once plans had been produced and funding further investigated these would be put forward for community approval.

The means of funding the initial stages of the project needed to be agreed.

183/17 PARISH ISSUES

183.1

Abandoned Boats: Progress had been made in clearing derelict boats and much of the scrap had been removed from Timbers. The wording of a new a notice to be displayed at Timbers was agreed and IS would obtain two quotes for sign writing.

IS

It was agreed that Timbers would be primarily a car park and that overnight and long term storage of boats would be discouraged. Mooring posts would be placed on the foreshore and anybody wishing to use these would be required to register their boat with the parish council and to fix identifying marks to the boat.

JY had obtained a quote for a barrier to prevent high vehicles entering the car park but the cost was felt to be too great, other quotes are awaited.

183.2

Exercise Equipment on the playing field: Following minute 162/17 SHDC had set down requirements for the proposed exercise equipment to be sited on a soft surface and this had been passed to Jason Jackson. There had been no response from him so far.

Clerk

183.3

Village Stocks: PS had prepared a scheme but it was thought to be too costly and a revised scheme at a lower cost was needed. The Parish Project Group could contribute to the cost of the scheme by providing someone to build and install the shelter for the stocks.

PS
RB

183.4

Weeds on kerbs and paths etc: mAGpie issue 112 for October had included an article inviting people to help with weeding round the village and especially outside their houses. The clerk would investigate buying a bulk supply of weedkiller.

Clerk

183.5

Parking by the school mornings and afternoons: The meeting discussed irresponsible and illegal parking by parents delivering and collecting children from school. The clerk would make contact with the authorities to see what action might be taken.

Clerk

184/17 COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The school had finally provided an invoice for electricity and water costs since the start of the lease in 2015. These were felt to reasonable and it was agreed to pay the cost of £1,419.31. The school had now agreed to submit costs annually.

185/17 EMERGENCY EXIT FROM ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND TO A397

To be discussed with RG during a site visit.

186/17 MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

The schedule of maintenance works would be shown to the next meeting of South Hams clerks on 11 October to see if there was interest in sharing contractors.

187/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DDB reported that the first draft of the plan was now complete and would be on the website for all to see within two weeks. A meeting had been held with the executor to Jim Irish's estate to discuss housing and other matters.

188/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RG spoke about the Apprenticeships In Devon scheme which was working well. He noted that the Parish Highways Conference would be held on 15 November at a venue to be announced, all councillors were welcome to attend.

DCC had sold about £4m worth of freehold property in the year and more building no longer used by DCC would be sold. Central government had agreed to increase the funding for schoolchildren in Devon by £80 per child, individual schools could decide how this money would be spent.

RG detailed statistics for the percentage of the population in Devon categorized as disabled, or carers etc.

BT had announced that Aveton Gifford would shortly benefit from improvements to broadband speeds

The relocation of the recycling skips from Timbers would be examined at a site meeting on 4 October.

PS/
Clerk

189/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The meeting discussed the proposed merger of SHDC and West Devon. It was agreed that the PC would write to Gary Streeter MP to advise him of the PC's opposition to the merger. Parishioners were encouraged to write to him to express their views on the matter.

IB advised that SHDC was considering contracting out refuse collection to see if it would be cheaper than the current in-house operation.

190/17 TREE WARDEN

DDB reported that the aspen trees in Timbers needed attention. In addition the eucalyptus outside the Rectory Stables was of concern. DDB would try to get an expert opinion of various trees throughout the village. The meeting discussed removing the laurels behind the tennis court to open up the area. It was noted that the fence by the Old Rectory needed remedial work.

191/17 BONFIRE NIGHT

IS had ordered the fireworks and arrangements had been made for parking and lighting from the underpass into the field. Volunteers were needed to collect the suggested donation of £5 per family.

192/17 COUNCILLOR REGISTERS OF INTERESTS

The clerk distributed forms for councillors who had not previously registered their personal interests.

193/17 CORRESPONDENCE

DALC annual report

Meeting closed at 9.25 Next meeting: Monday 6 November 2017 at 7.30

ANNEX A POLICE REPORT

Total crime between 01/09/17 – 02/10/17: 1 Crime of theft (Same period 2016): 3 Crimes
PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst PCSO 30080 Warren Palmer
Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Team.