

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2016  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr John Brooks	JB	In the Chair
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes		Clerk
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
Members of the public present: 2			

**01/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLUTION: THAT** the minutes of the meetings held on 2 November and 7 December 2015 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus

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

**02/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

TA and RB in respect of any discussion on housing and TA in respect of the path around the field.

**03/16 MATTER ARISING**

**03.1 Path around playing field**

Following minute 196.3/15 TA was now arranging for three quotes.

TA

**03.2 Footbridge**

The span over the river still needed to be measured.

JB

**04/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**04.1 General**

TA had recently dredged the stream between the Jubilee Street ford and the junior play park. The collapsing bank behind Brook Court would be repaired in the summer. DCH would be contacted to see if any contribution towards the cost of repairs would be forthcoming.

Clerk

PS would take levels of the recently dredged stream for comparison and review in future. PS was authorised to buy three marker posts showing the height of water in the stream.

PS

**RESOLUTION: THAT** that a vote of thanks be given to Peter Smith and Tim Abrahall for all their work in flood resilience etc.

**Proposed:** Cllr Sarah Harcus **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson

Carried unanimously

**04.2 DCC and flood prevention v. maintenance**

TA raised a point that much of the work recently undertaken by DCC (such as the widened culvert at Tree Corner and the dredging) was putting right previous mistakes rather than new flood prevention initiatives. IB also commented that much of the work now being undertaken was due to a lack of routine maintenance over many years. It would require considerable effort to redress the situation.

**04.3 Watershed Project**

The update report from SWW was noted.

**04.4 Flood Group**

PS needed to check the rain gauge on Tufflands Farm. JB would seek the permission of the landowner.

PS  
JB

There had been a telephone test of the flood warning system.

PS showed the meeting the graph of water flow and the trigger points for alarms. The system seemed to be working well and should give plenty of warning in the event of an imminent flood in the village.

**05/16 HOUSING**

Nothing to report.

**06/16 TRAFFIC CALMING**

Residents of Fore Street between Rock Hill and the Fisherman's Rest would be invited to comment on the new speed cushions. This would be added to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

**07/16 FINANCE**

**07.1 Bank balances**

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	3,302.13
-savings	16,544.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>19,846.86</u></b>

The above include car show monies now banked (£4,078).

**07.2 Payments approved**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Michelmores Hughes	Rent Parson's Green	300.00
SHDC	Loan repayment pre-school land	517.83
AG Village Hall	Rent of hall	26.00
DCC	Additional dredging work	481.43
Peter Javes	Administration	267.89
Tim Abrahall	Pool key refund	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>1,603.15</u></b>

**07.3 PRECEPT 2016-17**

A separate meeting would be held in January to discuss the submission of the 2016-17 precept demand to SHDC.

**08/16 PLANNING**

**2630/15/HHO** The Rectory Stables Jubilee Street Aveton Gifford TQ7 4LG  
Extensions and alterations including replacement roof with raised ridge and eaves height (resubmission of 02/1287/15/F).

**2769/15/FUL** Land at Ashford, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4NH  
Agricultural livestock building, extended yard with new access, dry dung store and landscaping.

The planning committee would visit the above sites.

**09/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RH spoke about the move to devolved powers from central government to DCC. RH would report back on the implementation of revised speed limits in the village. He was still working on the question of diverting surface water from the highway into the new drain to be laid by SWW to serve the school etc.

PS had a list of road signs and equipment necessary to undertake highway works legally and this would be passed to RH to see if he could meet the cost with a grant. PS RH

**10/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

IB reported on progress with the devolution of powers from the government to local authorities.

**11/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Neighbourhood Plan Project Group would meet on 13 January to plan for a consultation with parishioners on Saturday 20 February in the village hall between 12 and 4pm.

**12/16 FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Currently includes:

- Car parking
- Dredging
- Sewage and flooding – to introduce new measures where necessary, and to maintain improvements.
- Asset transfer from SHDC
- Village hall
- Maintain the sustainability of the community, and support parish amenities.
- To investigate opportunities for affordable housing including self-build.
- All-weather path around playing field
- Footbridge over River Avon
- Speed limits and traffic calming

**13/16 TRANSFER OF ASSETS**

IB recommended that the PC make an application to SHDC for the transfer of SHDC assets in the parish to the PC. The application should be addressed to the Head of Paid Services.

**14/16 CAR PARKING**

Nothing to report.

**15/16 TREE WARDEN**

DD-B commented that the owner of the Rectory was carrying out tree work on the boundary of Parson's Lawn. DD-B had inspected the work and the aim was to encourage the rhododendrons to front the boundary.

**16/15 PARISH FACILITIES**

**16.1 Junior play park equipment**

The Clerk would ask the Hive for ideas for additional equipment for the junior play park.

**16.2 Village Stocks:** The Clerk had notified the School of the intention to remove the stocks together with the plaque.

**17/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**17.1 Tidal Road litter pick** – The Aune Valley Conservation Association had organised litter pick on 2 January. A quantity of litter was cleared to Timbers where it was promptly removed by SHDC.

**17.2 Power lines**

PS reported that a dinghy mast was in danger of fouling an electricity cable across the river opposite Timbers. This had been reported to Western Power and the boat had been pulled clear. However it was noted that the cable was low enough to foul even small dinghy masts. Similar concern was expressed about boats left in the boat spaces in Timbers.

**18/15 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

- Precept 2016-17
- Path around the playing field
- Junior play park equipment
- Speed limit signs and village gateway
- Village hall
- Pool opening and maintenance

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm Next meeting: Monday 1 February 2016 at 7.30.