

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 11th JANUARY 2021

Participating	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JAK	
	Cllr James Reina	JR	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
Apologies for absence	Peter Javes	Clerk	
	Cllr Dominic Webb	DW	
Members of the public	District Cllr Kate Kemp	KK	
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01/21 REPORTS

- 01.1 **Aune Conservancy:** The ACA was working on a Code of Practice for users of the river.
- 01.2 **Playpark Parents' Group:** Tim Abrahall had moved the pile of sand into the junior playpark. It remained to level the ground where it had been standing. The playpark would remain open during the 3rd lockdown, hand sanitizer and wipes would be provided in order that equipment could be wiped down between users..
- 01.3 **Parish Paths:** There was still concern about trees leaning over FP1 beside the playing field. It was noted that several trees had been marked for felling.
- 01.4 **Shop:** Felicity Furlong reported that the shop committee was now up to full strength and regular meetings were being held. Kathleen Toon-Poynton-Hurst would take over the shop and PO and there would a staged transfer to her. The shop questionnaires were coming in and would be analyzed. It was also planned to revise the rules for the management of the shop.
- 01.05 **Tennis:** It was noted that tuition was permitted for vulnerable students during the current lockdown and thus the coach could be on the court quite legally.

02/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020 be accepted as a correct record. Motion carried unanimously.

03/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

04/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Progress in cleaning up the former travellers' site at Shorta Cross was noted. DDB volunteered to take photographs of the site to be forwarded to all concerned.

05/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

See report at Annex A.

06/21 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

New Sewage Pipe: SH updated the meeting on negotiations with South West Water (SWW). It was noted that it was vital that the works did not interfere with

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the car show to be held on the August bank holiday. Drafts of the necessary wayleaves were awaited from SWW.

Surface Water Flooding in Fore Street: The recent ingress of water into houses on Fore Street was noted. The permission of the householders affected need to be obtained in order to be included in an investigation of the cause. Greg Booth volunteered to call on all those houses involved.

Underpass Drainage: SH explained her idea for a solution to the problem of standing water in the underpass. PS and SH would investigate the practicality.

07/21 PLANNING

3962/20 TPO South Efford House: Agreed to object to the felling of the copper beech tree.

Herb Heaven: The applicant to be advised to discuss this application with SHDC planning authority.

08/21 FINANCE

08.01	BANK BALANCES as at 1 st January 2021		£14,808.26
	Cash held on behalf of:		
	Play park project		359.00
	Parish Paths Partnership		1,574.00
	Village hall project		6,851.00
	Pool liner replacement fund		3,000.00
08.02	PAYMENTS APPROVED		
	70 Cartridge Save	Office costs	70.25
	71 Kingsbridge Pet & Garden	Scoops for grit bins	5.90
	72 Tanks Direct	Grit bin – but see receipts	355.11
	73 EBDF	Rent Rectory Lawn	662.00
	74 PWLB	Allotment loan	1,027.74
	75 Fisherman's Rest	Christmas tree and lights	250.00
	76 Tall Orders Landscaping	Grass cutting	450.00
	TOTAL		2,821.00
	RECEIPTS		
	Frogmore and Sherford PC	Grit bins	185.46
	Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.11

09/21 PRECEPT 2021-22

The clerk had circulated a draft proposal for the level of precept for 2021-22. After some discussion it was felt that the parish would still face significant demands in maintaining facilities in the parish but councillors were mindful of the need to and

IT WAS RESOLVED to apply for a precept of £25,500 giving a Band D precept of £66.10, an increase of 1.93% over 2020-21. The increase was due to a reduction in the number of houses in the parish paying council tax.

The Clerk was instructed to file the necessary submission to SHDC.

10/21 CAR PARKS

The clerk advised that he had visited the registered office of the company owning the abandoned Citroen van in Timbers and delivered by hand a letter to the registered keeper requiring that the van be removed. It was agreed that an ultimatum de sent demanding that if the van was not removed by 31st January 2021 it would remove for scrap.

11/21 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

PS reported that the revised plans had now been submitted to SHDC for

comment.

12/21 FORE STREET TRAFFIC GROUP

A walk along Fore Street with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer and RG would be organized when such a gathering could go ahead.

13/21 TREE WARDEN

It was agreed to instruct E.J. Tarr to cut the Glebe Land hedge before the nesting season.

DDB reported that trees around AG have taken a battering from storms this autumn. DDB is mostly concerned with trees on parish-owned land maintained by the PC. But DDB keeps looking upwards to most of the trees in the parish.

Along the Tidal road are several large branches of oak that have come down. These are fairly quickly removed by 'borrowers' in this area.

Timbers car park has damage to trees in the centre. Some big branches suspended in mid-air. Other trees in this middle bit between the carpark's two halves, show a definite lean in one direction from the high winds. So some work here will be needed in the spring. Ash trees near the highway roundabout and along in front of the pub have been removed by DCC.

Footpath 1 Between the tunnel and the Abrahall's gate still has trees broken and leaning over the path and style. Looking very dangerous but it is up to DCC to open and close rights of way so should be left to DCC.

Pittens trees: Some of the community apple trees need work to them and some re-staking. It is suggested that the crowns could be lifted on some of Pittens trees to improve visibility. There are one or two Ash to remove this year from Pittens walk to the barn.

Cataloguing of all the Parish trees will continue when George Sager-Berry and DDB are allowed to meet up again. By when it will probably be time to start next year's survey.

This spring DDB wants to get some work done on trimming up and shortening some branches on Timbers and along the side of the playing field. DDB will be asking AG trees to look at them with him and or SH/RB.

14/21 GRITTER

PS explained that the covered storage for the gritter was no longer available and it was doubtful that a suitable towing vehicle could be secured in the event that the gritter was need again. Thus it was agreed to try and sell it. In the first instance the Clerk would offer it to other parishes in the South Hams.

15/21 CHILDREN'S ART WORK ON ROAD SIGNS

JAK had sent the chosen designs to the Clerk who would try and arrange for them to be printed in a suitable format to be attached to signs in the village.

16/21 CASUAL VACANCY

Following the resignation of Sue Cherry there was a casual vacancy for a councillor and the vacancy would be advertised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 1st February 2021

ANNEX A: DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There will be further funding available for businesses affected by Covid.

Further Funding Available

- Chancellor announces one-off top up grants for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses worth up to £9,000 per property to help businesses through to the Spring
- the one-off top-ups will be granted to closed businesses as follows:

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- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000

For further information, please use the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/46-billion-in-new-lockdown-grants-to-support-businesses-and-protect-jobs>

As yet there has been no additional guidance from the government for the additional grants available to local businesses, below is a request direct from south Hams.

Please explain that we cannot issue the money until we have, a) been told the rules, and b) actually have the money to give, but thereafter we will do so swiftly.

For the LRSG in South Hams, we have paid out £1.995million from an allocation of £3.967 million – roughly 50%

For the ARG in South Hams, we have paid out about £68,644 out of £1.74million – so 4%

Coronavirus: Information for Businesses - South Hams District Council

There are 5 grants that Central Government has asked us to administer. The 2 tables below sum up what they are for and who can access them.

Grant Name	When it applies	Who can access	How Much?	Examples
LRGS Closed (addendum)	National lock down only	Businesses mandated to close	Per 28 day period: £1,334, £2,000, £3000 Depending on RV	Non-essential shops that had to close.
ARG	National lock down and Tier 3	Business that were severely impacted by lock down, but NOT mandated to close	Per 28 day period: £500, £934, £1,400, £2,100 Depending on size of business and RV	Food suppliers who are able to trade but who have no trade as lots of pubs / restaurants shut.
LRGS Closed	Tier 3 & Tier 2	Business mandated to close	Per 14 day period: £667, £1,000, £1,500 Depending on RV	In Tier 2, some businesses are still mandated to close (like nightclubs) and they are therefore eligible.
LRGS Open	Tier 2 & Tier 3	Businesses in certain sectors that can evidence that they have been severely impacted but are able to trade	Per 14 day period: £467, £700, £1,050 Depending on size of business and RV	Most businesses except professional services.