

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 1st FEBRUARY 2021

<b>Participating</b>	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	
	Cllr Dominic Webb	DW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Kate Kemp	KK	
Peter Javes	Clerk		

**Members of the public** 2

**17/21 REPORTS**

17.1 **Shop:** Felicity Furlong reported on progress with Kathleen Toon-Poynton-Hurst taking over the shop on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021..  
62 shop questionnaires had been returned and would be analyzed. The call for volunteers had resulted in 18 people coming forward. The shop AGM would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to support the rent waiver for the incoming manager by a payment of £750 to the Shop Committee. This sum to be paid in April 2021.

17.2 **Playpark Parents' Group:** Hand sanitizer and wipes had been placed by the playpark and an NHS QR poster displayed. A dog hitching post would be tried to keep dogs out of the junior playpark and off the sand by the new apparatus. It is hoped that this will generally keep dogs under control while parents' attention is on their children, as complaints have been received

17.3 **Parish Paths:** It was noted that the path leading from Townswell Lane to the playing field (FP1A) was in poor condition. PS would arrange for a gravel delivery. In addition FP4 at the top of Rock Hill was almost impassable due to mud. The boardwalk on FP23 had been repaired. The corroded drain cover on FP1A (alongside Kingfishers) had been replaced. **PS**

**18/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be accepted as a correct record. Motion carried unanimously.

**19/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

DDB in respect of any discussion involving new development adjacent to his land.

**20/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

See report at Annex A.

**21/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

See report at Annex B. SH asked if SHDC could provide collection points for plastic waste found on beaches, such as at South Milton. KK would enquire. **KK**

**22/21 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**New Sewage Pipe:** SH updated the meeting on negotiations with South West Water (SWW). SWW had promised to deliver the necessary wayleaves in the

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near future.

**Surface Water Flooding in Fore Street:** Permission of the householders had been obtained and details passed to the DCC flood engineer.

**Underpass Drainage:** PH had now cleared the drain and would investigate new PS covers for the drains and levelling the tarmac to remove the remaining puddle.

**23/21 PLANNING**

4013/20/FUL Cattle Barn at SX 691 481 Aveton Gifford

Demolition of existing agricultural building, replacement dwelling & associated landscaping following class Q approval 1317/19/PDM (Resubmission of 2249/20/FUL)

It was agreed to object to this application.

**24/21 FINANCE**

24.01	BANK BALANCES as at 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021	£14,045.50
	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

**24.02 PAYMENTS APPROVED**

77	Peter Javes	Administration - December	368.56
78	HMRC	Income tax	239.80
79	Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie printing	260.00
80	Palladium	Sanitizer and wipes	54.90
81	Peter Javes	Administration - January	344.91
82	Peter Smith	Mileage to deliver gritter	6.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,274.27</b>

**RECEIPTS**

Frogmore and Sherford PC	Gritter purchase	400.00
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.10
Lethbridge	mAGpie advertisement	66.00
Daniel Knight	mAGpie advertisement	79.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>565.60</b>

It was noted that due to efforts of David Stevens revenue from mAGpie advertisements in the year amounted to £1,096 compared with printing costs of £1,118, thus the support required from the PC had been only £22. The lowest level ever.

**25/21 CAR PARKS**

The abandoned Citroen van in Timbers had finally been removed by the owner after two years.

**26/21 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

SHDC comments on the plans were awaited.

**27/21 FORE STREET TRAFFIC GROUP**

Nothing to report.

**28/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was hoped that the referendum required to adopt the NP would go ahead on DDB 6th May 2021. DDB would review the publicity material in store.

**29/21 TREE WARDEN**

Nothing to report

**30/21 GRITTER**

The gritter had been sold to Frogmore and Sherford PC for £400.

**31/21 CHILDREN'S ART WORK ON ROAD SIGNS**

The signs were now being printed.

**32/21 CASUAL VACANCY**

There had been no interest from parishioners in filling the casual vacancy for a councillor.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING 1st March 2021 :

- Community pool opening
- Moorings for the 2021 season

**ANNEX A: COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

1. DCC Council tax share now makes up 80% of its income.
2. DCC employees 2010/11 = 6,600 & in 2020 = 4500 increasing a little for Covid
3. Covid funding from Govt = £80 Million which basically covers DCC Covid expenditure.
4. Budget for DCC 2020/21 = £541M with Adult social care £260M and children's services £146M
5. Budget proposed for DCC 2021/22 = £578M = £11M/week or £1.5M/day
6. DCC earmarked reserves = £120M (March 2020) being in middle of UK upper tier authorities.

**Recycling depot privately registered vehicles** (now) permitted free of charge & without a permit:

1. Cars
2. Pick ups
3. Camper vans fully fitted
4. Minibuses fully fitted
5. People carriers
6. Hired vans to a private household
7. Motability type vans/vehicles.

Any *privately registered panel van* will require a permit giving up to twelve visits a year free of charge. You can apply online.

**Elections:** Police commissioner and County Council elections still set for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**A 379 Edmeston** road works started with some night closures from 19.00 hours.

**Ashford road state.** Been updating various people on what's happening. It will be sorted when time and weather permits.

**ANNEX B: DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT  
BUDGET NOTES**

SHDC is lobbying the Government for business rate relief to be extended through 2021 to 2022. Council Tax will go up by £5 for 21/22.

Garden waste disposal charges will not be applied yet and members will be consulted before charges are applied. KK does not think garden waste should be charged for, as it may encourage fly tipping and discourage people from getting outside to garden in the first place. KK will be pushing for a 'recycling of garden waste service' creating garden compost that may be sold to generate further income for the council. DCC is responsible for the disposal of garden waste and reports that the brown bin contents collected are too low grade for compost. Any ideas regarding this would be gratefully received.

SHDC will be allocated approximately £130,000 towards combating homelessness.

Lib Dems, Greens and Independents pushed through a motion for further investment in climate change initiatives with a view to generating employment in renewable energy, though it only went through by 1 vote, so the executive may well reject it.

Government reports that it is giving more money this year, though KK believes what they give with one hand is actually gained by putting up Council Tax.

### **VACCINATION UPDATE**

There are now mass vaccination sites now in Plymouth and Exeter, which is not close enough or accessible enough for the vulnerable members of our communities it is initially aimed at.

More local sites are in the pipeline, utilising the redundant leisure centres and other community buildings. SHDC is also exploring mobile options. Members have offered suggestions to use community buses to transport people. There should have been a vaccination centre within 10 miles of everyone by the end of January but this target was not achieved.

Community Testing is also being introduced by DCC, SHDC has offered several testing sites such as the Cattle Market carpark in Kingsbridge.

### **COVID BUSINESS GRANT CLAIMS**

In response to criticism that the website was too confusing SHDC has created a simple initial page that explains the essential information claimants need to proceed. The website links the detailed information to buttons so that those that want to can explore without overloading those businesses that just want to apply and move on with running their business. For more information, and to apply for a grant, go to:

[www.southhams.gov.uk/businesscovid19](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/businesscovid19)  
[www.westdevon.gov.uk/covid19business](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/covid19business)

### **BUSES AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

The Travel Devon website gives advice, including how to get to vaccination centres.

- <https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/>
- <http://bit.ly/3nLsEUv>
- The Ring & Ride for essential shopping journeys. Each scheme can be contacted via their usual telephone numbers. Full details at: <http://bit.ly/2XExlzs>
- The Coleridge Bus has made alterations to reduce waiting times for passengers in Kingsbridge whilst many local shops are closed, departing Peacocks' at 1120 and Morrison's' at 1130.

Voluntary Car Schemes are helping patients to attend medical appointments and a number of schemes are involved with helping people to reach vaccination centres.

- Details are being updated regularly at: <http://bit.ly/3oQSN5C>

### **REFUSE COLLECTION**

KK attended a meeting to review the new contractor; FCC's performance on round changes, FCC was interrogated regarding the poor service so far, and will face penalties if it does not improve.

### **LAPTOPS DONATED TO SCHOOLS**

SHDC councillors are to receive new laptops and the old ones will be donated to local schools.

### **ELECTION STAFF WANTED**

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