

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2015  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.00 PM

<b>Present</b>	Cllr John Brooks	JB	Chairman
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Neill Schroeter	NS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
<b>In attendance</b>	Ian Bramble	IB	Prospective District Cllr
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Delia Elliott	DE	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	Peter Javes		Clerk

Members of the public present: ?

**39/15 REPORTS**

**39.1 Shop**

A new chiller had been ordered with money that the PC had donated.

**39.2 Parish Paths Partnership**

JB reported a complaint that Jim Irish's field at the top of Baker's Hill is used unofficially as a dog exercising area. The large amount of uncollected dog faeces here in grass used for hay/silage may give rise to spread of two diseases to livestock (Neosporosis and Sarcocystosis); symptoms corresponding with the latter have been observed in this year's new lambs. This field will be fenced off from public use. Dog walkers are strongly urged to pick up dog waste throughout the whole of their walk.

**39.3 Parish Project Group**

Sales of the David Balkwill memoir were slowing down, so the Group was looking into other ways of generating funds for parish projects. The PPG will put on a display at the Church Fete on 11 July; this year's theme will be The Aveton Gifford Primary School – Past and Present. The group will ask for photos, school work, records etc for their display, and will approach the headteacher to discuss ways for the school to be involved.

**39.4 Sports and Leisure**

The tennis court is to be refurbished by Easter.

**40/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 2 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Rosie Warrillow **Seconded:** Cllr Neill Schroeter

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

**41/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**42/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

Further discussion necessary with school re their extent of use, their share of running costs etc. A meeting requested to discuss. Clerk asked to set this up a.s.a.p, as time for use is fast approaching. BC advised money available through various sources for combined use of pools for school and community. Jim Fowler will apply for grants. Lease needs to be in place, and negotiations re use agreed, then he will apply.

Clerk

**43/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**43.1 Parson's Brook dredging**

This is progressing with Stuart Hunt, DCC Bridges, leading the project. Proposal that RH negotiate with him over disposal of dredged material.

**43.2 Flood Resilience**

Rain and stream gauges in place. Group setting up correct levels to trigger alarms, and contact numbers for alarms. Also reviewing response teams and finalising AG emergency flood plan. Hall committee taking up DCC grant for flood resilience work to be carried out on

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the hall. A request to share/exchange gauge data with Kingsbridge and Modbury Flood Groups was approved.

**43.3 Sewage in Jubilee Street**

No leaks since last meeting. No SWW update.

**43.4 Drains etc**

Awaiting the survey by DCC Highways.

**44/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES**

**44.1 Traffic Calming**

JB reported that DCC proceeding as planned. Work to be done in the village 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> April during school holidays. All PC information re traffic calming is now available on website, parish council page.

**44.2 Speedwatch**

NS reported no recent contact from PCSO O'Dwyer. NS had emailed confirming six candidates to be trained. DCC Highways to install monitors for speed through village and over bridge.

**44.3 Communications – mAGpie**

New system now in place for placing adverts, invoicing, and collection of fees. Update on monies outstanding; very small shortfall in this year's ad payments. DE seeking new advertisers, and plea for more local businesses to use mAGpie – easiest way to attract local business.

**45/15 HOUSING AND CAR PARKING**

No response from SHDC to request for housing needs survey. BC advised unlikely until after election.

PC submitted proposed sites for development – no SHDC response there either. BC will continue to pursue both. BC

**46/15 PLANNING Applications**

High Barn. Councillors visited. No objections, responded online. Were Down forestry shed – no application required.

**47/15 FINANCE**

**Bank balances:** as below:

	£	
Current account		3,247.27
Deposit account		9,588.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>12,835.67</u></b>

**Payments approved**

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Peter Javes	Administration	214.27
Peter Smith	Hardware	38.29
NBB Ltd	Benches	1,188.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>1,440.56</u></b>

Agreed balances and approved payments.

TAP fund ; notification received £1,540 towards play park maintenance awarded of the £2,000 claimed – BC would like reassurance of its accuracy, and how it has been split between the parishes – to be checked. BC

**48/15 PARISH FACILITIES**

**48.1 Benches**

**On playing field in memory of Alex Peguero Sosa**

Sketch of the proposed bench awaited.

**Tidal Road** Mrs Parker's bench had now been installed. 2<sup>nd</sup> bench delivered but site not agreed. SHDC awarded £495 for one bench, BC thanked.

**Picnic table by Play Park**

Subsequent to meeting established that bowed seat is due to uneven ground, paving slab base to be investigated.

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**Bench by Jubilee St ford** repaired by SHDC. It was noted that work to repair it was carried out on a bench that the PC wished to remove.

- 49.2 Icy Park steps**  
On land which has never had ownership registered with Land Registry. BC finding it hard to establish ownership and responsibility for repair – he will continue to pursue. A suggested PC contribution to enable SHDC to repair – BC approved of idea. TA to give estimate of repair costs for BC to put forward. BC  
TA
- 49.4 Playing field soft ground**  
TA and JB to consider what needs to be done. TA/JB
- 50/15 PARKING IN AG**  
Notification that housing development at Homefield will not happen in foreseeable future, and developers have pulled out. A new car park at the north end of the village as part of this scheme will not be developed, but a suggestion to negotiate privately for some rental agreement is to be pursued. Roger Tucker, on behalf of the owner, to be invited to a separate meeting to discuss a way forward. JB to follow up. JB
- 51/15 Footpaths on green, soft ground by underpass.**  
TA and JB had inspected muddy area between green and underpass, also inspected area for proposed footpaths down both sides of green. In addition recent drainage work to area by play area had made no difference, and ground now hazardous for walkers; suggestion agreed for a further path from far side across to footbridge by Brook Court – JB to get a price. All work to above to be done when ground dries out, and after dredging. Aeration suggested to improve surface drainage in the area of soft ground by play area.  
  
Footpath between hall and court. It floods and is very muddy. Suggestion to raise level. TA and JB to inspect. TA/JB
- 52/15 Road signs Tree Corner/ Church Lane.**  
Erected in 1993/4 once bypass was opened. (Mentioned in PC minutes of April '93.) PC wished to retain these signs. BC to negotiate with SHDC department. BC
- 53/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**  
At the budget meeting it was resolved that Council Tax should remain the same for 2015/16. SHDC had changed its bank account – new details available on the SHDC website.
- 54/15 ANCHOR ON ROUNDABOUT**  
JB and TA had this in hand. Complaints received about lack of maintenance to planting on roundabout by Flete Gardens. JB to request pruning and weeding. JB/TA
- 55/15 DEVON AIR AMBULANCE SITE**  
NS gave guidelines for helicopter night landings; no overhead cables, no close tree cover, dry all the time, good road access. It was agreed that the parish recommendation must be the cricket field. (only one that qualifies for night flights).

Meeting closed at 9.00

Next meeting: Monday 13 April 2015.