

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 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 Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB		
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 5			

**40/16 REPORTS**

**40.1 Shop**

The shop was still fundraising for an EPOS till. The total cost was estimated to be over £4,000 and additional funding would be needed (see minute 49/16 below).

**40.2 Parish Project Group**

RB reported that Tony Porter had agreed to give a talk about his new book and he had been booked for 5 May 2016.

**40.3 Sports and Leisure**

Active Devon had awarded a grant of £465 towards tennis coaching for teenagers and a programme was being arranged with the tennis coach

**40.4 Parish Paths Partnership**

Jim Fowler reported by e-mail that the annual inspection of the footpaths by volunteers was completed in good time, and the reports had been submitted to Public Rights of Way (PROW) Devon in January. PROW had agreed a grant of £800 (which is approximately equal to annual maintenance costs, and is what had been applied for), and the money has been received. Grant money was in reserve from the current and previous years. All but three footpaths are in generally good condition and there was optimism that at least two of the three would be up to standard by summer 2016.

**41/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 1 February 2016 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Sarah Harcus **Seconded:** Cllr Rosie Warrillow

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

**42/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**43/16 MATTER ARISING**

**43.1 Posts in hall car park**

Following minute 24.4 a quote had been obtained for £1,220 for posts every 4ft with a 15 year guarantee. It was decided to seek another quote.

**43.2 Footbridge**

Following minute 23.2 PS reported that he had a quote of £210,000 net of VAT. This was beyond the PC's means. However even if a bridge could be funded this would still leave pedestrians and cyclists at risk at each end of the bridge where there was no footpath on the side of the road to be served by a footbridge. RH would discuss with DCC.

RH

**44/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**44.1 Watershed Project**

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It was noted that the new pipe needed to be re-laid because it was not at the correct depth. It was also noted that residents who had expressed an interest in the grants and work on household water attenuation had still not heard from SWW.

### 44.2 Flood Group

Two of the flood gauge boards were now in place with a third ready to be positioned by the Jubilee Street bridge. PS

**RESOLUTION: THAT** steel spirals and chain (if needed) be purchased to secure the pub picnic tables and prevent them from blocking the conduit in time of flood.

**Proposed:** Cllr Tim Abraham **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Further work was still needed to remove the build up of silt beside the concrete footpath alongside the stream. It was agreed that this should be done later in the year.

### 45/16 HOUSING

Nothing to report.

### 46/16 FINANCE

#### 46.1 Bank balances

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	2,664.33
-savings	17,346.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>20,010.47</u></b>

The above includes: car show monies £4,078, VAT repayment of £375.97 and PPP grant for 2016-17 of £800.

### 46.2 Payments approved

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Ros Brousson	Flood shed keys	27.25
CAB South Hams	Donation	100.00
AG Village Hall	Rent of hall	52.00
Peter Javes	Administration	264.90
Peter Smith	Flood resilience	16.32
Peter Wade	Neighbourhood plan	33.34
Pippa Unwin	Neighbourhood plan	124.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>617.81</u></b>

### 47/16 PLANNING

SHDC decisions since the last meeting:

**2692/15/HHO** Wakeham Farm Cottage, TQ7 4NE – shed for biomass boiler – conditional approval

**2931/15/HHO** Wakeham Farm Cottage, TQ7 4NE – bathroom window - conditional approval

**2769/15/FUL** Land at Ashford, TQ7 4NH livestock building, extended yard with new access, dry dung store - conditional approval

**0205/16/NMM** Fir Tree Filling station - refusal

### 48/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH spoke about the DCC budget for 2016-17. Despite an increase in central government funding of £8.3 Council Tax would still increase by 3.99%. School crossing patrols would continue to be funded. The Boundary Commissions recommendations were noted and it was likely that Aveton Gifford would become part of the Salcombe grouping of parish councils in 2017. Work continued on extending high-speed Broadband throughout the county. The issue of devolution of powers from central government to local authorities was linked to securing increased productivity and providing new jobs.

### 49/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB invited applications to the Locality Fund.

**RESOLUTION: THAT** an application for funding towards the shop's EPOS till be

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submitted

Clerk

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

**Motion carried unanimously**

TA raised the question of communication between SHDC and the PC and cited several instances where SHDC had acted without consulting the PC. IB noted the problem.

### 50/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation on 20 February had been well-attended and the material gathered was now being analysed. Contributions were still welcome. It was planned to undertake a house-to-house survey in September. The chairman thanked all those who had contributed to the consultation day. Further contributions to the consultation can be made at the village shop or on the community website.

Although the PC had been assured that money was available to help councils draw up their plans, it seems that payment cannot be made retrospectively for expenses incurred. IB would make enquiries.

IB

### 51/16 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

### 52/16 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

The marked-up plan was agreed for submission to SHDC.

Clerk

### 53/16 CAR PARKING

It was felt that the Jubilee Street car park could be re-organised to give more spaces.

### 54/16 TREE WARDEN

The tree warden reported that the Jubilee Street willow would be lopped soon. The holly tree by the shop was the responsibility of the village hall.

DD-B

### 55/16 PARISH FACILITIES

**55.1 Village Stocks:** Now removed from the school and awaiting refurbishment and repositioning.

**55.2 Grit Bins:** The refilling of grit bins from bagged stocks of salt was discussed and JB would consider.

#### 55.3 Community Pool

A list of necessary work had been drawn up and a working party would be arranged. PU had made a sign for the Aveton Gifford Community Pool and this would be mounted on the gate.

The meeting discussed the installation of automatic chemical dosing equipment at a cost of £2,200. This was felt to be in line with best practice and due diligence.

**RESOLUTION: THAT** when made available the share of the car show monies be used to install automatic chemical dosing equipment.

**Proposed:** Cllr Tim Abrahall **Seconded:** Cllr John Yeabsley

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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- 56/16 QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**  
PU proposed a street part to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The clerk was asked to investigate obtaining a road closure order. Clerk
- 57/16 VILLAGE HALL**  
The meeting discussed how a new hall might be financed via loan from the Public Works Loan Board. An indication was that a loan of £200,000 repayable over 50 years might add about £20 a year to Band D council tax. It was agreed that the hall trustees needed to be consulted and then the school's intention regarding continuing use of the hall needed to be established. TA  
SH
- 58/16 TIMBERS**
- 58.1 Power cables** – IB reported that SHDC would be placing warning signs about the overhead cables.
- 58.2 Security** – PS had priced the various elements of a suitable CCTV system for Timbers at about £600. However the lack of a satisfactory response by the police when good CCTV evidence was provided following a recent theft in the village led to a discussion about the usefulness of CCTV. JB would try to get advice from the police and PS would do more research. JB  
PS
- 59/16 BANTHAM SWOOSH**  
The organizers of the Bantham Swoosh (open water swimming event) had made contact concerning a repeat of last year's swim from Timbers to Bantham. The intended date was Saturday 2 July starting at 5.20pm. It was estimated that between 500 and 600 swimmers would take part. It was noted that the area would be very busy at this time and the car park was likely to be full. The clerk was instructed to respond to the organizers that it would not be possible for the event to run it at that time of day because of other people who would be using the river, traffic on the road, and total inconvenience to the village. It might be possible to run the event on the morning tide that day. SWOOSH would be invited to make a contribution to the AG community pool. Clerk
- 60/16 WALL ALONGSIDE ROAD TO ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND**  
The state of the wall alongside the road to Icy Park was discussed. The wall appeared to be bulging and cracking at one point. The wall backed onto the Old Rectory. DCC Highways had advised that the condition of the wall should be reported to SHDC Building Control but it was agreed to contact the householder for comment before making any official report.
- 61/16 CORRESPONDENCE**  
**The Pensions Regulator concerning automatic enrolment**  
In the light of new regulations concerning the requirement for every employer to comply with automatic enrolment into a pension scheme The Chairman had written to the Clerk. The Clerk had replied declining the invitation to join an Aveton Gifford Parish Council scheme.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm Next meeting: Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.30.