

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2017  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Sarah Walkup	SW	
<b>In attendance</b>	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	Peter Javes		Clerk

Members of the public present: 3

**40/17 BOUNDARY CHANGES AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Rufus Gilbert, Conservative Party candidate for the election to be held on 4 May 2017, addressed the meeting. He explained that due to boundary changes there would be changes in county councillor representation for parish councils. County Cllr Richard Hosking would now be representing a constituency that did not include Aveton Gifford. RG had been selected by the Conservative Party to stand for the constituency that would include Aveton Gifford.

**41/17 REPORTS**

**41.1 Shop:** The shop was now assessing CCTV systems.

**41.2 Project Group:** The late Colin Herbert had bequeathed his extensive collection of local postcards and photographs to the Project Group.

**41.3 Sports and Leisure:** Nothing to report

**41.4 Parish Paths Partnership:** The meeting noted the poor condition of the board walk leading to the stepping stones and this would be reported to PPP.

**42/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2017 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Sarah Marcus **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson **Motion carried unanimously. The chairman signed the minutes**

**43/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

PU re Minute 49.4 concerning the sculpture.

**44/17 MATTERS ARISING**

Following 02/17 the clerk had written to the Master of the Modbury Hunt but had not yet received a reply.

**45/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**45.1 Watershed Project:** It was reported that contractors had flushed out all the pipe work and then surveyed it with a camera. This was the final stage in the contractor's work in order to hand the new pipes over to SWW. Councillors agreed that only now could the effectiveness of the Watershed Project to divert surface water from school grounds be tested, and would monitor the drains in Jubilee Street during exceptional heavy rain storms.

**45.2 Flood Group:** The steel bridges had been ordered. It was agreed to dismantle and to try and re-use the timber in the redundant wooden bridges.

**46/17 PLANNING**

**46.1 0050/17/HHO** Polston Green Modbury: extension and alteration to house and new garage/store. Supported.

**46.2 4189/16/FUL** Chillaton Moor Farm, PL21 0SD change of use for siting of two shepherd huts. – Convert agricultural building to residential – Supported.

**46.3 0176/17/FUL** Little Court, AG. New house - Supported

**47/17 FINANCE**

**47.1 Bank balances**

Bank balances as at 28 February: **£15,338.61**

**47.2 Payments approved to be paid electronically:-**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
AG Village Hall	Hire of hall	26.00
E J Tarr	Repairs to play park etc	528.00
Peter Javes	Administration	320.97
T & H Abrahall	School pool	6.90
Palladium	Timber and salt	115.10
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>996.97</u></b>
<b>Thus cash now available and carried forward to 2017-18</b>		<b><u>14,341.645</u></b>

**48/17 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The clerk had signed a contract with Local Council Administrative Services to carry out the internal audit for 2016-17 financial year.

**49/17 PARISH ISSUES**

**49.1 Car parking:** Quotes were considered for the repair of the track from Jubilee Street to Pitten's car park and it was agreed to accept the quote from E J Tarr for £1,322. It was noted that the owner of Rectory Stables would contribute to the cost.

**49.2 Transfer of assets:** The plan provided with the draft contract was inaccurate. A new larger plan had been secured and marked up with amendments. This would be returned to solicitors acting for the PC together with comments on the draft contract. With advice from IB it was agreed to ask to add to the same transaction the areas of SHDC owned foreshore down the Tidal Road and Dukes Mill Creek.

**49.3 Salt:** TA to chase.

**49.4 Play Park:** There was a discussion about willow walk and wasp infestation rendering it unusable and it was agreed to remove the willow trees. PU had offered a piece of sculpture to be placed in the play park on semi-permanent loan. The sculpture would remain PU's property but would be insured by AGPC for £2,000. The location was agreed by councillors.

**49.5 Village hall:** Drawings were being prepared to be shown at the Neighbourhood Plan consultation on 7 and 8 April.

**49.6 Slippery footpaths:** The clerk had spread salt on the path from Icy Park to the steps and SHDC had pressure-washed the steps.

**49.7 Stream behind Brook Court:** The footpath had been closed pending repairs to the bank. Devon and Cornwall Homes had been informed and asked to advise all tenants. DCH had also been asked if they would contribute to the cost. However there had been no response to this request.

**49.8 Verge cleaning on bridge:** The Clerk had reported to DCC

**49.9 Bus Shelter:** Held over to next meeting.

**50/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)**

Assessment was awaited of the various development sites offered. The next public consultation dates: - Friday 7 April 6-8 pm and Saturday 8 April 10-1.

**51/17 TREE WARDEN**

**19 Glebe Land- trimming of beech trees overhanging garden.** DDB had no objection but SHDC's view was awaited.

**52/17 SWIMMING POOL**

The Clerk had written to the pre-school for permission to place solar panels on the pre-school roof to supply the pool with electricity.

**53/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH**

A date had been set of 24 June with two swims planned, one at 0700 and another at 1900 hours. Swimmers would be limited to 400 for each departure. Financial arrangements had been agreed with the organisers. This year only Timbers car park would be used and there would be no gathering of swimmers on the playing field.

**54/17 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS**

Nothing to report.

**55/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RH reported that the DCC budget had been finalised for 2017/18 and Council Tax would be increased by 4.99%. There would still be deficit of about £14m in 2017/18 and it was hoped to manage this deficit by drawing on reserves. DCC Highways had received extra Government funding towards pothole repair, and had used this in AG on the Tidal Road. Two longstanding potholes in the parish (before Were Down bridge, and by the lodge at Chantry) were reported to RH but he felt that the budget for AG parish had now been used up.

**56/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

IB reported that the Joint Local Plan had been approved and would now go out for consultation before approval by central government for adoption in 2017/18. A two year settlement and been agreed with SHDC staff. There had been a 40% decrease in government funding.

**7/17 TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Annual parish meeting 8 May
- Candidates for chairmanship of the PC

Meeting closed at 9.15

Next meeting: Monday 8 April 2017 at 7.30