

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2020  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.00 PM

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JK	
	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	
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes		Clerk
<b>Members of the public present</b>		10	

**36/20 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

The meeting opened with a presentation of the plans for the new village hall project. SH explained that this was a preliminary introduction only and there was still much work to be done. Once the plans had been finalised they would be given to a quantity surveyor to arrive at a cost for the project. Thereafter a full consultation process would begin with parishioners, the school and other hall users in order to get the agreement of the whole community. PS then tabled plans and explained the layout of the building and its position on the plot. The old hall would continue in use whilst the new hall was under construction. A pre-requisite to this project would be to secure a new car park on land known as Homefield across the road within a short walk of the hall, shop and school. Those present asked a number of questions and made suggestions about the plans. The clerk concluded the session by outlining how the project might be funded.

**37/20 PLAY PARK PARENTS' GROUP**

The current wooden "pick up sticks" construction was becoming difficult to maintain in a condition that would satisfy the insurance assessor. The parish council had come to the conclusion that it needed to be replaced because the annual maintenance costs were becoming a serious burden to the community. Thus a group of parents had been working on a scheme for new equipment. Rick Clayton (RC) then presented the work done by the Group which had identified suitable contractors and the initial ideas put forward by those contractors. RC explained the potential costs and that the group had a preference for one supplier's scheme which was likely to be affordable from current resources plus some additional funding. The Group would continue to refine its proposals and hoped to be able to identify a nearby playpark constructed by the favoured supplier in order that people could visit.

**38/20 REPORTS**

**01.38 Shop.** The new till point of sale system was now in place and working. The collection for a bench in memory of Peta Harper would soon be closed and the bench purchased.

**02.38 Parish Paths Partnership:** SH informed the meeting that Jim Fowler wished to retire from being the Parish Paths Partnership coordinator due to ill health. Suitable candidates were being approached to take on the role. The meeting appreciated the hard work done for parish footpaths by Jim Fowler over many years.

**39/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 be accepted as a correct record. **Motion carried unanimously.** The Chairman signed the minutes.

**40/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**41/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RG reported that DCC had set aside £2m to deal with potholes and water on roads, but since

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Devon had 8,000 miles of roads (more than any other county) it would take some time undertake all the remedial work necessary.

There had been a change of policy regarding the installation of electronic speed signs which displayed the speed of cars and potentially any village which wanted a sign might be able to have one.

RG agreed to investigate the delay in resurfacing Rock Hill. (Subsequent to the meeting RG advised that Rock Hill is now programmed for October this year, but he and the Neighbourhood Highways Officer were doing all they could to bring this forward) RG

DDB asked if a gully cleaner lorry could be sent to clear the drains on the bridge over the culvert.

It was noted that the streetlights at the roundabout and over part of the bridge were out of action. RG explained that the streetlight contractor was in the process of being changed.

**42/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

KK spoke about SHDC's Climate Emergency action plan funded by £400,000 is coming from the allocation of New Homes Bonus funding (Government Grant) for 2020/21. SHDC would receive £1,199,159 in New Homes Bonus funding (This is the last year, in 2020-21, that the Council will receive New Homes Bonus grant from the Government). Of the £1.199m Government Grant for New Homes Bonus funding, SHDC will be using £564,000 to pay for running everyday services, and putting £400,000 into a Reserve for Climate Change and the balance of £235,000 is going into a New Homes Bonus Reserve, with its future use to be decided when more details are known about the Spending Review for 2021/22 and following a Government consultation document on a replacement scheme for New Homes Bonus which will be published in the Spring of 2020. The Communities Together Fund grant of £2,196.96 toward the playpark refurbishment had been paid.

KK offered a further £500 from the SHDC Sustainable Community Locality Fund.

**43/20 MATTERS ARISING**

**01.43 Electric Car charging point:** Research continues.

**02.43 Customizing Road Signs in the village:** JK reported on progress with the school for children to design signs to discourage inappropriate parking, leaving engines running and speeding.

**03.43 Fore St Traffic:** Ongoing. The Clerk would copy the SatNav instructions to DW.

**04.43 Signs designed by schoolchildren:** JK reported that there would be a judging to select the designs to be chosen.

**05.43 Broken pipe by Church fields:** PS offered to cut and dress the end of the broken pipe to render it less hazardous. PS

**44/20 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

A plan for the route of the new sewage pipe was awaited.

**45/20 PLANNING**

**01.45 New applications:**

- **0496/20/HHO (resubmission of 4045/19) Chantry, Chantry House, TQ7 4EH**  
Demolition of existing garage to provide new single storey extension to house and erection of new double garage and indoor swimming pool **Responded – support**
- **0502/20/LBC (resubmission of 4046/19/LBC) Chantry, Chantry House**  
Listed Building Consent as above. **Responded - support**
- **0232/20/CLE The Barns, Fishley, Modbury, PL21 0SX**  
Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as recreational/amenity land (resubmission of 1022/19/CLE) Land at SX 682 500  
**Unable to provide supporting evidence from parish council records or knowledge.**

**02.45 SHDC PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

- **4127/19/HHO The Old Rectory, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4LG**

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- Conversion of part of integral garage to music room. Replace car port and shed with timber frame garage and car port **DECISION: Conditional Approval**
- **0046/20/AGR: Little Chillaton Farm, Chillaton, TQ7 4ER:**  
Prior notification for proposed vision splay for agricultural track approved under **3243/19/AGR** **DECISION: Ag Determination details not required**
- **3789/19/HHO: Damerells Combe, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4NQ**  
Refurbishment and extension of bungalow **DECISION: Conditional Approval**

**46/20 FINANCE**

**01.46 BANK BALANCES** as at 29<sup>th</sup> February **£25,878.92**

**Cash held on behalf of:-**

Car show	13,878
Parish Paths Partnership	370.00
Hall project, balance of Lottery grant	6,500.00
Neighbourhood Plan	-310.00
Pool liner replacement fund	2,000.00

**02.46 PAYMENTS APPROVED** (these include VAT where applicable)

Folio	Payee	Reason	£
149	Thompson & Morgan	Shrubs	36.89
150	Vital Signs	Play park "No dogs" signs	9.16
151	IDH Direct	Community pool – cage for chlorine	810.00
152	Endsleigh Gardens	Shrubs	76.85
153	AG Village Hall	Rent of hall	52.00
154	Limelight Webstudio	Website	70.79
155	Peter Javes	Administration	339.40
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS IN FEBRUARY</b>			<b><u>1,395.09</u></b>

**03.46 RECEIPTS**

			£
	Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.97
	SHDC	Grant for playpark	2,196.96
	Luscombe May	mAGpie advertisement	216.00
	Fineshine	mAGpie advertisement	66.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY</b>			<b><u>2,479.93</u></b>

**47/20 PARISH ISSUES**

**01.47 Icy Park parking on pavements:** Boulders had been placed on the pavement at the entrance to Icy Park in order to deter car parking. DCC Highways had asked for them to be removed but it was decided to invite DCC to offer a more permanent solution to the problem.

**02.47 Signs for the playing field:** The signs had been ordered and would be put in place in the near future.

**48/20 PARISH WEBSITE**

In progress.

**49/20 COMMUNITY POOL & SWOOSH**

The cage to keep chlorine deliveries secure had been ordered. The hedge round the pool had been cut in the month.

PS explained that an emergency action plan had to be formulated and displayed in a prominent position at the pool.

PS and RB had made a presentation to Modbury PC about the management of the pool.

See SWOOSH update at Annex A.

**50/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

SH reported that the NP was being scrutinised by an independent examiner.

**51/20 TREE WARDEN**

Nothing to report.

**52/20 MEETINGS ATTENDED**

RB and PS to Modbury PC  
JK to the school.  
Clerk to the Ivybridge area clerks' meeting on 4 March.

**53/20 SUBJECTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- o Office space in the village
- o Moorings

***Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.***

**Annex A: SWOOSH UPDATE**

1. The Boomerang swim and Saturday swim are completely separate. Only a very few people will take part in both.
2. Swimmers in the Boomerang swim will turn round at a raft moored downstream of the lower stakes, so should not attract any spectators here. The PC has asked for Outdoor Swim Society (OSS for signage to indicate that there will be no viewing point for the swim, and no ability to drive through the water to get to a viewing point at the other end of the Tidal Road. Arrangements for the next day in Timbers car parks should be just as in previous years, and won't be disruptive.
3. Boomerang camping is down at Bantham on Friday night after that swim, and The Swoosh camping is in AG for the Friday night before the swim on Saturday, in the Cricket field. The field over the road (with planning permission on the sheep shed) will be used for parking. The OSS will provide portaloos up there for both.

**USING VILLAGE FACILITIES**

4. To take numbers of pedestrians off the road down to the village from the camp site - suggestion to walk down through the field to the gate onto the road opposite the Rectory Lawn entrance. (The OSS to get permission from the landowner for this.) Then the route to the shop, and the pub via the green. If permission is granted, the OSS will signpost the routes for their campers.
5. The pub has already been contacted regarding meals that weekend, the event organiser will also talk to the Village Shop about campers maybe wanting groceries.
6. Portaloos for the Swoosh to be put in RB's field this year to give more available residential parking in the inner car park.

6. **ON THE MORNING OF THE SWIM** - All participants in the Swoosh will be either staying here or come to AG first thing in the morning, no one will be at Bantham this year. As a result, there will be no need for any buses to use the Bantham road on Saturday morning, and no need for the relay system to get participants bussed to Timbers car park for the swim as in past years - everyone will be taken by coaches from the cricket field/ small layby on the road opposite down to Timbers car park.
7. All other arrangements for the SWOOSH on Friday and Saturday are the same as in previous years.

A brief outline of the arrangements this year will be in the next issue of the mAGpie, and all information about the event and fundraisers will be on the website. Regular updates for information will be posted on Facebook.

