

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 3rd MARCH 2022 AT 7.30

Present	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB		
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB		
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS		
	Cllr Peter Wade	PW		
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW		
	Peter Javes	Clerk		
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG		
	Apologies	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JAK	
		Cllr James Reina	JR	
Cllr Dominic Webb		DW		
District Cllr Kate Kemp		KK		

Members of the public: 5

34/22 OPEN FORUM

34.1 **Shop:** See report at Annex A.

34.2 **Jubilee Street play Park:** The new swings have now been installed. Issues remain with the old Earthwrights structures in the junior play park.

34.3 **Fore Street Traffic Group:** It was noted that the resurfacing of Fore Street had been carried out over the half-term holiday. It was reported that the new road markings seemed to have resulted in the loss of two parking spaces. The Clerk was instructed to report this to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to be investigated and rectified.
DW continued to research the type and location of a suitable Vehicle Activated Speed sign. DW

34.4 **Parish Paths Partnership:** The annual survey of footpaths was underway.

34.5 **Island Assembly Conference for Net Zero:** Pippa Unwin reported on the recent conference to discuss climate change. This was thought to have been worthwhile and it was suggested that a further meeting be arranged to pass on the details to parishioners.

Ukraine: It was noted that the PC could not make any financial contribution out of the parish. However, individuals could make personal donations. It was believed that money is the preferred donation rather than clothes or food.

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35/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2022 be accepted as a correct record.

36/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

DDB re Silverkey etc.

37/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

DCC Council tax would rise by 3% in 2022-23. Inflation was now the issue for the DCC budget.

RG suggested inviting the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to comment on the repainting of the underpass and the issue of the drain at the car park end.

38/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

It was noted that brown bin garden waste collections would resume on 28th March

39/22 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

39.1 **Playing field:** The contractors would return to make good any problems with the playing field. The line of the new fence had been marked out. There was a discussion about the

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award of the work to Greenspace and the specification of materials.

39.2 Surface Water Flooding in Fore Street: Nothing to report

40/22 PLANNING REPORT – see Annex B

41/22 FINANCE

41.1	BANK BALANCES as at 1 st March 2022:	£20,228.80
	Cash held on behalf of: Play Park project	£ 14,359.00
	Parish Paths Partnership	£ 812.00
	Village hall project	£ 6,851.00
	Pool liner replacement fund	£ 5,000.00

41.2 PAYMENTS APPROVED

118	Greenspace	Clear banks of stream etc.	586.00
119	E.J. Tarr	Base for new bench	468.00
120	B & Q	Repair signs in Timbers	18.80
121	Kingsteignton DC	Training for pool	100.00
122	Peter Javes	Administration	353.71
TOTAL			3,070.77

It was agreed to make a donation of £300 to the Modbury Fire Appeal for the people who had lost everything in the recent fire at Cherry Park.

41.2 RECEIPTS

Lloyd Bank	Interest	0.21
George Seager-Berry	Firewood	200.00
TOTAL		200.21

41.3 Clerk's Remuneration: The Clerk reported that the Society for Local Council Clerks had negotiated a pay award of 1.7% with effect from 1st April 2021. The details would be submitted to the next meeting.

42/22 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

The had been no response from contractor if their report would comply with the requirements of SHDC. PS

43/22 TREE WARDEN

The felling of diseased ash trees on the Rectory Lawn and elsewhere had been completed. It was decided to leave in place the felled trunk on the Rectory Lawn. The Glebe Land hedge was cut by Tall Orders Landscaping on 29th January.

44/22 DEFIBRILLATORS

Decision awaited from Live West for permission to site for a new defibrillator in Icy Park to be funded by Mrs. Sue Cherry.

45/22 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

JAK had been sent a number of links from the office of Sir Gary Streeter MP. SHDC had confirmed that the installation of EV points in Timbers would not compromise the covenant to make no revenue from the car park.

46/22 COMMUNITY POOL

PS had calculated that the cost of running the pool in 2022 would be neutral if key monies and the SWOOSH were as previous years. PS was authorised to commit expenditure to ready the pool for the new season. Two individuals have come forward to carry out the daily checks and maintenance on a job-share basis. The Clerk would ask the school for water and electricity bills. RB was organizing resuscitation training dates.

47/22 MOORINGS ON THE FORESHORE and TIMBERS CAR PARK

Renewal mooring permits for 2022 was underway.

48/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk had made application for a road closure order for Sunday 5th June. It was planned to hold a Jubilee Concert in the Church on 28th May. Free to enter. Caroline Barker showed an example of the proposed signature book for the Jubilee and the PC agreed to contribute £45 towards the cost. It was believed that SHDC might be able to offer a grant to fund celebrations.

Clerk

49/22 EMERGENCY PLAN

In view of the power cut and loss of all communications during the recent storm a strategy needed to be adopted to cope with a similar event in future. The DCC emergency planner would be asked for advice.

Clerk

ANNEX A SHOP REPORT

AGVSA vacancies: all felt that it would be good to have some younger blood on the Committee.
Health and Safety: The H&S documentation adopted as policy. The weekly H&S check sheet would be made by as many Committee members as possible at 2pm on 28th February at the Shop. The hard copy record of inspections would be posted on the Shop notice board.
Insurance: a builder to advise on the current sum insured for property damage to the shop building (£156,187). The current sum insured for "General Contents" (£27,482) was considered adequate. The insurance documentation was displayed on the AGVSA notice board.
Fund-raising stall and gazebo: we hope to have a first trial event towards the end of March and thereafter every 6 weeks.

Shopkeeper's Report

- The Post Office had approved the new partnership agreement
- The application for the Postmaster position is complete and has been sent to the assessor.
- Sales in the shop & post office have stabilised
- PO procedural requirements had been clarified through Magpie and things were now going more smoothly with PO customers.
- The risk assessments for fire and health and safety had been agreed.
- Electrical testing for the EICR and remedial work has been completed by an electrician.

Treasurer's Report

Total cash £2,202.70.
Full year accounts ready for the next committee meeting in April and showed that, if rental income could be maintained, AGVSA should achieve a small surplus dependent upon maintenance and purchases of equipment etc.
SeaMoor Lotto: Income from participation was starting to build as a result of publicity in mAGpie and on the Village Facebook page.

Maintenance: Thanks were recorded for volunteer help.

Shop Rent: Increasing electricity prices was considered a reason for not putting any further pressure on the shop's economic position and that the AGVSA should try to make up any shortfall in its income via other sources (e.g., the Lotto) This would be revisited in April to agree policy for approval at the AGM.

Marketing: A promotional leaflet had previously been proposed for distribution to local B&B's, Air BnB accommodation etc.

Solar Panels; An on-site meeting with Eco NRG he suggested the Village Hall would offer a good location. The sum involved might be between £5K and £10K for a 5kW installation.

Partnership Agreement: The EGM on 1st February had been advised that the Post Office required amendments to the Post Master application and accordingly changes had been made and the revised agreement is now signed

Next meeting 21st April. The AGM is proposed for 16 June 2022 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

ANNEX A DCC REPORT

ANNEX B PLANNING REPORT

SHDC applications since last meeting:

0321/22/HHO: Island House, Fore St

Alterations and extension to provide a replacement two storey rear extension including modifications to the first-floor family bathroom. Respond by 10th March

0334/22/FUL: Yabbacombe Farm

Restoration and conversion of original threshing barn Respond by 17th March

0537/22/ARC: Chantry House, Chantry

Approval of details reserved by condition 3 and 9 of planning permission 0502/20/LBC Respond by 24th March

0397/22/HHO: Pelistry, Rock Hill

Alterations and extension to form extended kitchen area, relocated dining area, bedroom complete with a wet room and alterations to existing hall, at first floor a relocated study and provision of bedroom with en-suite facilities all with associated works Respond by 7th April

0543/22/HHO: Spring Bank, Ashford

Creation 3 new roof lights and alter window from kitchen to a door opening Respond by April 7th

Withdrawn application

4737/21/FUL: Cosy Nook, Rock Hill

Installation of New bi folding doors & Juliet balcony in a modified opening

Application referral to SHDC planning committee 16th February.

Resubmission of 2807/20/FUL: The Barns, Fishley

Erection of holiday let for inclusive use by disabled persons.

This was referred to the full planning committee by KK, to re-examine the decision to refuse permission. AGPC submitted a letter of support to the committee hearing. SHDC decision – permission was granted.