

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 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 David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Delia Elliott	DE	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Neill Schroeter	NS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes		Clerk
<b>Apologies</b>	Ian Bramble	IB	Prospective District Cllr

Members of the public present: 6

**56/15 DAVID BALKWILL**

The meeting started with a minute's silence in memory of David Balkwill, respected lifelong resident and farmer who died on 7 March 2015 aged 88.

**57/15 REPORTS**

**57.1 Shop**

A letter of thanks from the Shop Committee was noted regarding the donation towards the new chiller. The next project was to raise funds towards a new till capable of keeping stock records etc. The shop needed to dispose of a quantity of steel shelving, no longer needed. Anybody interested should ask at the shop.

**57.2 Parish Paths Partnership**

The annual paths inspection was completed by the end of January. Jim Fowler submitted the reports to DCC in February. The grant request for £1,000 has been approved and paid to the PC.

**57.3 Sports and Leisure**

The tennis court refurbishing had started and the court would re-open on 6 May 2015. The Clerk spoke about the broken goal posts on the playing field. *Subsequent to the meeting the goal posts were repaired by Peter Smith.*

**58/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION: THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Neill Schroeter **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus

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

**59/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**60/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

The School had offered a maximum of £1,000 per year for use of the pool if it were to be taken over by the PC. A lengthy discussion ensued over the likely burden on the precept. It was noted that on preliminary estimates of annual running costs and income generated by the pool the precept might need to rise by £5 per household in 2016-17.

**RESOLUTION: THAT** the PC continue its negotiations with the School to take on a lease to run the pool

**Proposed:** Cllr Tim Abrahall **Seconded:** Cllr Delia Elliott

**Motion put to the vote and carried on a show of hands by a majority**

Clerk

It was hope to have a meeting with the PTA a.s.a.p to gauge use of the pool and the degree of help available.

**61/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**61.1 Parson's Brook dredging**

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Nothing to report.

**61.2 Flood Resilience**

DCC had paid for further flood resilience materials, protective clothing, sandbags etc and these would now be ordered to be kept in the shed by the shop. DCC had asked for an evaluation of the flood resilience project. Overall, it was felt that much had been achieved and the parish should be able to cope much better in future.

RB presented the final report of the Flood Resilience Group now that the DCC Flood Project had finished; the Flood Plan now in place and part of the overall community Emergency Plan; rain and stream gauges now installed and set up to trial; grant money from two applications had paid for equipment for flood preventative measures and flood clear up, and storage for the equipment; grant money also awarded for flood resilience measures for the village hall; training of Flood Wardens; the group’s drain survey, with routine checks and clearance had already proved invaluable for flood prevention and in PC negotiations with SWW and Highways. Evaluation of the project had been sent to DCC as requested; a very successful outcome which should enable the parish to prepare for and cope with flood situations.

**61.3 Sewage in Jubilee Street**

No leaks since last meeting.

**61.4 Drains etc**

Awaiting the survey by DCC Highways.

**62/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES**

**62.1 Traffic Calming and Speedwatch**

DCC had now installed the speed cushion by the school, councillors were disappointed since it seemed to have no effect in slowing traffic. DCC was still involved in consultations over the rest of the scheme.

There were conflicting reports on the Speedwatch programme. The police had reported that it was no longer necessary due to the traffic calming measures in Fore Street. However DCC were reporting that once the 20mph signage was in place the programme could be initiated.

**62.2 Communications – mAGpie**

David Stevens had taken over invoicing of mAGpie advertisers and chasing up slow payers. This had resulted in a significant increase in revenue, thus lessening the burden on the precept.

**63/15 HOUSING AND CAR PARKING**

Nothing to report

**64/15 PLANNING**

**64.1 Applications**

Nothing to report

**64.2 Enforcement**

It was noted that SHDC had cleared Hellier’s Field of caravans etc.

**65/15 FINANCE**

**Bank balances:** as below:

	£	
Current account		6,045.29
Deposit account		6,088.78
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>1,321.28</u></b>

**Payments approved**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Peter Javes	Administration	388.37
S.G. Baker	Sand bags	75.60
Cornwall Farmers	Flood resilience equipment	775.62
Palladium	Repairs etc	45.94
AG Village Hall	Rent of hall	35.75

**TOTAL**

**1,440.56**

The above payments were approved.

**66/15 AUDIT 2014-15**

The clerk reported that the accounts had been reconciled to 31 March 2015 and were being made ready for the annual audit. The audit process required the adoption of various policies

**RESOLUTION: THAT** the following be adopted as tabled by the clerk

- Model financial regulations
- Statement of internal control
- Risk Assessment Management

**Proposed:** Cllr David Davis-Berry **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson

**Motion carried unanimously**

**67/15 PARISH FACILITIES**

**67.1 Benches**

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

Sketch of the proposed bench awaited.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bench funded by SHDC**

To be sited by the tennis court.

The clerk tabled photographs of all benches in the parish and it was agreed to remove the neglected bench at Bridge End.

**67.2 Play Park**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been called with Earthwrights to discuss the report on the condition of the equipment by SHDC's insurers. The insurers' report had been split into three sections:-

- Work to be undertaken by Earthwrights
- Work to be undertaken by self-help
- Work agreed to be unnecessary

This had been reported back to SHDC and Earthwrights quote was awaited.

**67.2 Icy Park steps**

Nothing to report

**68/15 BT PHONE BOX**

BT had offered to sell the phone box in Fore Street to the PC for £1. However it was noted that phone still worked and that the connection would be lost if the box was no longer owned by BT. It was felt that the phone line was useful and BT's offer should be declined.

**69/15 TREE WARDEN**

DDB tabled his report, the main points were:

- Trees overhanging the tennis court still a problem
- The large willow on the Jubilee Street bridge is being monitored by SHDC
- The recently cleared area on the tree line of the playing field needs mowing, the Clerk to ask John Reid to action.
- Pile of chippings at underpass end of field will be scattered amongst the trees in due course.
- Tree in Timbers with cracked branches, DDB will deal with.

**70/15 PARKING IN AG**

It was noted that there seemed to be several cars in Pittens/Rectory car park that were off-the-road and not being used regularly. All the car parks in the village were for daily use by residents and there was no capacity long term storage of cars. The clerk was instructed to word a polite notice to be placed on windscreens of offending cars asking that they be moved out of village car parks.

Clerk

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**71/15 ELECTION 5 MAY 2015 AND COUNCILLOR NOMINATIONS**

Seven valid nominations had been received for nine vacancies and thus those nominated would be councillors with effect from 5 May without the need for an election. The new council would be able to co-opt two further people to fill the two vacancies.

**72/15 ROAD SIGNS TREE CORNER/ CHURCH LANE.**

Nothing to report

BC

**73/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

It was noted that this would be Bryan Carson's last meeting since he was stepping down as a district councillor. His contribution to AG over the years was greatly appreciated.

**74/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

RH was awaiting a report on the traffic calming works, if these were not deemed to be effective the scheme would be revisited at a later date.

RH reported that the DCC library service assets would be transferred to the community.

Everybody was urged to respond to the transport consultation on the DCC website by 20 April 2015.

**75/15 ANCHOR ON ROUNDABOUT**

Nothing to report

JB/TA

**76/15 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Lengthsman
- Relocation of village stocks
- Collapsing bank of stream behind Brook Court
- Playpark remedial work

**77/15 CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking councillors for their efforts over the last five years and wished departing councillors well.

Councillors were unanimous in appreciation of John Brooks for stepping in as chairman on the sudden departure of the previous chair.

Meeting closed at 9.00  
followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30.

Next meeting: Monday 11 May 2015 @ 6.30