

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 12 APRIL 2021

<b>Participating</b>	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JAK	
	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	

Peter Javes

Clerk

**Members of the public** 3

**49/21 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Sarah Harcus be appointed chair and Ros Brousson be vice-chair.

**50/21 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Chair gave a brief report on the Council's activities over the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. See appendix A.

**51/21 REPORTS**

52.1 **Shop:** Felicity Furlong gave an update on the shop. All electrics had now been tested but it was evident that the building was now in need of some maintenance. It was planned to hold the shop AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> June, but this might be delayed in order to give all shareholders the opportunity to attend. It was hoped to acquire an ice cream freezer for the summer.

51.2 **ACA:** RB reported that the ACA would not hold an AGM this year and was working on a code of conduct for river users. It was planned to place a Quick Reference (QR) notice in Timbers to give information about using the river. There was a discussion about the increased use of the river and such issues as parking in AG by river users.

51.3 **Parish Paths Partnership:** DDB reported that the tree overhanging FP1 were the responsibility of the landowner.

51.4 **Court Barton Development:** The landowner would address the May meeting to explain the proposal and answer questions.

**52/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be accepted as a correct record. Motion carried unanimously.

**53/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

DDB in respect of any discussion involving development adjacent to his land.

**54/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Mark Lawrence, Liberal Democrat candidate in the forthcoming election on 6<sup>th</sup> May for the Salcombe Ward introduced himself.

RG confirmed that Fore Street would be resurfaced in 2021.

The clerk would contact the Neighbourhood Highways Office to meet the Fore Street Traffic Group.

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**55/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

KK spoke about the problems with the new refuse collection service and acknowledged that Rock Hill had been missed for several weeks. KK would investigate and find out what was going wrong. KK

KK agreed to investigate why the Jubilee Street play park had not had an annual insurance inspection. KK

Grant money was available for projects aimed at bio diversity.

**56/21 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**56.1 New Sewage Pipe:** SH updated the meeting on the meeting with South West Water when councillors and representatives of SWW and the contractor walked the route of the new pipe across the playing field. It was noted the slide would have to be removed. SWW required that access to the field be closed during the works. By way of compensation SWW had offered £10,000.

The perimeter paths around the field would remain open during the works. There would be a manager for the contractor on site throughout the period of the works. The school would have to be told about the closure of the field as well as the grass cutting contractors. Clerk

**56.2 Surface Water Flooding in Fore Street:** The DCC flood engineer had advised that householders could apply for grants to pay for remedial work from the Flood Resilience Fund.

**57/21 PLANNING see ANNEX B**

**58/21 FINANCE**

**58.01 BANK BALANCES** as at 12th April 2021 £23,215.92

Cash held on behalf of:

Play park project	359.00
Parish Paths Partnership	1,574.00
Village hall project	6,851.00
Pool liner replacement fund	3,000.00

**58.02 PAYMENTS APPROVED**

90 Devon Communities Together	Subscription	50.00
91 Amazon	CCTV cameras	32.97
92 Tesco	Batteries for CCTV	12.00
93 SHDC	Payroll service	120.00
01 Palladium	Sanitizer	13.88
02 Limelight Webstudio	Website	230.78
03 E.J.Tarr Ltd	Hedge cutting	246.00
04 DALC	Subscription	205.54
05 Peter Javes	Administration	355.11
06 HMRC	Administration	239.60
07 Keto Plastics	Goalpost wheels	25.98

**TOTAL** 1,531.86

**RECEIPTS**

Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.10
SHDC	Precept	12,750.00
Several	Mooring donations	180.00

**TOTAL** 12,930.10

**59/21 ANNUAL AUDIT**

The council's usual internal auditor had declined to carry out the annual audit this year. David Stevens, an accountant formerly qualified as a member of the

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Association of Cost and Management Accountants had agreed to carry out the audit this year. The clerk had provided him with the wherewithal to start the audit.

**60/21 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

Following SHDC's comments on the plans it was agreed that the Environment Agency (EA) needed to be involved and thus PS had passed the contact detail to the architect. PS was awaiting the date of a meeting between the architect, the EA and SHDC..

**61/21 CONTROL OF DOGS AROUND THE PLAY PARK**

It was agreed that the whole play park needed to be fenced in order to keep loose dogs away. Once SWW had completed the works on the playing field a fencing scheme would be devised and costed.

**62/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The referendum required to adopt the NP would go ahead on 6th May 2021. DDB aimed to produce a leaflet about the plan to be delivered to every house two weeks before the referendum..

DDB

**63/21 TREE WARDEN**

DDB would soon start a survey of all trees in the parish. DDB asked councillors to think a planting programme to replace the number of trees felled. It was felt that blossom trees in and around the playing field would be popular. SH would organize a working party to dig up the snowdrops likely to be in the way of the new sewer line and replant the bulbs elsewhere.

**64/21 FORESHORE MOORINGS**

Boat owners wishing to continue keeping a boat on a mooring had been invited to make a donation of £20 towards the cost of the posts and rings etc. So far £180 had been collected and two people had given up their mooring. DW spoke about the situation with the Plymouth pilot boat which was encroaching onto boats on the moorings. The Duchy of Cornwall would be invited to deal with the situation..

**65/21 COMMUNITY POOL**

PS spoke about opening the pool. PS would meet representatives of the school to agree safety procedures and compliance with Covid rules etc. PS was concerned about use of the pool outside of school hours when users would be unsupervised and there would be nobody in overall control to ensure compliance with Covid regulations.

It was agreed that priority should be given to open up the pool for school teaching sessions this summer, with community use as and when Covid guidelines permit. Pool membership payments and booking resuscitation courses online only this year, through the AG website pool page. This will be made active once an opening date is permitted for community use.

**67/21 CASUAL VACANCY**

There had been no interest from parishioners in filling the casual vacancy.

**68/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The clerk was asked to contact the police to enquire about progress in investigating the catapult attack on a house in the village. Clerk

NEXT MEETING Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in the hall. Social distancing measures would still apply.

## ANNEX A: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – CHAIR’S REPORT

### ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

- Play park new equipment, getting grants towards the cost of so doing, many thanks to Rick Clayton, without whom this would not have happened,
- New sewer project, the amount of time spent negotiating with SWW etc.
- Village hall project
- Neighbourhood plan, not strictly a parish council project but the PC is still closely involved
- Children’s road signs (20 IS PLENTY)
- Fore St traffic project
- Grass cutting, new contracts, hope you agree that the green areas now looking so much better.
- New bins and benches
- Monitoring use of car parks, constant battle to stop being used by MOT failures, no tax, SORN etc.
- Boat moorings, really has tidied up the foreshore and brought order to the mess of boats moored there.
- Loss of income caused by Covid, no car show, no pool, no SWOOSH. Probably about £10,000 down on the year.

Thanks to all councillors and especially Peter Smith for undertaking so many repairs and other work around the parish.

### ANNEX B Planning report for April

#### Applications received

#### **0650/21/FUL Court Barton Aveton Gifford TQ7 4LE**

Full planning application for storage shed

Comments by 29 April

#### **3925/20/FUL Haggaton Barn, Little Chillaton Farm**

New natural slate roof, single storey side extension and extension of residential curtilage of existing stone barn:

Comments by 29 April

#### **0936/21/LBC Heathfield Down Farmhouse**

:Listed Building Consent for creation of two car parking spaces and installation of electric vehicle charging point for the benefit of Lawn House:

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#### **AGPC response to applications since the February meeting**

#### **0068/21/FU Modbury (Polston Park)**

Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling (approved under Class Q ref 3801/19/PDM)  
AGPC response; Support, on grounds of supporting family home, and eco-building measures

#### **0242/21/FUL: Edwards Burrough, Ashford**

Extension of the existing farm hub to serve collectively a 105 acre farm (retrospective)  
AGPC response; Object. Several issues: sewage disposal, surface water drainage, effect on neighbouring watercourse, not addressed, and no information in this application re 95 acres requiring support

#### **0708/21/FU: LCorner Cottage, Ashford**

Extension and alterations to dwelling to include demolition of two existing rooms, erection of a new garage/car port and tractor store together with change of use of part of the land

AGPC response; Support This application has been resubmitted to include the change of use.  
AGPC response as before - support

**0622/21/FUL Heathfield Cross Farm, Modbury**

Provision of a general purpose agricultural building and new access

AGPC response – support on the grounds of supporting an existing agricultural business

**SHDC Decisions since the last meeting**

**The Barns Fishley:** Creation of new safe access to property: Conditional approval.

**Babland Farm\;** Listed building consent for repairs/stabilisation of walls to barn: Conditional approval

**Harraton Farm:** Approval given for change of use for agricultural building to 5 dwelling houses and associated development.

**Stadbury Grange:** Minor/remedial works to joinery and replacement greenhouse: conditional approval

**Higher Stadbury:** Improvements to house and ancillary building including removal contemporary garage, replacement windows, damp proofing and drainage, insulation, re-roofing and internal remodelling: 2 applications – Household and Listed Buildings – both given conditional approval

**Chantry Studio, Chantry:** discharge of conditions.

No decision yet on **Skippers Hill Cottage, Waterhead.**

