

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

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| Present | Cllr Tim Abrahall | TA | In the Chair |
| | Cllr Ros Brousson | RB | |
| | Cllr David Davis-Berry | DDB | |
| | Cllr Pippa Unwin | PU | |
| | Cllr John Yeabsley | JY | |
| | County Cllr Richard Hosking | RH | |
| | District Cllr Ian Bramble | IB | |
| In attendance | Peter Javes | | Clerk |
| Apologies | Cllr John Brooks | JB | |
| | Cllr Sarah Harcus | SH | |
| | Cllr Rosie Warrillow | RW | |

Members of the public present: 3

92/15 REPORTS

92.1 Project Group

The Project Group would have a stall at the Church Fete on 11 July and the theme would be the village school. Jocelyn Ponting was organising this.

92.2 Sports and Leisure

The refurbished tennis court was now in use and Sports and Leisure had repaid the PC the net cost of the works.

93/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2015 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr John Yeabsley **Seconded:** Cllr David Davis-Berry

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

94/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

TA and RB declared an interest in any discussion on housing.

95/15 CASUAL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

It was noted that the PC was one councillor short of its full complement of nine councillors. The Clerk would publicise the vacancy and invite nominations to be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk

96/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The lease had not yet been signed by the church and a new valve was needed for the pool before it could be opened for swimming.

RESOLUTION: THAT new steps for the pool be bought at a cost of £137

Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Pippa Unwin

Motion carried unanimously.

Training need to be arranged for those who would be checking the pool water quality.

Resuscitation training had been arranged through Kingsbridge swimming pool.

97/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

97.1 Flood Resilience

South West Water had booked the village hall for the afternoon of 2 July to consult householders on the scheme to separate surface water from foul

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and advise how individual householders could access grants to undertake the works. SWW would be writing to all residents of Fore Street with an invitation to the consultation.

It was agreed that gullies around the parish would need to be emptied and cleaned before next winter.

97.2 Parson's Brook

Dredging the stream was scheduled for September 2015. The crumbling bank behind Brook Court would be assessed after the dredging was completed.

97/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES

Traffic Calming

The second phase of the traffic calming (being two cushions at the Fisherman's End of Fore Street) would be implemented by DCC on 27 July. The speed cushion proposed for the middle of Fore Street had been cancelled due to objections.

98/15 PLAY PARK INSPECTION

Earthwrights Limited had completed the works on the play area. The Clerk and Peter Smith would check that the work was in accordance with the schedule.

99/15 HOUSING INITIATIVE

IB would find out when SHDC might start the housing survey for Aveton Gifford. IB

100/15 FINANCE

100.1 Bank balances

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

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| £ | |
| Bank account -current | 9,407.37 |
| -savings | 6,762.99 |
| TOTAL | <u>16,170.36</u> |

100.2 Payments approved

| Payee | Reason | Amount £ |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| First Serve Tennis Courts Ltd | Resurface tennis court (re-imbursed net by AGSLA) | 1,825.20 |
| Peter Smith | Materials for bench on Tidal Road | 42.84 |
| AG Village Hall | Rent hall and water | 441.79 |
| Earth Wrights Ltd | Play park | 2,386.86 |
| Peter Javes | Administration and disbursements | 343.59 |
| John Reid | Grass/paths/tree maintenance | 226.00 |
| John Reid | Parish Paths Partnership | 187.00 |
| Nigel Whitmore | Resuscitation training | 90.00 |
| Palladium | Weed control membrane | 11.99 |
| TOTAL | | <u>5,555.00</u> |

It was noted that a claim for the play park work would be made on the SHDC TAP Fund in conjunction with Bigbury PC and Kingston PC. Clerk

101/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH spoke about the public transport consultation and commented that the

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cuts would be less severe than initially thought, however the final report would not be published until June or July.

The OFSTED report into DCC's children's services had shown an improvement in the rating given previously.

102/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB reported on the first formal meeting of the newly elected Council. The transformation programme had achieved savings of about £3m per annum. The locality fund for each councillor had been increased to £2,000 and All councillors were invited to consider suitable projects for a grant application.

IB offered to arrange for a representative of the planning department to address an open meeting on planning issues. IB

103/15 CAR PARKING

RESOLUTION: THAT a dialogue be started with the landowner of Homefield with regard to leasing land for additional car parking.

Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Pippa Unwin

Motion carried unanimously.

104/15 BENCHES

104.1 In Memory of Thomas Capewell

Access to the bench on the Tidal Road had been improved by Peter Smith at the PC's expense, with the landowner's approval.

104.2 Tennis Court etc

The new bench had been placed by the tennis court and the old bench there had been washed down, repaired and painted olive green. The other two wooden benches on the playing field would be similarly treated. Clerk

105.15 TREE WARDEN

DDB reported that the large holly above the tennis court had been removed by the landowner. The pile of chippings on Parson's Lawn would be shredded.

106/15 PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

The meeting considered what the PC had achieved over the last five years (See Annex A below). Councillors would consider what needed to be achieved over the next five years. All

107/15 PARISH FACILITIES

107.1 Icy Park Steps: To be repaired by SHDC.

107.2 Anchor on roundabout: To be repaired by JB

107.3 Footpath across playing field: Awaiting dredging of Parson's Brook

107.4 Village Stocks: To be refurbished. New location to be discussed at next meeting.

108/15 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Achievements projected for the next five years

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm
Next meeting: Monday 6 July 2015.

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| ANNEX A : ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS | |
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| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior play park • Notice board replaced in Icy Park • Footpath by tennis court • South Efford Marsh salt marsh etc • Removal of Gillaroo from the Avon |
| 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone box repainted • Playing field dedicated to FIT • Gritter acquired • Snow warden trained • Table tennis tables • Footpath from Rectory Car park to footbridge at Brook Court and underpass to footbridge by pub |
| 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment field bought • New handrails on footbridge at Brook Court • Notice boards in Timbers taken over and refurbished • Planting of shrubs on Rectory Lawn • Bridge rebuilt at Tree Corner • Play park for older children • Parish Plan |
| 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency plan • Boats cleared from tidal road • Notice boards replaced by Shop and Bridge End • New benches • Defibrillator • Flood resilience measures and equipment • Trees along playing field cleared |
| 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South West Water flood measures • Trees by tennis court cleared • Tennis court (with Sports and Leisure) • Play park refurbished • Liaison with SHDC planning enforcement to address planning issues • Traffic calming in Fore Street |