

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2016
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

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

Members of the public present: 1

106/16 REPORTS

Parish Project Group.

A tribute was paid to Jocelyn Ponting, member of the group for 25 years. Her contribution to all of the projects undertaken during that time was invaluable, and she would be greatly missed. The group planned a small publication of her Grove Park memories as a memorial, to be sold to raise funds for the shop. TA wished it to be recorded that her contribution to the community had been invaluable, achieving two outstanding results; she played an enormous part towards the new Hive playschool building; she had been one of only 2 parish councillors to fight to prevent the original route of the village bypass down the length of the village green.

A display "The River, Past and Present" would be put on for the Church Fete. Delia Elliott was seeking contributions from all sections of the community for a cookery book to be sold as a fund-raiser.

107/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of 4th April and 9th May.

4th April – accepted. Proposed DDB, 2nd, RW Signed

9th May – accepted. Proposed JY, 2nd PU. Signed.

108/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

DDB – for land for housing.

109/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

109.1 Watershed Project.

School grounds to be connected to the newly installed drainage during the summer holidays.

JY raised concern that drain carrying spring water from behind Baker's Terrace had not been connected as still overflowed in heavy rainfall. PS would write to Lorna Devenish.

PS

SWW contractors undertaken work to separate Townswell spring from foul water drains, and installed gully along road taking run-off to drain in Townswell Lane.

109.2 Flood Group; Nothing to report.

109.3 Posts at bottom of hall car park.

Estimate accepted, work still to be completed.

109.4 Stream dredging, gravel plan.

A plan was necessary to deal with gravel removed during dredging to ensure flood resilience. TA estimated 20 tons by winter which would need to be disposed of. It was agreed to spread it throughout Rectory Stables car park initially – proposed JY, 2nd PU. It would then be necessary to find alternative sites.

110/16 HOUSING INITIATIVE AND SELF-BUILD.

DDB asked councillors to consider an approach to representatives of the owners of

land at Millfield and Homefield following the death of Jim Irish. He suggested a letter to make the interests of the community known – land needed for housing and for car park. Councillors preferred to discuss further at next meeting when John Brooks there.

TA presented various alternatives for self-build schemes which could prove more suitable alternatives to a big development.

111/16 PLANNING

Decisions;

None to our knowledge.

Applications responded to;

Domun Cottage: application re-advertised. Pc emailed response of no objection.

Wakeham New Barn: Application for change of use of agricultural building to two residential dwellings in accordance with Class Q criteria. Planning committee representatives met with client's agent to view. In spite of reservations of all members, this fell within permitted development.

Chillaton garage: Still to consider

Enforcement: No issues.

112/16 FINANCE

112.1 Bank balances

Bank balance as at 3 June £13,301.24

112.2 Payments approved

To be paid electronically

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Peter Javes	Administration	265.86
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	221.00
Harris Pools	Poll sundries	95.60
AG Village Hall	Water rates and toilet cleaning	501.11
AG Village Shop	SHDC grant for EPOS	600.00
Peter Smith	Flood resilience	67.10
John Reid	Grass cutting	408.00
John Reid	PPP	214.00

To be paid by cheque

M Webb	Grass seed	22.00
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TOTAL **2,394.67**

Cash available **10,906.57**

113/16 CLERK'S PAY

It was agreed to increase the clerk's rate to £9.647 per hour from 1st April 2016.

Proposed JY, 2nd DDB

114/16 PARISH ISSUES

114.1 Car parking: No further progress

114.2 Transfer of assets

No response from Chris Brooks SHDC following his meeting with council members. IB to follow up.

RB reported concerns about the foreshores by Timbers car park and at Bridge End, and the need to retain them in parish ownership. (Comment from the floor giving historical precedents in other similar situations.)RB to look for documented ownership, and PU to enquire re legal implications. Both to report to IB

114.3 Salt and gritter

12' x 6' container donated by TA. Agreed to keep it in Timbers inner car park where no danger of flood water.

114.4 Play Park equipment: No plans seen.

- 114.5 Pool**
 PS reported that new automatic dosing equipment to be installed by Harris Pools had not arrived. Pool now in regular use by community and the school would start using it Monday and Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday. Arrangements made for checks three times a day until doser installed.
 PS to clarify with school that cover should remain in place whenever not in use. PS
 Water temperature regularly 25°C
 Three life-saving courses held, all full.
 The number of guests allowed by each key holder had been raised at training courses. RB would enquire of PJ re insurance, and pool committee members would set a limit. RB
 PJ had invoiced the school for its day time use.
 It was to be noted that the school had an unresolved issue with their electricity suppliers regarding their bill for last year, and therefore the PC had not received an invoice from the school for past pool electricity consumption.
 PS had resolved an issue of school swim equipment raised by the school. This had been contaminated by rodent damage, and had been mutually agreed with previous staff to be thrown out.
- 114.6 CCTV**
 PS was waiting for contact from JB. He had ascertained from Kingsbridge Police that local police would be in favour of any CCTV installations in the village.
- 114.7 Queen's birthday**
 St Andrew's Church had held a display of floral decorations and royal memorabilia in the church, and had served tea and cakes to visitors over the weekend. This had been well attended, and the display remained on view in the church.
- 114.8 Village hall.**
 Thanks were expressed to PJ for painting the doors.
 TA explained a proposed rebuild. The first stage would create an entrance on to Church Lane. Planning permission only exists for a new extension, not for a new hall. It is proposed to build a simple steel-framed building, in the same place, up above flood level. Professional technical drawings would be needed before any costings could be made, and then approaches for Public Works loans, and preliminary applications and discussions with SHDC planners. It was agreed to spend up to £150 on technical drawings Proposed RB, 2nd DDB. TA would commission these plans. TA
- 114.9 Goal and rugby posts.**
 PS agreed to follow up on combined football and rugby posts. Money was still available from both IB and RH.
 Reservations were expressed about anchoring rugby posts safely in unstable marsh under the pitch.
- 114.10 Fallen tree on road to A379.**
 Following the meeting JY reported that the tree had now been cleared.
- 114.11 Skate park.**
 PS and RW had recent discussions with residents.
 It was noted that previous decisions six years ago had opted for money to be spent on the play park which benefitted a greater number of young people. Councillors agreed that the same situations applied at present; lack of a suitable site; the cost of building (£50,000 for Malborough six years ago). Money at present was being spent on the pool, again benefitting a larger proportion of residents.
 A suitable site might arise with any new housing development. A tarmacked bump was previously suggested with the new path around the green.
- 115/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
 DDB would give more detailed report at the next meeting. The NP group was aiming for a target date of Autumn 2017. Ian Darbyshire had summarised all the contributions made at the consultation.

116/16 TREE WARDEN
Nothing to report.

117/16 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS
Nothing to report.

118/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR
RH reported a recent allocation for the pot hole fund. He was to meet Nick Colton to prioritise the worst – suggestions please via the website.
Phase 2 Broadband tender to proceed, once confirmation received from BT of the 90% already connected. A Voucher scheme will give grants to enable connection to High Speed Broadband to both individual and group applicants.

PC queries re signage, removal of Fore St from satellite navigation, further speed restriction measures all referred to Neil Oxtan.

Recent gully and buddle hole clearance at Chillaton had been noted, but previous requests that lengthsman should contact the Clerk for priority work had not been followed up. RH reported that all work was now undertaken by outside contractors instead of council lengthsman on the basis of cost-cutting, and they choose the work to be done.

RW raised query about obsolete signpost at bottom of Icy Park road which had been designated for removal by Neil Oxtan as part of signage improvements in that area. RH to remind him.

RH

119/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
IB reported on further SHDC discussions to form a limited company for council services and housing development.

119/16 BANTHAM SWOOSH
Councillors had received the latest correspondence from OSS outlining arrangements. These were to be made public for residents on the website, Facebook page and parish notice boards (RB action)
OSS had requested a pool logo for use on their website and publicity. PU to design.
Four marshals were needed for traffic control on 2nd July; PU, DDB, TA, PS volunteered. Timbers car park spaces to be cordoned off as agreed with OSS.

120/16 WALL ALONGSIDE ROAD TO ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND
The owner aware and has had professional advice. To be removed from future agendas.

121/16 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS
PS had attended a meeting of the Devon Resilience Forum which had proved useful and established valuable contacts with other agencies.

Next meeting: Monday 4 July 2016 at 7.30