

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2017  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 6.30 PM**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Ian Stainton	IS	Minute 95/17 on
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	PC Ryan Hazlehurst		
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 4			

The meeting opened with one minute's silence in memory of those killed in the recent London terrorist attack.

**93/17 REPORTS**

**93.1** Shop: The Bingo night had been successful in raising funds in support of the shop. Clerk

**93.2** Parish Project Group: Work on the Recipe book and Jo Ponting's memoirs continued. The PPG planned to mount a display at the Church Fete on 8 July.

**94/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was noted that Pippa Unwin had withdrawn her resignation and thus minute 75/17 of the meeting held on 8 May should be amended accordingly.

It was also noted that the Annual Parish Meeting list of reports had omitted the Tree Warden's report which was on file and available on request from the Clerk.

**95/17 CASUAL VACANCY**

Sarah Walkup had resigned due to the workload of her new job. Ian Stainton offered himself as a new councillor.

**RESOLUTION THAT** Ian Stainton be co-opted to the council to fill one casual vacancy

Proposed: Cllr Pippa Unwin Seconded: Cllr Peter Smith

**Resolution carried unanimously**

Thus the council now had one casual vacancy remaining and nominations would continue to be sought.

**96/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**97/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**Flood Group:** The gradient of the approach to the steel bridges had been reduced and the noise of the steel plates had been eliminated. PS was authorised to buy non-slip mats at a cost of £120. PS

The meeting offered a vote of thanks to Tim Abrahall and Peter Smith for their work in the design and installation of the bridges and resolving the initial teething problems.

Ed Tarr proposed to start work on repairing the stream bank behind Brook Court week commencing 12 June. PS would review the quote and the length of bank to be repaired before the work started. The owner of the blue Toyota car parked by the footbridge would be invited to move it to enable machinery to access the stream from the Lane. Clerk

**98/17 PLANNING**

**98.1 0998/17/HHO** 27 Icy Park, extension to house. Supported with the proviso that there be two car parking spaces within the curtilage.

**99/17 FINANCE**

**Bank balances**

Bank balances as at 26 May:

**£18,787.19**

**100/17 PAYMENTS APPROVED**

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Came & Co	Insurance premium 2017-18	438.82
Public Works Loan Board	Allotment loan repayment	1,099.34
Groundwork UK	Neighbourhood Plan repayment	121.00
John Reid	Grass cutting	284.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	86.00
Palladium	Bolts to fix new bench	2.74
Peter Smith	Community Pool	16.39
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	226.00
Harris Pools	Community Pool	171.42
Peter Javes	Administration	309.88
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>2,755.59</u></b>
Cash held on behalf of car show		<b><u>4,752.00</u></b>
Thus cash now available		<b><u>11,279.60</u></b>

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable and VAT of £1,168 will be reclaimed at the end of June.

The Clerk would invite the owner of the Rectory Stables to make a contribution to the cost of resurfacing the Jubilee Street track to the Pitten's car park.

The Clerk had invoice the Allotment Association the annual rent of £500.

**101/17 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

It was agreed to form a project group to start initial planning to replace the current hall with a new building. The group would comprise:-Tim Abrahall, Ros Brousson, Peter Smith, Pippa Unwin. Sarah Walkup would be invited to join the group because of her knowledge of the construction industry. The hall committee would be consulted when necessary and kept informed of prioress and milestone dates. Initially the Group would need to decide how to gain acceptance by a majority of parishioners to any additional costs to be added to Council Tax.

It was noted that no parishioners had attended the recent AGM of the hall committee.

**102/17 PARISH ISSUES**

**102.1**

Car parking: JY updated councillors on the meeting with the executor of Jim Irish's estate to discuss provision of a new car park for the village and a bunded pond above Homefield to contain flood water.

**102.2**

**Transfer of assets:** RB and Tim Abrahall had met the solicitor acting for the PC to finalise the land to be transferred and the terms of the contract. One issue remained to be resolved which was the extent of the area of land belonging to the Fisherman's Rest. The Clerk was instructed to obtain the title deed plan of the Fisherman's Rest. All councillors would be invited to review the plan of the land to be demised to the PC before the final contract was signed.

Clerk

**102.3**

**Play Park:** The stumps on the willow walk had been removed.

**102.4**

**Abandoned Boats:** RB reported that the Aune Conservation had reminded the Duchy of Cornwall of its obligations regarding abandoned boats on the river. Neil Schroeter would be invited to help with the clear up of abandoned boats once the transfer of assets had been completed.

**103/17 SWIMMING POOL**

The pool was open and being well-used over half term. There had been some complaints from neighbours about noise and language. It was agreed that the pool rules must apply equally to everybody who wished to use the pool without exception. Sanctions would be applied to any person who allowed their key to be used by others.

**104/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH 24 JUNE**

The SWOOSH fund raising looked promising and it was likely that some £2,400 could be raised towards the Community Pool.

**105/17 TIDAL ROAD SPEEDING**

The meeting discussed speeding on the Tidal Road, the national speed limit of 60mph applied to this stretch of road, which was far in excess of a safe speed, which should probably be no more than 20mph. However it was recognized that there was little the PC could do.

**106/17 EMERGENCY EXIT FROM ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND TO A397**

The meeting discussed the need for an emergency exit from Icy Park and Glebe Land should the access road become blocked for any reason. It was felt that it should be a straightforward matter to provide an exit using the old Waterhead road barred by a locked barrier that could be opened in the event of an emergency.

**107/17 MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

PS agreed to start compiling a list of tasks in the parish, such as weed control, grass cutting, repairs and maintenance etc. The list would indicate the periodicity of each task and whether it would normally be carried out under contract by paid or voluntary labour.

PS

PS spoke about the Road Warden contract offered by DCC for the P{C to sign. It was noted that some of the terms appeared to be onerous but PS would be willing to sign it provided that he had carried out a full risk assessment for any jobs he proposed to tackle.

**108/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

DDB reported that there would be a meeting between the NP group and SHDC on 20 June to discuss the next stage of the plan. IB would attend that meeting.

**109/17 TREE WARDEN**

DDB reported on the problem with a copper beech in Pulley's Close and the felling of trees in the ground of the Old Rectory. The SHDC tree office had been invited to inspect. It was noted that the Hall Committee had invited a tree surgeon to inspect and advise on the tree outside the shop.

**110/17 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS**

Nothing to report.

**111/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RG confirmed that he hoped to attend AGPC meetings every other month from now on. He was serving on the committee dealing with all issues regarding fishing, and thus would be the point of contact for any concerns regarding sea or river fishing in the area.

He had raised the matter of the pothole at Chantry with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer and a potential remedy was awaited.

RG reported that the number of staff employed by DCC had fallen from 8,280 to 4,378. Thus it was inevitable that service levels would be affected and the preferred method of communication with DCC would now be by electronic means.

**112/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Nothing to report.

**113/17 MEETINGS ATTENDED**

JY, RB, PU and DDB with Tim Abrahall had met Michael Tucker regarding the proposals for car parking etc (minute 102.1/17 above).

RB had attended the Aune Conservation AGM.

Meeting closed at 9.40

Next meeting: Monday 3 July 2017 at 7.30