

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2017
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 6.30 PM

Present	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC	Minute 117/17 on
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Ian Stainton	IS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
Apologies	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 7			

The meeting opened with one minute's silence in memory of those killed in the recent Grenfell tower fire.

114/17 REPORTS

Parish Project Group: The Group planned to mount a display at the Church Fete on 8 July featuring the buildings and residents of Fore Street.

115/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was noted that the June minutes had omitted reports on the following planning applications:-

- Oak Tree Farm – 0908/17/ARM - supported
- Oak Park Farm - 1509/17/OPA - supported
- Polston Green 1286/17/HO - supported
- 27 Icy Park 0998/17/HO - supported

Subject to the above, the minutes of the meetings held on 8 May and 5 June were accepted as a correct record.

116/17 MATTERS ARISING

116.1 Letters of thanks

It was agreed to send letters of thank to former councillor Tim Abrahall; and former County Clerk Councillor, recognising the work they had done for the parish.

116.2 Modbury Hunt

It was agreed to send the letter to Modbury Hunt about hounds on Bakers Hill on New Year's Day, a draft of which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk

117/17 CASUAL VACANCY

Susan Cherry, a former councillor, offered herself as a new councillor.

RESOLUTION THAT Susan Cherry be co-opted to the council to fill the casual vacancy
Resolution carried unanimously

118/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

119/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

Flood Group:

Ed Tarr proposed to start work on repairing the stream bank behind Brook Court in the near future. The blue Toyota car had been moved from the stream side into Pitten's car park.

120/17 PLANNING

120.1 1727/17/FUL – Wakeham New Barn: Conversion of barn to dwellings (previously approved under Class Q application ref 1357/16/PDM) to include minor alterations and extension to the domestic curtilage. Supported

120.2 1810/17/FUL – Kinvara, Hangman's Cross to Chillaton, Modbury: Proposed replacement stable barn and outdoor arena. Supported

120.3 1668/17/HHO: Maycroft, Road from Chillaton to Langdon Cross, TQ7 4ER. Raise the height of the front porch from one to two storey . To be visited

120.4 0482/17/FUL Moor View, cabins etc Two members of the public raised the issue of the above application which fell within the parish of Modbury but which would effect Aveton Gifford residents because of the proposal to make a new entrance and exit to the site by Hangman's Cross where the road narrowed considerably. It was agreed to lodge an objection with SHDC. RB

121/17 FINANCE

Bank balances

Bank balances as at 27 July: **£16,866.75**

122/17 PAYMENTS APPROVED

Payee	Reason	Amount £
John Reid	Grass cutting	387.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	255.00
Harris Pools	Community Pool	80.02
Peter Javes	Administration	313.10
SHDC	Play park annual inspection	156.00
T & H Abrahall	Pool sundries etc	403.98
AG Village Hall	Hire of hall May and June	29.25
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>1,624.35</u>
GROSS CASH		<u>15,242.40</u>
Cash held on behalf of car show, Tony Porter would be asked if this money should now be disbursed.		<u>4,752.00</u>
Thus cash now available		<u>10,490.40</u>

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable and VAT of £1,722.87 had been reclaimed at the end of June but not yet paid by HMRC.
The Allotment Association had paid the annual rent of £500.
The SWOOSH sponsorship money was awaited, it was likely to be in the region of £2,400 for the benefit of the community pool.

123/17 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

A project group of five people had been formed and new costings of the hall project were awaited.

124/17 PARISH ISSUES

124.1 Transfer of assets: The title deed plan of the Fisherman's Rest had been examined and it was now clear that the piece of land under investigation was not registered to anyone. It was agreed to enquire of SHDC if the car park would be subject to business rates, although since no revenue could be earned from it this was thought to be unlikely.

All councillors would be invited to review the plan of the land to be demised to the PC before the final contract was signed.

IB confirmed that the land would be conveyed with vacant possession save for the existing abandoned boats. PS read the wording of the entrance sign to the meeting which stated that abandoned boats would be removed (see wording at Annex A below). The PC would make this point to SHDC and point out that there was also evidence of fly-tipping in Timbers, as distinct from abandoned boats.

Clerk

124.2 Abandoned Boats: see 124.1 above

125/17 COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The sand filter had split on a Saturday but had been repaired by the following Tuesday. It was agreed to place a notice at the pool giving emergency contact phone numbers.

PS

Thanks were expressed to PS for all his work at the pool.

126/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH 24 JUNE

The meeting discussed feedback to the SWOOSH organisation in the light of this year's experience. It was agreed to buy a number of traffic cones to be used for any event in the

village to control parking spaces etc.

The meeting agreed in principle to the SWOOSH in 2018 (date to be advised) being two dawn swims one on a Saturday and the next on a Sunday.

127/17 EMERGENCY EXIT FROM ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND TO A397

Held over to be discussed with RG.

128/17 MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

PS had started to compile a list of tasks in the parish, such as weed control, grass cutting, repairs and maintenance etc. He felt it would be useful to see if DCC contractors could be used for certain tasks. It was also felt that a dialogue with Modbury PC might be useful. PS

The meeting also discussed moss on pavements and the continuing problem of dog poo in certain areas. SC suggested spraying with yellow dye in order to shame irresponsible owners. RW explained how simple scoops could be made from milk cartons.

129/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

IB reported on a meeting between the NP group and SHDC on 20 June. The information gathered so far would be included in a report to be sent to SHDC to be consolidated into a final report

130/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB spoke about SHDC's financial objectives and the initiatives to cope with a budget shortfall of £600,000 in the current year. The pay award ceiling of 1% was likely to be exceeded and this could add another £400,000 to the deficit. It was recognized that the level of income against expenditure was not sustainable. IB spoke about the idea of a full merger of SHDC and West Devon DC which could save £0.5m. However SHDC carried no debt at present, whilst WDDC did carry a debt burden and its council tax was higher than SHDC. IB was looking for a considered response from parish councils to the proposed merger as well as a reaction to the idea of SHDC increasing its commercial property portfolio. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting. Clerk

131/17 MEETINGS ATTENDED

RW had been at a meeting between the school and the Church at which the ethos of the link between the two had been discussed. .

Meeting closed at 9.30

Next meeting: Monday 7 August 2017 at 7.30

ANNEX A

Wording of SHDC sign at entrance to Timbers

Unauthorised boats or trailers occupying spaces are liable to be removed without notice. Abandoned vehicles including boats will be removed and disposed of under the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978.

Vehicles and contents are parked at owners' risk. The District Council accepts no liability for loss or damage to vehicles or contents.