

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6th JULY 2020

In the village hall, Aveton Gifford

Contributing	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JK	
	Cllr James Reina	JR	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr Dominic Webb	DW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Julian Brazil	JB	Standing in for KK
	Peter Javes	Clerk	
	Apologies for absence	District Cllr Kate Kemp	KK
Members of the public		2	

The meeting was the first to take place in the hall following the relaxation of Covid lockdown rules, 2 metres social distancing was observed and all surfaces that had been touched were cleaned at the end of the meeting.

106/20 REPORTS

106.1 SPORTS AND LEISURE

The meeting discussed charging the coach for his use of the court. Since the court was owned by the PC and was on land leased by the PC all users should pay the charges for the use the facility. Councillors were in agreement with the move to charge the coach for the hire of the court for his coaching business.

The meeting noted and approved the proposal to install an outdoor table tennis table by the tennis court. This would be paid for by the PC and become the PC's asset but the net cost would be reimbursed by Sports and Leisure.

The meeting also noted the request for the PC to consider providing a skate park in the village. However it was felt that this would be beyond the means of the PC at the present time. It was just not possible to provide for every interest of residents.

106.2 SHOP

Jenny Reynolds e-mailed that the shop continues to run smoothly. It was decided to wait a week or two before installing Peta Harper's Memorial picnic bench in the shop garden.

107/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 1st June 2020 be accepted as a correct record. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Chair signed the minutes of that meeting and those of the meeting held on 11th May.

108/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

DDB re Neighbourhood Plan, minute 116.

109/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Please see Annex A for RG's full report.

At the meeting RG reported that in the event of a Covid 19 outbreak in Devon management of the situation would be handled by DCC.

RG asked to be given the precise location of the Japanese knotweed in the area and he would deal with it. RG

RG would come to any meeting with the DCC Highways Neighbourhood Officer to further discuss traffic calming to deter speeding through the village.

DDB would send to RG the e-mail correspondence concerning the ash trees adjacent to the A379 in Timbers. . DDB

110/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

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District councillor Julian Brazil reported on behalf of KK who was shielding at home:-
JB mentioned that discretionary business grant can now be applied for.
<https://southhams.gov.uk/discretionarygrants>. These for businesses which could not apply for the small business rates grants.

Anybody with concerns about occupation of holiday homes in the lockdown could report matters to SHDC.

Under Neighbourhood Plan, minute 116, JB would investigate the deferring of the JB community referendum.

111/20 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

SWW had advised that data from flow meters was awaited before finalising the scheme.

112/20 PLANNING

New applications: It was noted that the planning committee was not able to visit new applications because of Covid precautions. The committee would meet to discuss applications using plans alone.

113/20 FINANCE

113.1 BANK BALANCES as at 30th June **£35,076.74**

Cash held on behalf of:-

Play Park Project	13,878
Parish Paths Partnership	1,574
Hall project, balance of Lottery grant	6,500
Neighbourhood Plan	-310
Pool liner replacement fund	2,000

113.2 PAYMENTS APPROVED (these include VAT where applicable)

Folio	Payee	Reason	£
14	Roadware Ltd	litter bins	309.48
15	NBB	bench	318.00
16	Came & Co	insurance premium 20/21	531.10
17	Information Commissioner	registration 20/21	35.00
18	B&Q	trug for Jane	4.68
19	John Reid	grass cutting	411.00
20	Lee Bray	neighbourhood plan	280.00
21	Peter Smith	Wheel for football goal	10.98
22	Peter Javes	Administration	330.13
23	Palladium	Slabs etc for new bench	93.87
TOTAL PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING			<u>2,324.24</u>

113.3 RECEIPTS

	£
Lloyds Bank	Interest 1.23
HMRC	VAT refund to 31 st March 2020 1,264.00
Longley Consulting	mAGpie advertisement 108.00
Allotment Association	Allotment rent 2020/21 562.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING	
	<u>1,935.23</u>

114/20 PARISH ISSUES

114.1 Low wall on Fore Street by Matford

The PC report to the DCC Highways Neighbourhood officer that the low wall presents a risk to pedestrians & placing the responsibility with DCC for resolving the issue. Clerk

114.2 **Electric Car charging point:** No progress on electric car charging points.

114.3 **Customizing Road Signs in the village:** Nothing to report

114.4 **Fore St Traffic:** Ongoing.

- 114.5 Overgrown hedge in Icy Park:** To be reported to LiveWest housing association. Clerk
- 114.6 Potholes in Timbers and on footbridge by the Fisherman's:** To be repaired.
- 114.7 Benches by the Fisherman's Rest:** The meeting agreed in principle that these benches should be replaced but this was likely to be in the next financial year.
- 114.8 Moorings:** RB and DW were reviewing mooring permits for the current season.
- 115/20 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**
PS updated the meeting on detail changes to the draft design he had been discussing with the architect.
- 116/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
The examiner's report had been received and the NP group was considering its response whereon the final plan would be submitted. It was noted that there would be no parish referendum on adopting the final I plan until May 2021. However assurances had been received that the plan would carry weight in consideration of new planning applications.
- 117/20 TREE WARDEN**
Nothing to report.
- 118/20 COVID 19 UPDATE**
In accordance with Government guidelines the play park had been re-opened on 4th July.
The village hall was also being brought back into use, the Clerk had attended a meeting of hall users to discuss new procedures for users and an amendment to the hire agreement had been signed,
- 119/20 PLAY PARK**
The junior play park had been inspected before opening on 4th July.
Parents had weeded the park.
Rick Clayton presented quotes for the replacement senior play park and it was resolved to accept the quote from Outdoor Play Devon Ltd at net cost before VAT of £24,500. The work would now be put in hand.
The Kitt Will Trust had indicated its willingness to award a grant towards the cost and the Clerk would make a formal application for £5,000. Clerk
(Clerk's note: Subsequent to the meeting the Trust had indicated its agreement to award a grant of £5,000 and RG had arranged a DCC grant of £1,000).
The meeting next considered quotes to:
1. dismantle the old wooden structure and then to
2. remove sand from the site
Quotes from E.J.Tarr were accepted for 1 in the sum of £580 and 2 in the sum of £540. The old wood would be stacked near the site for parishioners to take for firewood.
- 120/20 POLICIES**
The Clerk had circulated drafts of new policies on Data Protection and Freedom of Information. It was resolved that these policies be adopted and displayed on the website.
- 121/20 GRASS CUTTING**
RB AND SH had met three potential contactors to undertake grass cutting in the parish following the retirement of John Reid. It was noted that one contractor had withdrawn after quoting and the remaining two quotes were very similar. There it was decided to split the contract into two:
o Greenspace to cover the playing field, stream bank and Timbers and

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- James Tall area around the junior play park, Pittens Walk and the Rectory Lawn.

During the summer the grass would be cut every two weeks.

There was a discussion weedkilling on the footpath margins and the fact that spraying was really the only practical method of preventing grass encroaching on the path.

122/20 KINGSBRIDGE FOOD BANK DONATION

It was resolved to make a donation of £100 to the Kingsbridge Area Food Bank since it was recognised that a number of parishioners were making use of its services.

Date of next meeting: 3rd August 2020

ANNEX A DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT COVID-19

Devon is 146th out of 150 areas at risk in England. So at present very low risk.

As at 30th June there were now two positive cases per week.

The government has placed responsibility for local Covid-19 outbreaks with upper tier authorities. Devon (DCC) has an advanced 'Local Outbreak Management Plan' LOMP in place, should it be necessary.

ECONOMY.

About 30% of workers in Devon have been furloughed or made redundant, with up to 90% in tourism. Tourism = 5.5% of Devon's economy and employs 12% of the workforce being about 63,000. DCC Economy (my portfolio) is working hard to restart, regrow and reset the economy with the main sectors being Tourism, Retail, Construction and Agriculture food & drink.

BROADBAND.

Mobilisation of new CDS Devon and Somerset contract set for early 2021. There are six lots to tender individually or as a group. There is plenty of interest with contract completion by December 2024. BT Gainshare has provided £6 million to date which has allowed an additional two thousand hard to reach properties to be connected. The take up has been 65% as against the national average of 61% which has improved the Gainshare monies.

RG was mortified by the news of another delay to Rock Hill repairs and was doing all he could to get news. It is a delay and not scrapped.