

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2013

IN THE Village Hall, Aveton Gifford @ 7.00pm

Present	Cllr John Coates	JC	Chairman
	Cllr John Brooks	JB	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Neill Schroeter	NS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
	County Cllr William Mumford	WM	
	Apologies	Peter Javes	
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Delia Elliott	DE	

Members of the public present: 2

140/13	CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS	
	<p>JC commented that the Village Produce Show had been successful, although the number of entries was lower. A general comment was made that more publicity would help across the Parish to increase awareness of the date, and the entry schedule forms.</p> <p>JC commented that the Vintage Classic Car Show in aid of the Hive had been successful with more than 1300 paying visitors in attendance. The Council asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to the organiser.</p> <p>No Public comments</p>	
141/13	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	<p>RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2013 be accepted as a correct record.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Neill Schroeter, Seconded: Cllr David Davis-Berry</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously. Chairman signed the minutes.</p>	
142/13	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None	
143/13	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
	WM reported that current and future budgetary constraints will make the maintenance of some discretionary work by the County Council difficult to maintain. A consultation process is starting about the way in which the Youth Service is provided. WM continued with an update to the following agenda item – 144/13	
144/13	FLOODING and SEWAGE	
	– New culvert under road at Millfield – WM provided an update on the search for funding to meet the estimated cost of replacement of £80 – 90,000. WM informed that approaches are being made to various Agencies that have a source for this type of need and expenditure. Gary Streeter MP has been contacted to ensure that any funding opportunity with a government department is supported. Plans for the work and replacement culvert are being progressed and a new DCC appointment (John Gaunt) is supporting Martin Hutchings in this work. WM reported that whilst Devon Highways were the only contractor that had provided a costing, it might well be that a further	

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	<p>opportunity may arise for a local contractor. WM will keep local residents and the Parish Council posted on progress. John Gaunt to be approached to act as a co-ordinator for other matters relating to flooding of Parson’s Brook, contact and action with South Hams District Council, Duchy of Cornwall</p> <p>SWW had detailed the work required to relieve the overflows in to Jubilee Street. To date no work had been initiated. PC Chairman to seek the latest position with SWW. Following on from earlier surveying of the levels at the Fisherman’s Rest and closer to the junction with the Avon, JB was requested to attend any meeting with the Duchy representatives on changes to the width and depth of the Brook.</p> <p>Flood Alleviation – within this topic it was agreed that the delayed local meeting with Matthew Parry be set up.</p>	
145/13	<p>PLAY PARK Phase Two – Safety</p> <p>Using the two safety reports (RoSPA and Allianz) a quantity of additional work had been done to increase assurance whilst maintaining the original objectives of challenge etc. Photographs of amendments had have been supplied to Groundworks UK – the Grant body. No untoward incidents had been reported and there has been increasing use of the new Play Park amongst parishioners and visitors. Signs would be devised to ensure that ‘other’ safety issues were addressed <i>e.g.</i> ‘this equipment is designed for used and enjoyment by youngsters 8+ years of age.’</p> <p>PLAY PARK Phase Two – Dog Fouling The Council had resolved to consider the issue of dog fouling after a couple of months had elapsed. Councillors had no evidence of dog faeces being deposited in the sand under the build. Fencing round the newly built Play Area was considered at the design stage, and rejected as the fence could well discourage the open and free aspect of play.</p> <p>The topic of dog fouling was broadened, to include the incidence levels on public footpaths. After some lengthy discussion and much alternative consideration it was decided to seek to implement a ‘dogs on leads please’ policy to the Recreation Field (Manorlands). A final decision would be delayed and reviewed at the October meeting of the Parish Council. BC to take advice on this issue from SHDC’s Dog Warden and report back at the October meeting.</p>	
146/13	PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES – No action at this meeting.	
147/13	HOUSING UPDATE – No further actions to report	

149/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS since the last meeting:

02/1916/13/F	Old Coach House Babland Farm PL21 0SB	Creation of separate dwelling
	Pulleys Close	Building of Conservatory extension

Parish Planning sub Committee to comment

148/13	<p>CLEARANCE OF DERELICT BOATS FROM SOUTH HAMS LAND –</p> <p>A parishioner has offered to clear away any derelict boats that are situated close to the River. JC to arrange for statutory notices and information to be located on the boats and a time period for ownership to be identified. This action considered to be separate from any other actions that might be underway. The Secretary to the Aune Conservation</p>	
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	Association told the meeting that a contribution could be made towards costs.	
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150/13	150/13 FINANCE	
	150.13/1 Current Balances £9,154.74	

	Street Motion	Play park	200.00
	Peter Javes	Administration	222.32
	Magnet Media	Website maintenance	30.00
	John Reid	Grass/paths/tree maintenance	169.00
	Peter Smith	Miscellaneous	8.00

	<p>The above payments were approved.</p> <p>150/13/2 RESOLUTION: THAT the under-spend of £766 following the reduced cost of legal fees etc in purchasing the Allotment Field be used to reduce the capital debt to PWLB.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Pippa Unwin Seconded: Cllr Sarah Harcus – carried unanimously.</p>	
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151/13	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>151/13/1 Community Website – Magnet Media is moving its business model away from providing a hosting service. Thus notice has been received that their hosting service to the Parish Council will end on 31 October 2013. Amy Clayton has made significant progress with the new design and brief, and a start date of 31st October is the aim. Amy will liaise with Magnet Media to gain a ‘smooth’ handover.</p> <p>151/13/2 Engaging with Young Parishioners – Sports and Leisure Committee had organised two tennis coaching weeks during the summer school holidays employing a professional LTA Coach, Tim Brearley. The age range of those attending ranged from 7 to 16 years old. The first week was held at the beginning of the six week break, and the second towards the end of the holiday. In all 21 young people benefited, and 7 returned for the second week.</p> <p>Each course provided the players with 5 sessions during the week. Sports and Leisure Committee provided funds to subsidise the cost to 33%. The cost of the first course was £60 and the parents paid £40.</p> <p>The events were a great success judging from the reaction of parents and those involved, and would be well worth while running again next summer. The event has sparked an enthusiasm for young person’s tennis, which will continue through the rest of the season.</p> <p>Table Tennis evenings will resume in the third week in September and through the winter months.</p> <p>Young people will be required for the Village Pantomime with performances next February 2014. An initial meeting will be in the Fisherman’s at 7.30pm on September 10th.</p>	
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152/13	<p>Parish Facilities</p> <p>152/13/1 Recreation Field A bid to Fields in Trust to provide a Grant to extend the improved drainage and to create a cycle and running path to circle the perimeter of the Manorlands field. The funding application was submitted in time for the 4th September being the date when bids are judged and assessed. A decision is awaited.</p> <p>The encroachment on to the main field of scrub, bushes and weeds will have to be halted</p>	
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	<p>and trimmed back to a boundary line to provide a larger area for play, and to increase the length of the projected path.</p> <p>152/13/2 School Swimming Pool The Council wanted to progress enquiries to improve and refurbish the Swimming Pool. Not only is the Pool an asset to the Community as a whole but also a valued addition to the School's attraction. PC Chairman to contact the Chief Executive of the Federation to explain the PC's position and to seek a co-operative plan.</p> <p>152/13/3 Ownership of Land adjoining Allotment Field Enquiries on ownership of two sections of land on Rock Hill find that the two sections are owned but not registered at the Land Registry. TA and RB to contact owners to manage a way forward to secure the Parish Council's asset of the Allotment Field. Hedge trimming of this land to be added to the cutting this coming Autumn.</p> <p>152/13/4 Repair of Banks of Parsons Brook Ownership of the adjacent land on either side of the Brook needs to be clarified. BC to gain clarity from SHDC. Then repair etc will have to be done, bearing in mind that there will be further work to widen and prevent pinch points.</p>	
153/13	<p>District Councillor's Report</p> <p>Person drew Parish Councillor's attention to the Draft Proposals from the Boundary Commission to reduce and 'equalise' the number of District Councillors and their constituencies in the South Hams. Comment on the proposals are required to be made by 11 November 2013. The full report, maps etc can be seen at consultation.lgbce.org.uk.</p> <p>BC also reported on the Forward plan meeting to be held by SHDC to view Housing Land availability in to 2025</p>	
154/13	<p>Meetings attended by Clerk and councillors – nothing to report</p>	
155/13	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>– Councillors attention was drawn to a parishioner's report concerning access at Wakeham Lane.</p> <p>Two letters had been received from parishioners concerning dogs and the Play Park. Both letters had been seen before item 145/15 was discussed.</p>	
156/13	<p>Topics for future Meetings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking creating a dangerous situation at Corner by the Rectory and road to Icy Park/Glebe Land 2. Proposal for Recreation Field regarding Dogs 	

Meeting closed at 21.16
 Next meeting Monday October 7th 2013