

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2017
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM

Present	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB		
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC		
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB		
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH		
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS		
	Cllr Ian Stainton	IS		
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW		
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB		
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG		
	Apologies	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	In attendance	PC Ryan Hazlehurst		See Annex A for police report Clerk
		Peter Javes		
	Sarah Pearson	SP	Representing Jason Jackson Minute 162.3/17 only	

Members of the public present: 3

155/17 **REPORTS**

Parish Project Group: Favourite recipes were still needed for the forthcoming cookery book.

156/17 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 16 August be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus

Motion carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

157/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

158/17 **FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

Flood Group: The repairs to the stream bank behind Brook Court were now complete. Thanks were expressed to Ed Tarr for such a good job of work and to PS for clearing the stream of weeds.

There was a discussion about the volume of water in the road from near the entrance to Little Court, PS offered to clear the ditch. PS

The cause of the serious flooding on the road by Chantry had been identified and DCC had visited the area and remedial action would be taken in conjunction with landowner of the adjacent field.

The next edition of mAGpie would carry an article about measures people could take to clear blockages etc.

159/17 **PLANNING**

159.1

New applications

2679/17 FUL Land at Chillaton Cross, extension of agricultural building **Supported**

2698/17/FUL Babland House, Modbury, PL21 0SB alterations to existing house to create separate dwelling **Supported**

2484/17/FUL Prospect Cottage, TQ7 4NG , field barn and poly tunnels **Supported**

2754/17/CLE The Old Walled Garden South Efford, TQ7 4PA lawful development certificate for part foundation to restored barn. Noted: Referral to the Secretary of State for a decision by SHDC – no action by the parish council

159/17 **FINANCE**

Bank balances

Bank balances as at 31 August: **£11,764.04**

160/17 **PAYMENTS APPROVED**

Payee	Reason	Amount £
E.J.Tarr	Bank at Brook Court	8,316.60
Peter Smith	Community Pool	116.37

Harris Pools	Community Pool	40.80
AG Village Hall	Rent of hall	29.25
John Reid	Grass cutting	338.00
Peter Javes	Administration	329.15
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>9,170.17</u>
Cash held on behalf of car show		<u>8,298.00</u>
Cash now available		<u>2,612.43</u>

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable. VAT currently owed by HMRC amounts to £3,327. Car Show proceeds of £3,973.45 have been banked and added to the funds held over from 2016 awaiting instructions from the Car Show Committee.

161/17 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

Nothing to report

162/17 PARISH ISSUES

162.1 Transfer of assets: The following had been signed by the clerk and the Chairman

- Agreement for sale between SHDC and AGPC relating to land at Aveton Gifford
 - Transfer deed form TP1
 - Deed of dedication between AGPC and the National Playing Fields Association relating to the Queen Elizabeth II playing field
 - Legal Charge form CH1 concerning title numbers DN441520, DN477040 and DN514475
- Solicitors would advise once exchange had been completed and the land transferred to the PC.
Clerk's note: Exchange of contracts was completed on 7 September 2017.

Clerk

It was noted that the request to site a mobile coffee stall on Timbers had to be refused because of the covenants about commercial activity in the deed of sale.

162.2 Abandoned Boats: Progress had been made in clearing derelict boats. IS had received seven requests to buy boats. Once the land transfer had been completed a scrap merchant would be invited to clear derelict trailers etc.

The Clerk would draft a notice to be displayed at Timbers concerning use of the car park etc.
The meeting discussed various ways of restricting entrance to the car park.

Clerk

162.3 Exercise Equipment on the playing field: SP attended the meeting and tabled a document describing the equipment. The Clerk was instructed to pass this to SHDC (as safety inspectors of the play equipment) to see if there were any concerns. Otherwise the council was in favour of the proposal subject to agreeing its precise location.

Clerk

162.4 Village Stocks: PS tabled a schematic and would now cost the proposal.

PS

163/17 COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The pool would be shut down on 23 September or earlier if the water was too cold. A new cover & winding mechanism will be required which could be funded from the SWOOSH monies. Year to date the pool had been used on 400 occasions by family groups.

164/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH 2018

The date for the SWOOSH in 2018 had been set as the weekend of 14 and 15 July which clashed with the Church fete on 14 July. However SWOOSH had agreed to provide marshals.

165/17 EMERGENCY EXIT FROM ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND TO A397

Held over to be discussed with RG.

166/17 MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

PS had added the foreshore to the schedule of maintenance works. Dimensions (lengths and areas) would be added to the schedule. Neighbouring parishes had been contacted to see if there was any interest in combining forces to appoint contractors. The meeting discussed the proliferation of weeds around the village. It was noted that self-help might be the only way to deal with the problem. The meeting discussed the possibility of closing Fore Street to traffic to enable parishioners to clear weeds in front of their houses.

167/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DDB reported that the NP group was still working on the first draft of the plan for the next stage consultation.

168/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The 20mph roundels had been painted in Fore Street. The 20mph signs to be erected on poles were in stock and about to be installed.

The redundant finger post sign at the foot of Icy Park lane could be removed by self-help.

The request to relocate the bottle bank etc from Timbers to the layby on the road from the village to the A379 was being considered by DCC. A sketch plan of the proposed new location together with reasons would be sent to DCC.

PS/
Clerk

Clerk's note: Subsequently refused by DCC

RG's attention was also drawn to the potholes in the back road from Waterhead to Easton.

169/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB spoke about the proposed full merger of SHDC and West Devon. There was a discussion about the partiality of the SHDC briefing documentation.

170/17 TREE WARDEN

NTR

171/17 CAR SHOW 28 AUGUST 2017

The car show had been a resounding success and the Clerk had banked £3,973.45 on behalf of the Car Show Committee. In addition the raffle had raised £1,291 for the Hive pre-school and will receive an additional £1,000 match funding from Santander who also provided volunteers to help. There was optimism that a new organising committee could be found for 2018.

It was noted that the field opposite Homefield had been used for car parking on the day and it had held some 153 cars.

172/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

172.1 Bus Route 3: It was noted that Stagecoach intended to replace the double deckers on this service with single deckers. There was concern that there would not be sufficient room on a single deck bus to carry all school children to and from Kingsbridge.

172.2 Bonfire Night: IS stated that the annual bonfire night and fireworks would have to be on 11 November due to the difficulty of providing sufficient parking on 5 November because of very high tides on that day. The Council agreed to donate £250 again being half of the net cost of the fireworks.

172.3 Remembrance Sunday: The Council would provide a wreath for Remembrance Sunday, to be presented on behalf of the Parish Council.

172.4 Christmas Lights Switch on: The Council would donate £200 to the Fisherman's Rest as a contribution towards the cost of the Christmas light and refreshments.

Meeting closed at 9.45 Next meeting: Monday 2 October 2017 at 7.30

ANNEX A POLICE REPORT

Total crime in AG parish between 05/08/17 – 01/09/17: Breakdown of crime for this period:

Total crime: 1 offence relating to the Communications Act (Same period 2016: 0 Crimes)

Other Kingsbridge Policing news:

Over the last couple of weeks, a cash machine at Totnes Cross Filling Station on the A381 was ram-raided using a stolen telehandler. Please can all farmers/owners/businesses take extra care to ensure the security of their equipment? If you see anything suspicious or any unusual behaviour please call 101 or in an emergency 999. You can also call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst