

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2014
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.00 PM

Present	Cllr John Brooks	JB	Chairman
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Delia Elliott	DE	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Neill Schroeter	NS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
In attendance	Ian Bramble	IB	Prospective District Cllr
	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
Members of the public present: 5			

170/14 REPORTS

170.1 Shop

It was reported that the shop committee was now up to full strength.

170.2 Project Group

The World War 1 display had been very well received.

170.3 Sports and Leisure

The quotation from First Serve Tennis Courts for resurfacing the tennis court had been accepted in the sum of £9,740 plus VAT. The parish council would pay the contractor gross and be re-imbursed net of VAT by Sports and Leisure. The work would be completed before April 2015.

Bonfire night fireworks had been successful and £849 had been banked from donations (2014: £472.04, 2013: 376.96).

171/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Neill Schroeter **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus

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

172/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TA and RB in respect of any discussion on housing.

173/14 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

BC offered to try and broker an informal meeting with representatives of the school to discuss how to progress this matter. BC

174/14 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

174.1 Parson's Brook dredging

DCC will dredge the brook to the mean high water mark. It was anticipated that the work would be done in Spring 2015. It was not yet known if DCC would require a contribution from the parish and RH would be invited to negotiate. RH

RESOLUTION: THAT an approach be made to DCC and SHDC to co-ordinate the work on dredging the brook, and the dredging above mean high water on behalf of AGPC be carried out at the same time by their appointed contractor.

Proposed: Cllr Sarah Marcus **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Abrahall

Motion carried unanimously.

174.2 Flood Resilience

Flood warden training was planned for 17 January 2015 in Kingsbridge. It was confirmed that the PC's liability insurance would cover the parish flood wardens.

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175.3 Sewage in Jubilee Street
 No incidents had been reported since the last meeting. RH had been fully briefed. Clerk
 Following the specially convened Avon Estuary Forum meeting on 27 November it was
 hoped to hold a meeting with SWW with Gary Streeter MP in the chair in order to try
 and get a firm commitment and a date for the remedial works.

175.4 Drains
 Peter Smith had cleared a blocked drain under the road at the Jubilee St/Fore Street
 junction, but a blockage had been reported to DCC. Sewage had also been found in a
 drain previously thought to be a surface water drain. Councillors agreed that an
 underground survey of the drains would be advisable, and a suitable firm approached
 for a quote.

176/14 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES

176.1 Traffic Calming
 Plans had been circulated to councillors
RESOLUTION: THAT the traffic calming scheme plans be accepted and RB be RB
 authorised to relay this to the planners in order to arrange a public consultation with
 parishioners to gain full endorsement.
Proposed: Cllr Delia Elliott **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus
Motion carried unanimously.
 It was hoped that the 30mph speed limit would be extended along the causeway to the
 start of the 40mph limit on Kingsbridge Hill.

176.2 Speedwatch
 NS reported that six volunteers were needed to operate the parish speed watch on
 Fore Street. Monitors had been installed on the causeway bridge to monitor traffic flow
 and speed.

177/14 HOUSING AND CAR PARKING
 Nothing to report.

178/14 PLANNING

178.1 02/2739/14/F 27 Icy Park, dormer to roof and replace existing lean to with single storey
 rear extension. **No objection**

02/2883/14/F Shamrock Cottage, Bridge End, Garden Shed **No objection**

178.2 Enforcement
 The activity on Hellier's Field was noted and SHDC were aware.

179/14 FINANCE

Bank balances: as below:	£	
Current account		9,512.29
Deposit account		8,134.15
TOTAL		<u>17,646.44</u>

Payments approved

Payee	Reason	Amount £
First Serve Tennis Courts	Deposit to resurface court- re-imbursed net by Sports and Leisure	1,753.20
The Firework Mining Co	Fireworks- re-imbursed net by Sports and Leisure	450.00
Post Office re HMRC	Clerk's income tax	390.55
Peter Javes	Administration	202.37
AG Village Hall	Hire of hall	32.50
Royal British Legion	Donation	50.00
SHDC	Tree works and grass cutting	2,836.80
Peter Smith	Mileage to attend course	85.50
TOTAL		<u>5,800.92</u>

180/14 TREE WARDEN

The willow on Jubilee bridge would be inspected again in Spring 2015.
 The tree in Timbers car park would be dealt with by SHDC. It was planned to

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reduce the level of the laurels by the Rectory Stable wall adjoining the tennis court.

181/14 PARISH FACILITIES

181.1 Bench in memory of Alex Peguero Sosa

Sketch of the proposed bench and more precise details of the location awaited

181.2 Icy Park Steps

SHDC had now agreed to fell the tree causing the damage to the steps. After felling the condition of the steps would be assessed for repair.

181.4 Welcome to new residents

PU tabled a draft leaflet, with a few amendments the leaflet was accepted and the Clerk would print a few copies and place in the shop. Thereafter copies would be printed as necessary and given to new residents on arrival.

182/14 COMPLIANCE WITH HIGHWAY WORKS SAFETY CODE

Peter Smith had successfully completed the Chapter 8 training and reported to the meeting on the implications. It was noted that signs were needed to place in the road when works were carried out and the precise requirements would be ascertained and necessary signs obtained by the PC.

183/14 INSURANCE AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION: THAT the Aveton Gifford Allotment Association be included in the PC's liability insurance with effect from 1 January 2015 on condition that no additional premium be incurred.

Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus
Motion carried unanimously.

184/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

BC reported on the appointment of a new head of paid services.

BC advised that a new round of TAP funding was available and urged the PC to contact the other parishes in the cluster and submit an application to SHDC for grant funding. Play park maintenance was considered to be a suitable use of a grant.

Clerk

185/14 ANCHOR ON ROUNDABOUT

JB would see if the collapsed anchor chain could be repaired.

JB/TA

186/14 CLERK'S REMUNERATION

It was reported that there was a national agreement to offer parish clerks a 2% increment with effect from 1 January 2015

RESOLUTION THAT the increment be implemented and the clerk's rate of pay on the SCP19 scale are raised from £9.345 per hour to £9.551.

Proposed: Cllr David Davis-Berry **Seconded:** Cllr Delia Elliott
Resolution carried unanimously

187/14 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Precept 2015-16
- Traffic calming consultation
- Housing initiative and self-build housing
- Condition of tidal road
- Footpath across playing field
- Potholes in Icy Park and Rock Hill
- Soft ground at underpass end of playing field
- Donation to Fisherman's Rest re Christmas lights and entertainment
- Parish Lengthsman

Meeting closed at 9.25

Next meeting: Monday 5 January 2014.