

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

Present	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies	Cllr John Brooks	JB	
Members of the public present: 3			

182/15 REPORTS

182.1 Shop

A freezer had failed and had to be replaced with a new one costing £1,200 which had severely depleted the shop bank account.

182.2 Sports and Leisure

The Bonfire night had been very successful despite the wet conditions. Sports and Leisure had re-imbursed the balance of the net cost of the fireworks after the parish council's donation of £225.

182.3 Taverners

The Christmas lights were illuminated on 6 December followed by entertainment by the Taverners.

183/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillors reported that they had not received a copy of the final minutes therefore approval of those minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

184/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

184.1 General

PS reported on the work he had done on the stream bed by Timbers car park. This had led to a lowering of the level of the water on the culvert. He had removed the remains of an old disconnected pipe. It was agreed to place markers to show the route of a water pipe serving the SWW water treatment plant. PS suggested it would be sensible to install a marker board to indicate depth of water in the stream upstream of the culvert. The Clerk would contact the DCC Bridge Engineer.

It was also agreed to provide ground anchors for the pub to secure the several picnic benches at high tides.

The meeting with Gary Streeter MP to discuss the Watershed Project on 27 November was felt to have been useful and the Clerk was instructed to pass on the council's thanks to him for attending. Gary Streeter had agreed to try and persuade SWW to install a larger pipe to carry rainwater from the school to Parson's Brook. No further response had been heard from SWW after the meeting with their representatives on 16 November.

184.2 Flood Group

PS had visited all of the problematic drains and ditches in the parish and PS made sure they were clear and draining properly. It was noted that one drain

at the top of Rock Hill remained blocked.
 It was agreed to run a telephone test of the flood warning system. PS had attended the DCC community resilience meeting on 10 November.
 Further keys would be cut for the flood shed padlock.

185/15 HOUSING
 Nothing to report.

186/15 TRAFFIC CALMING
 Residents of Fore Street between Rock Hill and the Fisherman’s Rest would be invited to comment on the new speed cushions. This could be added to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.
 The meeting discussed the operation of speed limits in the village and the placing of restriction signs. It was noted that there were no limiting signs at the top of Baker’s Hill and Rock Hill. In addition the sign opposite Pulley’s Corner was badly placed. This topic would be discussed further at the next meeting. RH

187/15 FINANCE

187.1 Bank balances

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	16,339.93
-savings	6,430.14
TOTAL	<u>22,770.07</u>

The above include car show monies now banked (£3,936). The Clerk had now moved £10,000 from the current account into the savings account.

187.2 Shop Freezer
RESOLUTION: THAT the shop be paid £600 as a donation towards the cost of the new freezer.
Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus
Motion carried unanimously.

187.3 Fisherman’s Rest
RESOLUTION: THAT the Fisherman’s Rest be paid £200 as a donation towards the cost of the Christmas lights and refreshments served at the switch on ceremony.
Proposed: Cllr Sarah Harcus **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson
Motion carried unanimously.

187.4 Payments approved

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Post Office re HMRC	Administration	132.40
Fireworks Mining Co	Fireworks	450.00
Peter Smith	Mileage to flood resilience meeting	37.80
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	221.00
Peter Javes	Administration and pool key deposit refunds	332.86
AG Village Hall	Rent of hall	133.25
John Reid	Grass cutting	382.00
Fisherman’s Rest	Donation toward lights and refreshments	200.00
AG Village Shop	Donation towards new freezer	600.00
TOTAL		<u>2,489.31</u>

187.4 PRECEPT 2016-17
 The Clerk had circulated a draft for discussion. A separate meeting would be held in January to discuss the submission of the 2016-17 precept

demand to SHDC.

188/15 PLANNING

Drawings awaited for the following new applications:

2630/15/HHO The Rectory Stables Jubilee Street Aveton Gifford TQ7 4LG
Extensions and alterations including replacement roof with raised ridge and eaves height (resubmission of 02/1287/15/F).

2769/15/FUL Land at Ashford, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4NH
Agricultural livestock building, extended yard with new access, dry dung store and landscaping.

189/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH answered questions about the lengthman's schedule and gully emptying programme. Should the PC wish to undertake any work in the roads this should be discussed firstly with the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

RH went on to talk about the DCC budgeting process and need to make significant savings.

190/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB reported on progress with the devolution of powers from the government to local authorities.

IB invited suggestions for applications for a grant from the SHDC Locality Fund, these could be a contribution to the playing field path or equipment for the junior play park.

Clerk

All

191/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Project Group was due to meet to design a consultation document.

192/15 FIVE YEAR PLAN

Currently includes:

- Car parking
- Dredging
- Sewage and flooding – to introduce new measures where necessary, and to maintain improvements.
- Asset transfer from SHDC
- Village hall
- Maintain the sustainability of the community, and support parish amenities.
- To investigate opportunities for affordable housing including self-build.
- All-weather path around playing field
- Footbridge over River Avon

193/15 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

IB reported that SHDC had established a working party to consider this topic.

194/15 CAR PARKING

Nothing to report.

195/15 TREE WARDEN

Nothing to report.

196/15 PARISH FACILITIES

196.1 Salt and Grit Storage

TA thought that the container for salt storage should be available in January and a working party would be needed to bag the salt.

196.2 Village Stocks: Nothing to report but the Clerk would notify the School of the intention to remove the stocks together with the plaque.

196.3 Path round Playing Field

Two quotes had been received:

- 1.5m wide and 50mm deep £9,705
- 1.5m wide and 100mm deep £10,602

Following discussion of the quotes TA would ask for a quote for a path 1.2m wide with a tarmac section for use by skateboarders and hard TA standing at the underpass end of the field.

196.4 Litter Bin in Icy Park

The misuse of the bin in Icy Park was noted and the Clerk would discuss Clerk this with the SHDC Locality Officer.

197/15 MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Councillors with Lorna Devenish of SWW and Simon Bradford of Pell Frischmann on 16 November
- Councillors with Gary Streeter MP on 27 November
- PS had attended the Devon Community Resilience Forum

198/15 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Precept 2016-17
- Path around the playing field
- TAP fund application
- Junior play park equipment
- Speed limit signs and village gateway

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm Next meeting: Monday 4 January 2016 at 7.30.