

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2016  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	In the Chair (except minute 206)
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	In the chair for minute 206 only
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Sarah Walkup	SW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	

Members of the public present: 5

**203/16 REPORTS**

**203.1 Shop:** It was noted that the shop's EPOS was now working. SW proposed looking at ideas to promote the shop as part of the community. The recent article in mAGpie was reported to have had a positive effect.

**203.2 Project Group:** The AGM was held on 11 November and the restaging of the display of archive photographs from the Church fete had been popular.

**204/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2016 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Sarah Marcus **Seconded:** Cllr David Davis-Berry

**Motion carried unanimously. The chairman signed the minutes**

**205/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

TA re minute 206.

**206/16 MATTERS ARISING**

**3091/16/OPA Pitten's Field, New house**

Following minute 189.1 three e-mails had been received by the clerk complaining about the decision taken by the PC on the above outline planning application. The clerk had replied to each complainant and there had been no subsequent response.

**207/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**207.1 Watershed Project:** It had been established that the school surface water had not yet been completely disconnected from the foul drain and thus at times of heavy rain the sewer in Jubilee Street was still overflowing. The Clerk was instructed to ask SWW when the disconnect would be effected and to advise SWW that the PC would ask Gary Street MP to become involved if the problem was not resolved within a reasonable timescale.

Clerk

*Clerk's note: The clerk telephoned SWW and it was confirmed that the remedial works would be undertaken over the school Christmas break.*

**207.2 Flood Group:** The group would meet to discuss responsibilities and regular maintenance on Sunday 11 December @ 7.00pm in the Fisherman's Rest. Dye would be used in the drain from Court Barton and Avon Valley Cottages to see where it drained to.

It was noted that during last heavy rain the stream gauge alarms had operated but there had been little reaction from residents.

Consideration would be given to raising the level of the two wooden footbridges in Parson's Green.

**208/16 PLANNING**

**208.1 3603/16/HHO Hillhead Barn, Rock Hill - single storey extension and garage conversion. Site visit to be arranged.**

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- 208.2** 3673/16/ FUL Land off Mill Lane - replacement access to serve agricultural building  
Site visit to be arranged
- 208.3** 3566/16/HHO 20 Icy Park - extension to hardstand and erection of garage.  
No objection

**209/16 FINANCE**

**209.1 Bank balances**

Bank balances as at 1 December: **£23,188.36**

**209.2 Payments approved to be paid electronically:-**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Tanks Direct	Grit bins for shop and Timbers	166.80
JRB	Dog bags	77.16
Nick Walker Printing	Neighbourhood Plan	55.00
Fisherman's Rest	Christmas lights etc	200.00
Nick Walker Printing	Magpie expenses	226.00
Palladium	Bin bags and rock salt	41.03
Peter Javes	Administration	342.43
Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment allotments	1,109.57
Limelight Webstudio	Neighbourhood Plan website	546.30
Limelight Webstudio	Neighbourhood Plan survey monkey	52.00
John Reid	Grass and trees	75.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	130.00
Heather Abrahall	School pool key refunds	120.00
Jane White	Hedge cutting	20.00

**TOTAL PAYMENTS** **3,169.29**

**Thus cash now available** **20,019.07**

The invoice for £3,500 from Earthwrights for the new toddler tower was awaited.  
VAT to date of £987 would be reclaimed at the end of the year.

**210/16 PRECEPT 2017-18**

The clerk had started work on the precept demand for 2017-18 and commented that if the village hall project was to go ahead in that financial year the repayments for any loan drawn-down would need to be included. An article would be drafted for the next mAGpie.

**211/16 PARISH ISSUES**

**211.1 Car parking:** Nothing to report

**211.2 Transfer of assets:** In hand.

**211.3 Salt:** New salt bins had been placed by the shop and Timbers and filled.

**211.4 Play Park:** The new Toddler Tower had been installed.

**211.5 CCTV:** Decision pending completion of transfer of car park from SHDC.

**211.6 Village hall:** Indicative quotes awaited in order to assess the likely borrowing requirement.

**211.7 Slippery footpaths:** The Clerk had advised IB of paths still needing attention.

**211.8 Stream behind Brook Court:** TA would investigate the cost of gabions to deal with the collapsing bank. Ed Tarr would advise if his machinery would be suitable for excavating the bank. TA

**211.9 Verges on bridge:** Clerk to report to DCC

**212/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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SH reported that over 150 completed questionnaires had now been received. Three councillors had attended a presentation by the leader of Thame neighbourhood planning group. This was informative and gave an idea of the work still to be done. It would be necessary to recruit more members to the group to work on different aspects of the plan. Two councillors had met a representative of the Department for Communities and Local Government which organisation will undertake an independent assessment of any land put forward for house building.

- 213/16 TREE WARDEN**  
**Trees in bank beside road leading up to A379:** Nothing to report.
- 214/16 HEDGE CUTTING**  
The quote for cutting of the hedges alongside Glebe Land and the allotments was accepted.
- 215/16 ACCIDENTS ON A379**  
The potential repositioning of the 30mph signs on the A379 had been reported to DCC,
- 216/16 BUS SHELTER DECORATION**  
SW would discuss with John Ashton. SW
- 217/16 SIGNS FOR SHOP**  
PU would discuss with the shop additional signs around the village. PU
- 218/16 ABANDONED BOATS**  
Neil Schroeter would be asked for help in removing seemingly abandoned dinghies on and around Timbers.
- 219/16 ALLOTMENT FIELD**  
**RESOLUTION: THAT** the allotment Association be permitted to place a shed or container on the allotment field  
**Proposed:** Cllr Pippa Unwin **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson  
**Motion carried unanimously.**
- 220/16 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS**  
Nothing to report.
- 221/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**  
RH reported that DCC would award the contract for Broadband Phase II on 16 December. There was no announcement regarding Phase III at present. DCC was being approached to try to achieve improvements to the A3196 road between California Cross and Wrangaton.
- 222/16 MEETINGS ATTENDED**  
Neighbourhood Planning meeting in Bigbury on 26 November.
- 223/16 TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- Cleaning of verges on bridge
  - Precept 2017-18
  - Planter at Tree Corner
- Meeting closed at 9.40

Next meeting: Monday 9 January 2017 at 7.30