

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 7th DECEMBER 2020

Participating	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JAK	
	Cllr James Reina	JR	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr Dominic Webb	DW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Kate Kemp	KK	
Apologies for absence	Peter Javes	Clerk	
Members of the public	Cllr Sue Cherry	SC	
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183/20 REPORTS

183.1 **Aune Conservancy:** A Zoom meeting had been held which had discussed the increased use of the river in 2020 and the resulting concerns for wildlife, safety of swimmers and parking. The ACA would try and introduce policies to cope with these problems by Easter 2021.

183.2 **Playpark Parents' Group:** It was noted that a piece of equipment was broken. It was hoped that parents would shift the pile of sand in the near future. E.J.Tarr Ltd would be reminded of the need to remove the fencing.

183.3 **Parish Paths:** (by e-mail) The only problem this month was a comment about the state of the permissive path alongside the bridge. It was described as a quagmire, overgrown with rough grass and brambles, and in need of a lot of work to bring it up to an acceptable standard. It was suggested that the owners might be persuaded to gift us the land, or at least help to pay with the repairs. Although this path is nothing to do with either the PC or the DCC, being privately owned by three different families, the DCC Public Rights of Way warden was contacted who came to see it, agreed that it was in a reasonable condition, and thought that involving the owners might well lead to us losing something that is a very real asset to the village.

183.4 **Shop:** Zoe Woodham (ZW) reported on the situation regarding the village shop. The current proprietors had advised that they no longer wished to operate the shop with effect from February 2021. ZW outlined the options available to the village to keep the shop in business. This could be summarized as turning it into a volunteer operation or looking for a new manager. There was a lengthy discussion about the various advantages and disadvantages of the options. The PC agreed that it was important to keep the shop in the village and the PC would offer whatever support it could.

184/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2020 be accepted as a correct record. Motion carried unanimously.

185/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

186/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RG reported on the action being taken to clear the site at Shorta Cross. In addition he spoke about the need to be aware of internet scams targeting older people.

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During Covid 19 traffic across the county had been down by 32%.
RG referred to the roadworks needed in Ashford which needed preparatory drainage work.

187/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

See report at Annex A.

It was noted that the asset numbers attached to bins in the village did not necessarily mean that the bins were the property of SHDC, but these numbers should be used to report bins that needed emptying.

There was a discussion about refuse and recycling collections and PS would advise the bins standing in Fore Street that did not appear to be in use and should be collected by SHDC.

PS

188/20 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

SH updated the meeting on negotiations with South West Water (SWW). SWW were unwilling to reschedule the works which would go ahead in 2021. It was noted that it was vital that the works did not interfere with the car show to be held on the August bank holiday.

It was agreed that the £500 donation to charity offered by the contractor should go to the Kingsbridge Area Food Bank.

199/20 PLANNING (awaiting report)

200/20 FINANCE

200.1 BANK BALANCES as at 1st December 2021 £17,208.40

Cash held on behalf of:

Play park project	359.00
Parish Paths Partnership	1,574.00
Village hall project	6,851.00
Pool liner replacement fund	3,000.00

200.2 PAYMENTS APPROVED

65	DMR Design	Hall architect	849.01
66	PWLB	Allotment repayments	1,027.74
67	Nick Walker Print	mAGpie	227.00
68	Flete Gardens	Fell tree	120.00
69	Peter Javes	Administration	344.71

TOTAL 2,568.46

201/20 PRECEPT 2021-22

The Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet of a draft working template for the precept for 2021-22. Councillors would consider the content for a decision at the January meeting.

All

202/20 CAR PARKS

The clerk advised that the police had now become involved in the abandoned Citroen van in Timbers since letters to the registered keeper and directors' addresses had not been answered.

The white Renault van in Jubilee Street car park that was apparently being used as a store does have a current MOT and is taxed.

203/20 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

PS reported that the revised plans had now been submitted to SHDC for comment.

204/20 FORE STREET TRAFFIC GROUP

Awaiting data from the traffic count. KK would investigate the contractor used by SHDC to undertake measurement of exhaust particulate levels. KK

205/20 TREE WARDEN

The willful felling of trees at South Efford House was discussed. Parishioners were encouraged to advise SHDC of any tree in the parish that would benefit from a tree preservation order.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11TH January 2021

ANNEX A: DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Rubbish Collections

There has been a positive case of Covid-19 at the Ivybridge Depot, which has resulted in a number of crew having to self-isolate for the next 14 days. This has affected all crews from Ivybridge currently engaged in collecting recycling and clinical waste from households and emptying recycling banks. Trade and refuse collections are also impacted though less severely. This is a shame as they are not quite out of the woods with regard to the round changes.

Member Briefing on Covid 12th November-

This new grant is called the Additional Restrictions Grant. It is for those businesses in South Hams and West Devon which were not forced to close, or did not qualify for the earlier grant, but were significantly impacted under the national restrictions in November. Apply to the South Hams council website if you are business that is struggling due to COVID-19 for the, LRSG (Local Restrictions Support Grant) or the ARG (Additional Restrictions Grant)

There is also a hardship Fund available, 89k for welfare, food and rent etc.

DCC have also been awarded 100k to support Foodbanks. The Helpline number, if no internet access is 01803861297 or use the website

Supporting Mental Health in Devon

Help overcoming problems; Coping with anxiety; Coping with change; Developing Resilience.
www.steponecharity.co.uk/bewellstepone-online-courses

Individuals can self-refer and it is free for volunteers and community groups across Devon

Government Spending Review

- £16m to support modernisation of local authorities' cyber security systems;
- £15bn for NHS test and Trace; £2.1bn for PPE next year;
- £254m of additional resource funding to support rough sleepers and those at risk of homelessness during COVID-19, including £103m announced earlier this year for accommodation and substance misuse support;
- £98m of additional resource funding, bringing total funding to £125m, to enable local authorities to deliver support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation in England;
- £165m for Troubled Families;
- Over £70m for additional school transport capacity;
- £24m in capital funding to start a new programme to maintain and expand provision in secure children's homes;
- £60m for Social Housing Decarbonisation;
- £1.7bn in 2021-22 for local roads maintenance and upgrades to tackle potholes, relieve congestion and boost connectivity. This includes £500m for the Potholes Fund and £310m for upgrades to larger local roads;
- £257m for cycling, which will fund thousands of miles of safe, continuous and direct cycling routes;
- £621m to regenerate high streets, town centres and communities through the Towns Fund; and
- The £4bn levelling up fund, which will invest in local infrastructure that has a visible impact on people and their communities and will support economic recovery.