

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 2nd DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30

Present	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Peter Wade	PW	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
Apologies	Peter Javes	Clerk	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Kate Kemp	KK	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JAK	
	Cllr James Reina	JR	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Dominic Webb	DW	

Members of the public: 0

183/21 OPEN FORUM

183.1 Shop: No report

183.2 Jubilee Street play Park: E.J.Tarr Ltd would remove, in the near future, the poles supporting the swings and the rope walk. The Clerk would contact him to suggest that the concrete bases could be used to narrow the bridleway at Shorta Cross.

183.3 Fore Street Traffic Group: Churchstow and Malborough PCs had given the Clerk feedback on the vehicle activated signs in those parishes. There was a brief discussion on the difficulty of finding a suitable location in Fore Street for such signs.

183.4 Parish Paths Partnership: See report at Annex A.

184/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021 be accepted as a correct record. .

185/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

186/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report.

187/21 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report

188/21 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

188.1 New Sewage Pipe: The works were now coming to an end. The Jubilee Street car park had been re-opened.

188.2 Surface Water Flooding in Fore Street: Nothing to report

189/21 PLANNING REPORT – see Annex B

190/21 FINANCE

191.1	BANK BALANCES as at 30th November 2021:	£32,000.29
	Cash held on behalf of: Play Park project	£ 14,359.00
	Parish Paths Partnership	£ 812.00
	Village hall project	£ 6,851.00
	Pool liner replacement fund	£ 5,000.00

191.2 PAYMENTS APPROVED

87	Imperative Training Ltd	Batteries for Fisherman's defibrillator	78.00
88	AG Village Hall	Water and cleaning of WC	478.10
89	Limelight Web studio	Website	14.39

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90	Watkins Electrical	Defibrillator installation	160.02
91	CPRE	Subscription	36.00
92	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	1,007.28
93	PHP Law LLP	Pool lease renewal	1,140.00
94	Peter Javes	Administration	344.71
95	Modbury Parish Council	Training course	25.80
96	City Electrical Factors	Lamps for hall	20.59
97	Palladium	Bags and broom	45.15
98	Fisherman's Rest	Christmas Lights	250.00
TOTAL			3,600.04

191.3 RECEIPTS

Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.21
Als Parker	Playpark donation	75.00
TOTAL		75.21

192/21 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2022-23

The Clerk would re-issue the budget and precept worksheet for next year.

193/21 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2020-21

The meeting noted the Clerk's summary of the points raised by the internal auditor on the 2020-21 financial year. The Chair and the Clerk would meet for the Clerk to brief the Chair on the operation of the bank account etc.

194/21 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

PS is obtaining quotes for an EA site assessment as a pre-requisite to the planning application.

195/21 COMMUNITY POOL.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the new lease for the community pool. The lease is for a period of ten years commencing June 2022. The invoice from PHP Law LLP in the sum of £950 plus VAT was approved for payment. . It was noted that repair to the heat transfer pipes had been completed.

196/21 TREE WARDEN

DDB's report about trees suffering from ash dieback was noted. The total cost of removing the nine diseased trees would be £5,560 and the quote in this sum was accepted. The Clerk would ask the Diocese of Exeter for permission to fell the trees on the Rectory Lawn. The difficulty of dealing with the tree on the boundary of the allotment field was noted and a decision on this was deferred. DDB spoke about the trees in the hedge line bordering the playing field and suggested it might be appropriate to ask for tree preservation orders (TPOs) on the four oak trees. However, councillors were satisfied that the Abrahalls would manage the hedge and treespropely.

197/21 DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE FISHERMAN'S REST

PS was due to meet the electrician to discuss relocating the defibrillator at the Fisherman's into a new heated cabinet.

198/21 DONATION TO THE FISHERMAN'S REST FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ETC

It was agreed to make a donation of £250 toward the cost of the Christmas tree and lights at the Fisherman's' Rest.

199/21 NEW BENCH ON THE TIDAL ROAD

DCC had no objection to the site for a new bench at the place identified by John Yeabsley. The quote from Simon the Gardener for forming a plinth for the bench in the sum of £804 was Clerk noted and the Clerk was instructed to obtain a further quote. .

NEXT MEETING Thursday 6th January 2022 in the hall.

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ANNEX A: PARISH PATHS PARTENRSHIP

Because of covid, and DCC's footpath budget being slashed, several of the footpaths which failed last year's survey are still problematic, although there is evidence of remedial work having been done on several others, and the PPP co-ordinator had made several temporary repairs, mostly to posts and catches.

FP 5, from the Church to Knap Mill Lane still has the finger post which blew over in last year's storm wired to the gate post, so it is no longer pointing accurately, although it is easy enough for walkers to see the direction the path starts in. But in the last month the field has been ploughed and planted and the farmer has not yet reinstated the path.

FP 9, Tidal Road to Easton Lane. There is a long stretch of elderly barbed along the top of the riverbank side of the path, and most of the posts which formerly carried it have fallen over and rotted. There have been several goes at tightening it up to make it more visible, but there have been complaints about it. There is an electric wire along the top of the rise which will keep the Pond Farm cattle from coming down the bank, but the barbed wire is a hazard, and needs to be removed.

FP 10. Sorted

FP 13. The Ashford Mill end has been done, but recently the new owner of Tree Farm, who wishes to turn the field into a wild flower meadow, has diverted the footpath which used to be flat, up the slope and mown a new path which is on quite a slant - ankle turning for those of us who are somewhat elderly.

FP 14. The new build house at Lixton, which has replaced the big barn, has squeezed the footpath which goes down the hill by planting a hedge and building a new fence, and at the bottom the stream turns into a quagmire whenever it rains. It needs either to be piped or bridged.

FP 15. Little Court. temporary repairs carried out and realignments to the posts and the unsuitable catches, but the big posts are rotting, and the remaining gates are starting to rot.

BW 17. Chantry to Wakeham Lane. The first and second gates have been replaced, but the third one is useless and has to remain open. The landowner is aware of this and waiting for it to be sorted.

BW 18. Chantry to Stockadon. Sorted

FP 27. Access from bridge to river near Bridgend. The footpath signs keep vanishing. Any ideas?

ANNEX B PLANNING REPORT FOR DECEMBER MEETING

SHDC applications since last meeting, and AGPC responses.

3647/21/FUL Chillaton Moor Farm, Modbury

Conversion of a traditional stone barn into a residential dwelling. Response: support

3787/21/FUL Harraton Barns, Modbury,

Five dwellings with associated access and landscaping (resubmission of 1432/21/FUL

Response comments on appearance and entrance on dangerous stretch of road.

3908/21/HHO Matford, Fore St

To create parking at front of house to allow an electric car to be charged Response support

4007/21/FUL and 4007/21/LBC Babland Farm, Modbury

Conversion of barns to 3 dwellings and holiday unit/ancillary.

Response to both; support.

AGPC responses to November applications since last meeting

3494/21/HHO Bakers Cottage, Fore Street

Creation of rear kitchen extension with lean-to roof. After visiting, supported but with suggestion to ensure drain running under any of building be fully inspected/cleared before work commences to manage flood risk

SHDC decisions since the last meeting

3796/21/PAA Edwards Burough, Aveton Gifford

Application for agricultural storage building (following 3253/21/AGR) Decision: Approval required and given

3185/21/HHO Wakeham Farm, Aveton Gifford

Replacement of untreated septic tank discharge with treatment plant. Decision; conditional approval

Withdrawn applications

0564/21/ARC 210564 Bridgend Water meadow, Bridgend, Grid reference: (269502, 46879)

Withdrawn because the site now sold, and will be managed as a nature reserve by Devon Wildlife Trust

Additional application for info only

4038/21/ARC Land adjacent Pittens Barn

Approval of details reserved by condition 4 of 0771/21/FUL relating to the tree and hedge management submitted for SHDC approval. (This application is not for AGPC response)