

# AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD BY E-MAIL ON 1st JUNE 2020

Compiled from e-mailed responses to an agenda

<b>Contributing</b>	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	In the chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Josie-Alice Kirby	JK	
	Cllr James Reina	JR	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr Dominic Webb	DW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Julian Brazil	JB	
	District Cllr Kate Kemp	KK	
	Peter Javes	Clerk	

### 88/20 REPORTS

#### 88.1 SPORTS AND LEISURE

Councillors had been asked by Sports and Leisure to give direction on the use of the tennis court following the easing of Lockdown. Councillors noted a report by SH on the background to this issue. The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) now allows one-to-one coaching. However the Sports and Leisure tennis committee is adamant that the coach should be limited to two hours daily only until such a time as the LTA ruling changes. Councillors felt that the tennis court is particularly valuable at the moment for parishioners, and should certainly not be used for too much extra coaching which will restrict the hours available. The court is particularly well used by local families at the moment. The court is a parish facility, and at this time ought to be reserved for parishioners, so limiting coaching hours is sensible, and particularly there should be no coaching at weekends which are very much family time. Councillors were in agreement with the move to charge the coach for the hire of the court for his coaching business.

#### 88.2 SHOP

Jenny Reynolds e-mailed: nothing very much to report, all is going well with the shop and there have been no problems with social distancing etc. They seem to have problems sometimes with the bar code scanner, but it's ok again today. The Parish Council is very appreciative of the shop team for carrying on so well during really trying circumstances.

#### 88.3 AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

RB reported that because of the uncertainty surrounding indoor public events, the ACA will not be holding an AGM this year, but reports from the Chairman and treasurer with the year's accounts will be e-mailed to all members instead.

#### 88.4 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (PPP)

It was noted that Penny Schroeter's appointment as PPP coordinator would be ratified by DCC in September. Penny can be contacted on 550983.

### 89/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLUTION: THAT** the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 11th April 2020 be accepted as a correct record. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### 90/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

SH re 88.1 above. DDB re Neighbourhood Plan.

### 91/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR (by e-mail)

1. Walking through the village on 25<sup>th</sup> May, RG noticed a very hard working man changing all the fibre to the premises manhole covers. He did not get the chance to speak with him, he assumes it's a regulatory matter that Gigaclear had to put right (now understood that the plastic covers break under the weight of vehicles and so were

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being changed for metal).

2. RG has found finance to resurface Fore Street. So, pleased above is being done now. I'm happy as I have fought hard to achieve this for AG. Total cost £70,000. (DDB felt it would be sensible to resurface Fore Street at the same time.)

3. RG has sent you various information on Covid-19 along with various other bits of information.

4. Most of RG's time continues to be tied up with post Covid-19 economic recovery of Devon, which is a herculean task for all concerned.

5. DCC highways funding has been increased for 20/21 to £50M. The detail can be studied online under DCC May Cabinet minutes

6. DCC through RG's department has agreed to buy the FlyBe academy at Exeter airport, for technical and vocational training. Skills training is an important part of post Covid-19 Devon's recovery.

Councillors wished to remind RG that the parish considers the recently reported Japanese knotweed problem to be for DCC action.

### 92/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR (by e-mail)

District councillor Julian Brazil reported on behalf of KK:-

[Main news from SHDC is the opening of car parks and some public toilets \(more news on 5<sup>th</sup> June.](#)

Also a new discretionary business grant can now be applied for.

<https://southhams.gov.uk/discretionarygrants>

This is mainly for businesses who could not apply for the small business rates grants.

The PC thanked JB for supporting the grant application for the Corvid magazine.

### 93/20 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

The Clerk was instructed to try and get a date from SWW for the installation of the new Clerk sewage pipe.

PS reported that the stream gauge is now repaired & working.

### 94/20 PLANNING

#### New applications:

#### 1288/20/CLE Old Walled Garden Little Efford Lane, TQ7 4PA

Lawful development certificate for existing demolition of building and laying of underground pipe to the foundation of building granted under consent 0302/17/FUL.

Comments by 11th June

#### 0979/20/FUL Oak Park Farm, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4LE

New agricultural building to house livestock and storage (Barn 1)

Comments by: 4 June 2020

SUPPORT

#### 0980/20/FUL Oak Park Farm, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4LE

New agricultural building to house livestock and storage (Barn 2)

SUPPORT

#### 1241/20/FUL Land At SX 691 517 Polston, PL21 0SB

Agricultural building

Out of AG parish, but asked for comments as just over boundary in Modbury parish

Response by 12th June NO OBJECTION

### 95/20 FINANCE

#### 95.1 BANK BALANCES as at 1<sup>st</sup> June

£35,999.10

#### Cash held on behalf of:-

Play Park Project	13,878
Parish Paths Partnership	1,574
Hall project, balance of Lottery grant	6,500
Neighbourhood Plan	-310
Pool liner replacement fund	2,000

#### 95.2 PAYMENTS APPROVED (these include VAT where applicable)

Folio	Payee	Reason	£
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10	Nick Walker Printing	Corvid booklet <sup>1</sup>	375.00
11	Peter Javes	Administration	332.43
12	Peter Javes	Play park Kurust	8.95
13	Public Works Loan Board	Allotment loan repayment	1,037.97

**TOTAL PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING**

**1,754.35**

**95.3 RECEIPTS**

**£**

Lloyds Bank	Interest	1.23
SHDC	Grant towards Corvid booklet	250.00
Quay Physio	mAGpie advertisement	66.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING**

**317.23**

**96/20 PARISH ISSUES**

**96.1 Low wall on Fore Street by Matford**

PS felt tha the PC should write to the DCC Highways Neighbourhood officer to report that the low wall presents a risk to pedestrians & placing the responsibility with DCC for resolving the issue.

**96.2 Electric Car charging point: Still** no progress on electric car charging points.

**96.3 Customizing Road Signs in the village:** JK had been in contact with the School but at the moment they have more pressing issues they are dealing with

**96.4 Fore St Traffic:** Ongoing.

**97/20 COMMUNITY POOL & SWOOSH**

The pool remains closed as do all public pools. Until social distance rules are relaxed, pool resuscitation training cannot take place which therefore excludes community use. The Government is publishing new rules on 15th June which may allow pools to open July which may be too late for the school summer term. These rules would include every other lane being closed off & swimmers arriving at the pool beach ready as the changing rooms must remain closed.

The pool is 5 metres wide so this would limit in theory the number of children swimming, under school lifeguard supervision, at any time to two swimmers, if lanes are 1200mm wide or three, if lanes are 1000mm wide. We would need to buy lane floats, line & anchor bolts as we do not have lane dividing equipment. Currently there has been no discussion with the school about the pool. The school has not been invoiced for usage this year.

We have no SWOOSH money, typically £2,500 & no revenue from the sale of memberships of about £1,500 so about £4,000 less than normal.

The costs of running the pool, limiting the numbers in the pool at any time to 2 or 3 & that the pool will only be open at best for 2 or 3 weeks of term in July will be less. PS suggests for the above reasons the pool remains closed this summer.

**98/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Final questions from the examiner were still awaited together with a date for the vote on the plan. .

**99/20 TREE WARDEN**

Nothing to report.

**100/20 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

PS reported that the draft design brief has been sent to the new hall build committee for comment.

**101/20 PLAY PARK**

The play park remained closed on Government orders.

<sup>1</sup> £250 grant towards the cost from SHDC

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JK reported that the group had not been able to meet to discuss the play park. The PC would try to organise weeding so that the does not become too overgrown.

The rust on the legs of the slide and the spring see-saw had been treated and painted.

PS had repaired the sink hole in the playing field.

### **102/20 DOG BINS AND BENCHES**

It was agreed to replace the wooden bench on Pittens walk with a new recycled plastic bench at a cost of £265 plus VAT plus the cost of cement and slabs.

It was agreed to replace the broken dog bin on the cut through from Icy Park and Glebe Land to the A379 with a litter bin at a cost of £139.95 plus VAT plus cement (to be ordered at the same time as the previously agreed bin at Bridge End).

### **103/20 WEEDKILLING ON THE PLAYING FIELD**

It was noted that a parishioner had commented on the recent weedkilling on the footpath margins designed to prevent the path becoming overgrown. However the spray had extended well beyond the footpath in some areas. This topic would be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **104/20 CLASSIC CAR SHOW CANCELLATION**

It was noted that because of the Corvid-19 crisis the August bank holiday car show had been cancelled.

***Date of next meeting: 6th July 2020 (there is a possibility that this could be in the village hall but with no public present).***