

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2014  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.00 PM

<b>Present</b>	Cllr John Brooks	JB	Chairman
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Neill Schroeter	NS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
	<b>In attendance</b>	Mr. Paul Jones OBE	PJ
	Mrs. Carol Chapman	CC	First Federation Trust
	Mr. James Fowler	JF	
	Peter Javes		Clerk
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Delia Elliott	DE	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	

Members of the public present: 5

**118/14 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

Mr. Jones represented Aveton Gifford Primary School spoke about the school swimming pool. He explained that it had never been the intention to close the pool. The pool was really only used by the school for seven weeks in school hours and by the community for 14 weeks in each year. Ideally the pool should be more of a community resource and the school was not equipped to handle this. He proposed that the parish council should assume responsibility for the pool and take on a sub-lease for a period of years that would allow proper investment in the pool. The school would then pay for use of the pool in school hours.

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the parish council enters into detailed negotiations with First Federation Trust over responsibility and management of the pool and will consider the terms of a draft lease to be drawn up by First Federation Trust.

**Proposed:** Cllr Tim Abrahall **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

PJ and CC went on to report generally about the school which now had 89 pupils in four classes. The Key Stage 2 results had been good. Good links had been established with the pre-school. Investment in the school building had included a new roof and refurbishment of the boys' toilets.

**119/14 REPORTS**

**119.1 Project Group**

Parish records of births, marriages and deaths were being digitized and will be available on the Project Group website. The Vicar had asked that the WWI display recently shown at the Fisherman's Rest, be restaged in the Church for Remembrance Day.

DE and RB had been asked to talk to Malborough History Group on 1 October about the publication of David Balkwill's memoir.

The Project group had agreed to donate £500 to the shop store fund.

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### 119.2 Sports and Leisure

The music festival planned for the afternoon 30 August had been cancelled due to the field being waterlogged, but some acts had performed in the Fisherman's in the evening.

The next event will be the Fun Run on 21 September.

### 119.3 Police

In the last 60 days there had been three crimes reported: 1 of public order, 1 of criminal damage and 1 of cannabis cultivation. The police were compiling a list of defibrillators in the area and copies of it would be given to interested parties.

Action continued in respect of the swan man and anybody witnessing any reportable incident is advised to phone 101.

### 120/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLUTION: THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2014 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Neill Schroeter **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus

**Motion carried unanimously.** The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### 121/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 122/14 EMERGENCY PLAN

Jim Fowler gave an update on the plan which was nearly complete but he was awaiting:

- Safety leaflets from SHDC
- An article in mAGpie
- An emergency contact list to be inserted in mAGpie

There would an active test of the Flood Plan on 21 September. The response team had further training planned. In due course final copies of the plan would be given to each responder and the Clerk to hold on file.

### 123/14 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

#### 123.1 Parson's Brook dredging

An SHDC surveyor had inspected the brook and arranged a meeting with DCC to discuss findings co-ordinate a solution.

#### 123.2 Flood Resilience

A flood responder practice day will be held on 14 September.

DCC had now installed a new gully on the downstream side of the new bridge.

Peter Smith volunteered to go on the Chapter 8 training instead of JB.

#### Rain Gauges

RB presented the options for rain gauges to give advance warning of flooding.

**RESOLUTION: THAT** DCC's proposal to install a rain gauge to serve the Waterhead stream at Tuffland Farm, and to install a water level gauge on Parsons Brook above the Tree Corner culvert be accepted. DCC undertakes to maintain both for three years, thereafter maintenance will be the responsibility of the PC and that memorandums of understanding be

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entered into with the landowners.

DCC's wording for this memorandum was agreed, and that the parish clerk and chair should be the named parish representatives

**Proposed:** Cllr David Davis-Berry **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

A recent survey of drains/gullies found no serious problem requiring DCC drain clearance or TAP Fund grant thus this money can now be used for Lengthsman services.

**124/14 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES**

**124.1 Communications** – the new parish website is proving popular and 509 mAGpie editions had been downloaded. Responses to the automatic e-mailing of events were proving disappointing.

**124.2 Traffic Calming**

Designers had visited Aveton Gifford and will present proposals to the PC and thereafter there would be a full public consultation before any scheme was finalised.

**125/14 HOUSING AND CAR PARKING**

There was still positive interest by a developer in the Homefield site. At a separate meeting councillors identified potential development sites on which up to 29 houses could be built in order to respond to SHDC's land availability consultation period. Before any further action could be taken permission from the landowners would need to be sought.

**126/14 PLANNING**

**126.1 02/2131/14/F Lower Pennyfield, Polston Park Farm, Modbury, PL21 0SB**

New dwelling and car port. Site to be visited. One letter and one e-mail had been received in support of this application.

**02/2222/14/F The Old Walled Garden, Little Efford Lane, Aveton Gifford**

No objection

**126.2 General**

The SHDC enforcement officer would be invited to the October meeting.

**127/14 FINANCE**

**Bank balances:** as below:

Bank account -current	£ 4,129.07
-savings	6,692.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>10,821.45</u></b>

Payments approved

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Peter Javes	Administration	229.83
John Reid	Grass/paths/tree maintenance	279.00
John Reid	Parish paths partnership	161.00
AG Village Hall	Hire of hall	45.50
AG School PTA	Receipt from Classical Show	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>730.33</u></b>

The Clerk reported that the £500 grant for the defibrillator had not yet

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been received from DCC.

The PC had paid gross the invoices for toilet hire and for St John Ambulance for the Classic Car Show and it was decided to ask that the AG School PTA re-imburse the net cost to the PC. In the event that the PTA needs funding for a specific project the PC would be willing to consider a grant towards such project.

### **128/14 DEFIBRILLATOR**

The defibrillator is now in position at the entrance to the Fisherman's Rest.

### **129/14 TREE WARDEN**

DB's proposals for various trees In the parish were noted and would be discussed further in November.

### **130/14 PARISH FACILITIES**

New benches and a picnic table had been ordered and would be delivered in mid-September.

### **131/14 ASSET TRANSFER**

Nothing to report – in abeyance during restructuring at SHDC.

### **132/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

BC reported on the issues raised over the K5 housing appeal in Kingsbridge.

### **133/14 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

SHDC enforcement officer

The untidy state of the South West water waste water pumping station by Timbers car park.

Meeting closed at 9.15

Next meeting: Monday 6 October 2014.