

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.00 PM

Present	Cllr John Brooks	JB	Chairman
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Delia Elliott	DE	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Neill Schroeter	NS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Bryan Carson	BC	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Ian Bramble	IB	Prospective District Cllr
	Jim Fowler	JF	
Members of the public present: 9			

1/15 REPORTS

1.1 Shop

It is proposed to form a Friends of AG Village shop for people who do not wish to serve on the committee but are prepared to offer help.

1.2 Project Group

It was noted that Mrs. Mickey Sercombe, one of the Group's founder members and former treasurer, had died.

1.3 Sports and Leisure Association

Accounts will be made up to the end of the Association's financial year (31 December 2014) and circulated prior to a meeting to be called at the end of January.

1.4 Parish Paths Partnership

The annual inspection of footpaths in the parish is in progress by volunteers.

1.5 Aune Conservation Association

The New Year's day litter pick along the tidal road had been well supported and a quantity of rubbish collected. This had been removed from Timbers promptly by SHDC. Thanks were given to the volunteers from the parish who had participated.

2/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2014 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Tim Abrahall **Seconded:** Cllr Neill Schroeter

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

3/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TA and RB in respect of any discussion on housing.

4/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

BC reported that the Diocese was insisting on leases being no longer than seven years. It was noted that the PC already had a lease with the Diocese for 30 years for the Rectory lawn. This anomaly would be reported back to the Diocese.

Clerk

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- 6/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**
- 6.1 Parson's Brook dredging**
RH to ascertain if DCC would require a contribution from the parish. RH
- 6.2 Flood Resilience**
Flood warden training to take place on 17 January 2015 in Kingsbridge.
- 6.3 Sewage in Jubilee Street**
See 16/15 below.
- 6.4 Drains etc**
RESOLUTION: THAT a mechanical road sweeper be organised for four hours at a cost of £35 per hour plus £120 for disposal of sweepings.
Proposed: Cllr Tim Abrahall **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus JB
Motion carried unanimously.
- 7/15 EMERGENCY PLAN**
In JF's absence the Clerk read his report on the emergency plan which was now complete and in place.
- 8/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES**
- 8.1 Traffic Calming**
It was noted that DCC were proposing to carry out the work in the near future. JB read out replies from DCC to questions posed by a parishioner about the traffic calming scheme. Further information would be sought from DCC, and a separate meeting was suggested to discuss concerns about the scheme.
- 8.2 Speedwatch**
Six volunteers were being vetted and would then be trained and equipment issued. It was hoped to start implementation in May 2015.
- 9/15 HOUSING AND CAR PARKING**
The Clerk would find the cost of a housing initiative survey to be undertaken by SHDC. *Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was established that SHDC would undertake the survey free of charge.*
- 10/15 PLANNING**
- 10.1 Applications**
Nothing to report
- 10.2 Enforcement**
Recent increased activity on Hellier's Field had been noted, and SHDC enforcement officers were aware.
- 11/15 FINANCE**
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| Bank balances: as below: | £ |
| Current account | 2,013.29 |
| Deposit account | 9,512.65 |
| TOTAL | <u>11,525.94</u> |
| Payments approved | |
| Payee | Reason |
| Nick Walker Printing | mAGpie printing |
| Post Office re HMRC | Clerk's income tax |
| Peter Javes | Administration |
| SHDC | Repayment pre-school loan |
| Palladium | Miscellaneous |
| AG Village Hall | Hire of hall |
| | Amount £ |
| | 228.00 |
| | 257.45 |
| | 226.34 |
| | 517.83 |
| | 71.28 |
| | 45.50 |

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Fisherman's Rest	Christmas lights and entertainment	150.00
TOTAL		1,486.40

12/15 PRECEPT 2015-16

The Precept demand would be finalised on 7 January 2015

13/15 PARISH FACILITIES

13.1 Bench in memory of Alex Peguero Sosa

Sketch of the proposed bench to be presented to the PC

13.2 Icy Park steps

Subsequent to the meeting: The tree causing the damage to the steps was felled on 9 January 2015. The condition of the steps would be assessed for repair by SHDC.

13.3 Glebe Land hedge

Quotations would be obtained to cut the Glebe Land hedge.

Clerk

13.4 Playing field soft ground

The very soft and muddy area at the underpass end of the field was discussed as was the need for an all-weather path across the field. TA and JB would consider what needs to be done.

TA/JB

13.5 Waterhead bus stop

The installation of a new bus stop on the A379 at the Waterhead junction was noted.

14/15 SIGNS FOR HIGHWAY WORKS

Nothing to report

15/15 TIDAL ROAD REPAIR

DCC had listed the repair of the Tidal Road in a schedule of forthcoming road works but no date had been set.

16/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RH reported that he would continue to chase South West Water for a date to meet to discuss the sewage spills in Jubilee Street.

RH

17/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

BC reported that Mr Steve Jordan from Worcester had been appointed as executive director.

Kingston PC had submitted an application for TAP funding for play park maintenance on behalf of AG, Bigbury and Kingston.

BC reported that SHDC funding might be available for the tennis court if Bigbury residents played tennis in AG. The Clerk would action this point.

Clerk

18/15 ANCHOR ON ROUNDABOUT

Nothing to report

JB/TA

19/15 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Housing initiative and self-build housing
- Footpath across playing field
- Soft ground at underpass end of playing field

Meeting closed at 8.40

Next meeting: Monday 2 February 2014.