

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

Present	Cllr John Brooks	JB	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	Minute 113/15 on
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies	Cllr Tim Abraham	TA	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	

Members of the public present: 6

109/15 REPORTS

109.1 Shop

Volunteers were painting the shop and attending to the garden in front of the shop.

109.2 Sports and Leisure

Sports and Leisure will meet on 9 July to discuss providing marshals etc for the Classic Car Show on the August Bank Holiday - 31 August.

110/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr John Yeabsley **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson

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

111/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

None

112/15 CASUAL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

RESOLUTION: THAT Peter Smith be co-opted onto the PC to fill the casual vacancy

Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Harcus

Motion carried unanimously.

113/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The lease was completed on 16 June with effect from 1 June 2015 for a term of seven years expiring on 31 May 2022.

After some initial teething problems the water was now in good condition and at an acceptable temperature. The pool systems were now understood and training had been given to four people in the correct administration of chemicals. Written procedures had been completed for procedures and Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH regulations).

Three resuscitation courses had been held and further course would take place on Sunday 12 July at 10.30 in the village hall. A total of 11 keys had been sold to date and it was anticipated that more would be sold in the near future.

In view of the fact that the school had not been able to use the pool for much of the summer term it was resolved to review the charge to be levied on the school to be adjusted pro-rata to the number of days the pool was available in the term.

114/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

114.1 Flood Resilience

South West Water had booked the village hall for the afternoon of 9 July to

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consult householders on the scheme to separate surface water from foul and advise how individual householders could access grants to undertake the works. The meeting discussed the apparent shift from the initial undertaking by SWW to undertake the works at SWW's cost. It now seemed that householders would need to carry out the works themselves and apply for grant money to cover the cost.

A resident of Fore Street offered to draft a letter to SWW setting out its legal responsibilities.

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Rob and Cass Ford for their work in setting up the Flood Group. Clerk

114.2 Parson's Brook

In spite of earlier assurances from DCC representatives that there was adequate money in the budget to fund this dredging, recent information indicated that they would only dredge below the culvert, and were unable to find contractors to clear the stream above and below. The PC expressed grave concern about the overgrowth of vegetation, the narrowing of the banks, the build up of silt, the consequent flood risk, and the urgency in clearing all of this before the onset of wet weather. There was also concern that further delay would be caused by gaining Environment Agency permissions to deposit the spoil. RH would convey to DCC the need to undertake the dredging works before winter 2015.

RH

115/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES

Traffic Calming
Nothing to report

116/15 FINANCE

116.1 Bank balances

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	£ 891.46
-savings	10,928.76
TOTAL	<u>11,820.22</u>

116.2 Payments approved

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	163.00
SHDC	Play park insurance and inspection	120.00
SHDC	Loan repayment- pre-school	517.83
Grant Thornton	Audit fee	240.00
Michelmores Hughes	Rent – Parson's Lawn	300.00
Harris Pools	School pool- chemicals etc	863.48
South Hams Supplies	Signs for pool	80.15
AG Village Hall	Rent	58.50
John Reid	Grass/paths/tree maintenance	226.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	187.00
Peter Javes	Administration and disbursements	348.66
M J Hallett	Hedge cutting	264.00
TOTAL		<u>3,386.62</u>

The Clerk would be submitting a claim for VAT repayment for the six months ended 30 June for £3,070.27.

Clerk

The Clerk noted the significant increase in the use of the dog poo bags provided free of charge by the PC. A bulk supply of 2,000 bags at a net cost of £45.54 (2.3p per bag) had been ordered.

117/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH commented that following the public transport consultation the cuts would be less severe than initially thought.

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RH spoke about the quality of Broadband service for those who could not sign up to the new high speed service. This mainly affected those households more than 2km from the exchange or new street distribution boxes. BT funding to roll out further Broadband services has now been frozen.

118/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB was investigating the SHDC request to remove street signs for Tree Corner and Church Lane.

IB noted that there had been no consultation with the PC over the SHDC notification of closure of Timbers car park for the SWOOSH event on 5 July. The Chairman thanked IB for his efforts in resolving issues on this matter.

It was hoped to organise a presentation by the SHDC planning department on neighbourhood plans etc in September.

IB

119/15 CAR PARKING

Following minute 103/15 the Chairman had spoken to representatives of the landowner, but due to landowner's poor health it was unlikely that any progress will be made in the near future.

An approach would be made to the owner of the land adjoining the playing field to establish the feasibility of using some of that land for parking.

120/15 BENCHES

In Memory of Alex Peguero Sosa

A new bench was now in position at the entrance to Icy Park. It was noted that the bench had not been bolted down and it would be advisable to put this in hand.

Clerk

121.15 TREE WARDEN

Nothing to report

122/15 PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Councillors would consider at the September meeting ideas for the next five years.

All

123/15 PARISH FACILITIES

123.1 Icy Park Steps: IB would take up with SHDC the inadequate repair.

IB

123.2 Anchor on roundabout: Being repaired by JB

123.3 Defibrillator: SW ambulance service had now acknowledged the defibrillator at the entrance to the Fisherman's Rest and added it to their records. PS had volunteered to check the equipment regularly to ensure that it was working and report to SW Ambulance.

123.4 Village Stocks: To be refurbished. Design being drawn up for a structure to house the stocks on the grass at Tree Corner.

108/15 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Icy Park, parking and condition of the road and overhanging hedges and trees.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Next meeting: Monday 3 August 2015 at 7.30.