

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2015  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

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

Members of the public present: 4

**109/15 REPORTS**

**109.1 Shop**

A partition had been erected between the toilet and the kitchen. Volunteers were tending the garden in front of the shop. Fund-raising had been started for an Electronic Point of Sale System (EPOS).

**109.2 Sports and Leisure**

Sports and Leisure had met to discuss providing marshals etc for the Classic Car Show on the August Bank Holiday - 31 August. Volunteers were invited to contact the clerk.

A fun run was scheduled for Sunday 11 October. The Fields in Trust organisation had sent a box of assorted prizes and promotional material for this event. Some of the prizes had been allocated to the Produce Show being held on 8 August.

Fireworks and a bonfire would be arranged for Thursday 5 November.

**110/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2015 be accepted as a correct record

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

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

**111/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

TA re car parking (minute 120/15 below)

**112/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

The pool heating system was now working well and the water was warm and the water quality was good. Four resuscitation courses had now been held. A total of 20 keys had been sold to date. The clerk would give TA the names of those who had expressed interest in a key but had not yet attended a resuscitation course.

Clerk

PS estimated that total running costs of the pool would be about £1,000 p.a.

The parish council placed on record its appreciation of all the work done by TA and PS to get the pool functioning properly.

**113/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**114.1 Flood Resilience**

It was noted that after the heavy rain on 24 July sewage had escaped onto the Jubilee Street and the road leading up to Icy Park and Glebe Land.

The meeting discussed again 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

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grant money to cover the cost. The clerk was instructed to ask SWW again for a list of those who had attended the consultation in the village hall. It was felt necessary to invoice Gary Streeter MP in negotiations with SWW and the clerk was instructed to draft a letter to him. Clerk

**114.2 Parson's Brook**

RH was invited to establish what was happening with DCC's (and IB for SHDC's) commitment to dredge the brook. RH IB

**115/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES  
Traffic Calming**

See minute 118 below.

**116/15 FINANCE**

**116.1 Bank balances**

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	3,511.34
-savings	5,929.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>9,440.49</u></b>

**116.2 Payments approved**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Peter Javes	Administration and disbursements	277.11
Event Hire Solutions	Toilet hire for car show (to be re-imbursed)	294.00
Harris Pools	School pool - chemicals etc	257.88
Totnes Energy	Valve for pool solar panels	87.82
John Reid	Grass/paths/tree maintenance	361.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	185.00
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	221.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>1,683.81</u></b>

The Clerk reported that the VAT repayment for the six months ended 30 June for £3,070.27 had now been paid and was additional to the balances reported above. Clerk

**117/15 PLANNING  
02/1481/15/F Harraton Farm barn conversion.**

No objection.

**118/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RH commented on the significant commitment to improvement in infrastructure, including work on the rail line at Dawlish, a second rail route to the west country through the county, new rolling stock and timetables. Councillors asked that serious consideration be given to the improving the road between California Cross and Kitterford Cross.

Negotiations with BT over Broadband Phase 2 had not come to fruition and therefore DCC had decided to go out to the market to invite tenders.

RH was asked to investigate the reason for the delay in installing the next phase of the speed cushion programme. RH

Following the Transport Review it was noted that the 93 bus would not run on Sunday or public holidays after 21 September. RH was invited to prompt the bus company to publicise this reduction in service.

**119/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

**119.1 General**

IB reported that SHDC now had 110 fewer staff than at this time last year. The non-manual workforce had been reduced by 30%. The empty offices at Follaton House had been let and were generating income. IB  
IB briefed the meeting on the role of the new Locality Officers and emphasised that

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the parish should aim to work with them and that they could be very useful in resolving a number of local issues.

The SHDC planning department was currently under-strength and some planning work was being handled by Plymouth City Council which had spare capacity. It was noted that local authorities might have to accept that they could no longer operate with self-contained planning departments.

### 119.2 Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting went on to discuss the need for a neighbourhood plan. A group of councillors comprising DDB, SH and PU would try to meet representatives of the SHDC planning department to discuss.

DDB  
SH/PU

### 119.3 Transfer of Assets

IB would investigate the issue of the transfer of assets from SHDC to the PC. TA would send IB a plan showing land owned by SHDC in the parish.

IB  
TA

### 120/15 CAR PARKING

The owner of the land adjoining the playing field had offered to lease to the PC at a peppercorn rent an area suitable for about 24 cars to park. It was noted that this would involve cars using the gate into the field by the Fisherman's Rest, thus cars would be crossing the field by the underpass pedestrian tunnel. A public consultation would be needed to establish the views of parishioners about parking generally in the village.

### 121/15 TREE WARDEN

The tree leaning at right angles in the play park had been re-staked. SHDC would be re-assessing the condition of the willow by the ford at the bottom of Jubilee Street. It was noted that a tree in the grounds of Brook Court adjoining the stream was growing through the boundary wall.

### 122/15 PARISH COUNCIL PLAN FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS

The following would be incorporated in the preparation of a neighbourhood plan:

- Car parking
- Dredging
- Surface water separation
- Asset transfer
- Village hall

### 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

JB

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

#### Overgrown hedges in Icy Park

The Clerk would photograph overgrown hedges to determine the problem.

Clerk

#### Notice board by pillar box in hall car park

It was agreed to remove the derelict notice board by the pillar box.

#### MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

RB had met the new PCSO on duty on the tidal road and had discussed some recent incidents of violence.

### 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 9.50 pm

Next meeting: Monday 7 September 2015 at 7.30.