

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2015  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.00 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	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
	<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes	
	David Turner	DT	Pell Frischmann

Members of the public present: 1

**124/15 WATERSHED PROJECT**

The meeting started with an update on progress on the Watershed Project to separate surface rain water from sewage so as not overload the foul drains and cause sewage to erupt into the street. Planning was in progress to deal with the school and village hall and car park. It is estimated that this will deal with 25% of the surface water flowing into the sewers and should bring a substantial improvement. The take-up from households in Fore Street was disappointing and none at all from Icy Park. A second public consultation will be held on 29 September in the village hall. The PC agreed to urge people to attend the consultation and apply for grant money to make changes to the drainage on their land.

A discussion followed on the need for a real incentive for people to prevent rain water from entering the foul drains. At present there is simply a small rebate on water rates.

The Chairman asked that SWW be asked to give priority to the school and village hall separation.

The Clerk was instructed to approach DCH regarding rainwater separation in Icy Park. Clerk

PS would give his plan to the showing location of two combined sewer drainage gullies recently discovered, one located at Townswell lane & one at Cheston Cottage to be forwarded to Pell Frischmann. PS

DT would investigate the legal situation on the buying and selling of houses which had been in receipt of grant monies to divert rainwater. DT

DT was advised that there had been two spills of sewage in Jubilee Street in the last month, and that this was a public health issue to be addressed with urgency. The PC agreed that a reply should be sent to Gary Streeter expressing grave reservations about parts of the project, in spite of further dialogue with project members, with their fundamental concerns about how the residential works were to be implemented, and requested his continued active involvement.

**125/15 REPORTS**

**125.1 Shop**

All fund-raising would now be directed towards buying an Electronic Point of Sale System (EPOS). A fresh share issue was planned.

**125.2 Classic Car Show**

The Classic Car Show had been very successful. The Chairman wished

to record the appreciation of the work done by all the volunteers who had helped. The event had raised over £4,000 and this had been banked by the PC on behalf of the Car Show awaiting that committee's decision on the division of funds to children's projects in the village (improvements to the village pool, Cricket Club junior equipment and Sports and Leisure for a fund to resurface the tennis court).

**126/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2015 be accepted as a correct record

**Proposed:** Cllr Sarah Harcus **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Abrahall

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

**127/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

PS re planning application for Matford (minute 133.1 below)

**128/15 SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

The pool would be kept open as long as a reasonable temperature was maintained. Following closure of the pool for the season the Clerk Clerk would compile an invoice, based on the number of days the pool was available for school use.

PS reported that the pool liner had last been replaced in 2010 and had maybe three or four years of life left, the estimated replacement cost was about £3,000. Jim Fowler was investigating grant monies for pool capital works, to this end he had prepared a report with an initial assessment of costs.

**129/15 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**129.1 Flood Resilience – see 124/15 above**

**129.2 Parson's Brook**

Parson's Brook had been dredged as far as Townswell Lane and suction dredging of the culvert had started. A meeting had been arranged with Stuart Hunt (Bridge Inspector, DCC Bridge Maintenance Department) on 9 September to discuss the works programme. It was agreed that the PC would offer to fund one extra day's work on the dredging. Once the work had been completed by DCC's contractor the PC would consider what further work needed to be done by self-help.

**129.3 Flood Group**

Flood Group would continue as a permanent agenda item. Jenny Reynolds now held all the material previously kept by Rob Ford. It was hoped to send representatives to the next Devon Resilience Forum. It was noted that the Aveton Gifford Flood Plan was being offered as an example of excellence and it was agreed that there was no objection to it being offered to other parishes as a template.

**130/15 HOUSING**

The meeting discussed the definition of affordable housing. One definition was three times the mid-range annual income for the area, which for the South Hams gave £51,000. It was generally agreed that no houses in England could be considered to be affordable in accordance with the definition.

**131/15 PARISH PLAN PRIORITIES**

**Traffic Calming**

See minute 134 below.

**132/15 FINANCE**

**132.1 Bank balances**

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	5,093.30
-savings	5,929.41

**TOTAL** **10,968.71**

The above balances did not include the car show monies now banked.

**132.2 Payments approved**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Peter Smith	Pool sundries	10.45
Palladium	Repairs	3.30
Peter Javes	Administration and disbursements	396.08
Post Office re HMRC	Administration	264.29
John Reid	Grass/paths/tree maintenance	269.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	70.00
T & H Abrahall	Pool sundries	307.28
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><b>1,320.40</b></u>

The clerk reported that the accounts circulated before each meeting now showed expenditure net of VAT with VAT identified as a separate element. Also, expenditure on dog bags was now shown as a separate item because expenditure was becoming significant with £100 spent year to date.

**133/15 PLANNING**

**133.1 02/1806/15/F Matford, Fore Street, extension to sun room.**

**Support**

**133.2 02/1795/15/F Hill Head, Rock Hill, sun room lobby and porch.**

**Object** on the grounds that it was an inappropriate addition to a building on the sky-line in the AONB plus concern about light pollution.

**133.3 Wakeham Park Farm- change of use.** The clerk reported that no plans had been received for this application

**134/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RH reported on the re-advertising of the two speed cushions at the southern end of Fore Street which had previously been advertised wrongly. There was no date allocated at present for the works to be done. RH would attend the scheduled meeting with DCC about the culvert dredging. RH

**135/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

IB spoke about the deadline for the next round of TAP fund applications being noon on 18 December. The Local Government Association was trying to set a policy to deal with asylum seekers.

**136/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The steering committee had met and having studied the information available had concluded that the PC was right in going ahead and preparing a plan. It will be a lot of work and take up to two years. A meeting was being arranged with an SHDC advisor at Follaton house. Items to be included in the plan were not listed at present, because it was not yet known what was appropriate to be included. IB  
It was noted that Loddiswell PC had asked for a presentation by SHDC and

Aveton Gifford would join this meeting.

**137/15 FIVE YEAR PLAN**

The following would be incorporated in plans for the PC to achieve over the next five years:

- Car parking
- Dredging
- Sewage and flooding – to introduce new measures where necessary, and to maintain improvements.
- Asset transfer from SHDC
- Village hall
- Affordable housing including self build
- Maintain the sustainability of the community, and support parish amenities.
- To investigate opportunities for affordable housing including self-build.

**138/15 TRANSFER OF ASSETS**

RB and TA would meet IB to discuss land in the parish under the ownership of SHDC

RB  
TA

**139/15 CAR PARKING**

Nothing to report.

**140/15 TREE WARDEN**

DDB spoke about trees alongside the playing field at the culvert end of the field and the dying willow by the ford in Jubilee Street. It would also be necessary to deal with the willows alongside the stream which had been cut down but were now sprouting.

**141/15 PARISH FACILITIES**

**141.1 Salt and Grit Storage**

The stock pile would be removed to a more suitable location and a good quality tarpaulin purchased to protect the bagged stocks.

**141.2 Village Stocks:** To be removed to dry storage. PC minutes show that the stocks are the property of the PC. Plans would be drawn to reposition to an appropriate covered site.

**141.3 Overgrown hedges**

Trimming the hedges on the boundaries of Glebe Land, Icy Park and along the bypass verge, were agreed; JB to arrange later in the year. Greenwood Close hedge to be trimmed.

**141.4 Signs to Public Toilet in Hall**

The need for new signs directing people to the toilet in the village hall was discussed.

**142/15 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING**

- Speed of traffic on the A379
- Police attendance at PC meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Next meeting: Monday 5 October 2015 at 7.30.