

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM

Present	Cllr John Brooks	JB	In the Chair
	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	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	
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
Members of the public present: 3			

161/15 **REPORTS**

161.1 **Parish Paths Partnership**

Efforts to establish the status of the permissive footpaths up to the Avon bridge were ongoing.

161.2 **Shop**

A side window had been broken and reported to the police.

161.3 **Project Group**

The open day on 16 October had generated much interest and a good number of visitors. The Group was considering repeating the event at a later date. RB reported on moves to add to the war memorial in the churchyard the name of Reginald Weekes to the list of those killed in WW1.

161.4 **Sports and Leisure**

The Fun Run held on 11 October had a disappointing number of entrants. Fireworks and a bonfire were planned for 5 November.

161.5 **Taverners**

The Christmas lights would be switched on on 6 December. A resolution approving a contribution to the Fisherman's Rest towards refreshments to be served at the ceremony would be put to the next meeting.

162/15 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr John Yeabsley **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Abrahall

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

163/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

TA and RB for any discussion on housing

164/15 **SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

RESOLUTION: THAT the invoice compiled by the Clerk, based on the number of days the pool was available for school use, be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Tim Abrahall **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson

Motion carried unanimously.

RH offered £500 towards the pool subject to the appropriate form being submitted. RW reported that the Kitt Will Trust had offered £500 towards the pool.

Clerk

165/15 **FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

165.1 **Parson's Brook**

Contractors had now finished the dredging to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chairman. There was a discussion about marking the position of the underground water pipe with a post. It was agreed to minute thanks to the DCC Bridge Inspector – DCC Bridge Maintenance Department: Stuart Hunt.

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- 165.2 Flood Group**
The Flood Group had met and actions agreed. PS would attend the DCC community resilience meeting on 10 November. PS
- 166/15 WATERSHED PROJECT**
District Councillor Ian Bramble had sent a letter to Gary Streeter MP and it was decided to ask Gary Streeter to come to a meeting with councillors.
Clerk's note: This has now been arranged for Friday at 7pm in the Village Hall. The issues to be drawn to Gary Streeter's attention needed to be agreed before the meeting.
- 167/15 HOUSING**
Nothing to report.
- 168/15 TRAFFIC CALMING**
The second phase of two further speed cushions had been installed. The delay in removing the road closed signs was reported to RH. It was noted that this had resulted in the service bus failing to go through the village to pick up schoolchildren. RH would report the late running of the No. 3 taking school children to Kingsbridge to the bus company. RH
DCC's reply on the subject of traffic speed on the A379 was noted.
- 169/15 FINANCE**
- 169.1 Bank balances**
The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:
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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Bank account -current | 16,384.45 |
| -savings | 5,929.89 |
| TOTAL | <u>22,314.34</u> |
- The above include car show monies now banked (£3,936).
- 169.2 Payments approved**
- | Payee | Reason | Amount £ |
|---------------|---|------------------------|
| Peter Javes | Administration and pool key deposit refunds | 402.46 |
| Colin Pearson | School pool daily attendance | 775.00 |
| Harris Pools | School pool sundries | 10.76 |
| TOTAL | | <u>1,188.22</u> |
- 169.3 PRECEPT 2016-17**
A separate meeting would be held to discuss the submission of the 2016-17 precept demand to SHDC.
- 170/15 PLANNING**
- 170.1 02/2350/15/F Were Down, Bigbury, TQ7 4AL** Two dwellings into one and two storey extension. The planning committee would arrange to visit.
- 170.2 02/1287/15/F Old Rectory Stables-** the appeal against SHDC's refusal was noted.
- 171/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
RH's significant contributions to the meeting are reported under other minutes.
- 172/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**
IB commented that SHDC would be likely to view sympathetically any request to transfer public open spaces from SHDC to AGPC. Such a request should be submitted to the Head of Community Assets. A list of all areas in the parish would be given to the Clerk to send to SHDC after being reviewed by councillors. Clerk
IB invited suggestions for applications for a grant from the SHDC Locality Fund, these could be a contribution to the playing field path or equipment for the junior play park. All
- 173/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
The Neighbourhood Plan Project Group had met and approved the terms of reference for the Group. The area of the parish to be included had been posted on council notice boards. It was hoped to move quickly and to have a full consultation with parishioners in Spring 2016. Minutes of Group meetings will be posted on the village website.
- 174/15 FIVE YEAR PLAN**
To be reviewed at the next meeting, currently includes:
- Car parking
 - Dredging
 - Sewage and flooding – to introduce new measures where necessary, and to maintain improvements.

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- Asset transfer from SHDC
- Village hall
- Maintain the sustainability of the community, and support parish amenities.
- To investigate opportunities for affordable housing including self-build.
- All-weather path around playing field
- Footbridge over River Avon

175/15 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

See 153/15 above.

176/15 CAR PARKING

Nothing to report.

177/15 TREE WARDEN

Nothing to report.

178/15 PARISH FACILITIES

178.1 Salt and Grit Storage

Nothing to report.

178.2 Village Stocks: Nothing to report

178.4 Path round Playing Field

A quote was still awaited. The plan is to construct a path 5ft wide all round the field, both sides. Once a price was established parishioners would be consulted. It was also hoped to extend the hard standing at the underpass end of the field. On a point raised by RW about the need for a skate park, TA suggested that part of the path could be tarmac for skaters. RH would enquire if used chippings stored by DCC at Hangman's Cross could be made available for the path. RH

In the spring weed killer would be applied to the footpath across the Rectory Lawn.

178.5 Bench in Jubilee Street

RESOLUTION: THAT the bench by the stream in Jubilee Street be removed.

Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Abrahall

Motion carried unanimously.

179/15 MEETINGS ATTENDED

The new locality officer would be in the village as follows:

- Mobile library van on Wednesday 9 November between 9.30 and 11.30
- Village shop on Friday 20 November between 9.30 and 11.30.

180/15 MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

The calendar for 2016 was accepted as set out in Annex A below.

181/15 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Precept 2016-17
- Path around the playing field
- TAP fund application
- Junior play park equipment

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm Next meeting: Monday 7 December 2015 at 7.30.

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

All meetings on Mondays to start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless otherwise advised.

4 January	1 February	7 March
4 April	9 May meeting starts at 6.30 followed by AGM	6 June
4 July	1 August	5 September
3 October	7 November	5 December