

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2016
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 Sarah Marcus	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		
	In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
	Members of the public present: 3			

20/16 REPORTS

20.1 Shop

Concerns were expressed that rats might be feeding on the bird seed being put out in front of the shop.

20.2 Parish Project Group

RB reported that a painting of Albert (a village character, now deceased, who had lived on the river) had been donated to the Project to be sold for the benefit of Project Group funds. Ideas were sought as to the best way of auctioning the painting.

20.3 Aune Conservation Association (ACA)

RB reported that Nicholas Johnson (the new owner of the Bantham Estate) had addressed a recent meeting of the ACA. He had acquired South Efford House but had no immediate plans for the former care home. He had also bought Little Marsh but the previous owner had a right to use the land for three years.

21/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 4 and 11 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record

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

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

22/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TA in respect of the path around the field.

23/16 MATTER ARISING

23.1 Path around playing field

The quotes for the work were noted and there was a difference of only £85 between them.

RESOLUTION: THAT the work be awarded to the contractor attracting the most votes on a secret ballot

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

The Clerk distributed voting papers and declared that by a majority vote the quote from Nicholas Rowell Haulage Ltd for £9,550 be accepted.

The Clerk also reported that Fields in Trust was inviting applications for grant funding to improve playing fields and the Clerk undertook to submit an application for help with funding the footpath. *(Subsequent to the meeting Fields in Trust advised that the application had been unsuccessful)*

23.2 Footbridge

The span over the river had been measured at 50m and PS agreed to take the matter further with suitable suppliers of pre-fabricated bridges. PS

24/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

24.1 Stream Bank behind Brook Court

DCH had declined to help with the cost of repairs of the collapsing bank behind Brook Court.

24.2 Watershed Project

It was noted that contractors were due on site from 8 February to install a new drain for rainwater from the school and hall car park etc.

24.3 Flood Group

PS showed the meeting the graph of recent water flows. The phone messages for First and Second alarms would be changed. Arrangements were made to visit the site of the rain PS

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gauge. The pub picnic tables would be tethered in the spring when they had been put in position for the season's trading.

24.4 Posts in hall car park

It was agreed in principle that it would be sensible to position posts at the bottom of the hall car park in order to restrain cars from being washed away in a flood. Discussions would be held with the hall committee.

25/16 HOUSING

Nothing to report.

26/16 TRAFFIC CALMING

TA tabled the questionnaire to be distributed to residents of Fore Street between Rock Hill and the Fisherman's Rest to comment on the new speed cushions.

27/16 FINANCE

27.1 Bank balances

The clerk reported the bank balances listed below:

Bank account -current	2,900.98
-savings	16,545.48
TOTAL	<u>19,446.46</u>

The above include car show monies now banked (£4,078). The Clerk had claimed repayment of VAT of £375.97.

27.2 Payments approved

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Hydro-Logic Ltd	Flood resilience	240.00
Nick Walker Printing Ltd	mAGpie printing	221.00
Peter Javes	Administration	378.64
Peter Smith	Postage	12.98
TOTAL		<u>852.62</u>

27.3 **RESOLUTION: THAT** a donation of £100 be made to the Citizen's Advice Bureau.
Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Abraham

28/16 PLANNING

2630/15/HHO The Rectory Stables Jubilee Street Aveton Gifford TQ7 4LG
Extensions and alterations including replacement roof with raised ridge and eaves height (resubmission of 02/1287/15/F). Postponed, new drawings awaited.

2692/15/HHO Wakeham Farm Cottage, TQ7 4NE – shed for biomass boiler

2931/15/HHO Wakeham Farm Cottage, TQ7 4NE – bathroom window

The planning committee responded with no objection to the above applications.

29/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH spoke about the budget for 2016-17 and how savings would be achieved. The move to devolved powers from central government to DCC was continuing.

RH would send further information on the road warden scheme.

RH

The Avon footbridge project had been put forward to DCC.

Revised speed limits in the village were close to being confirmed. He was still working on the question of diverting surface water from the highway into the new drain to be laid by SWW to serve the school etc.

30/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB reported on the SHDC budget to be ratified on 11 February and progress on the local plan. IB noted the concerns about the SHDC planning website because it had been very difficult to extract information on the status of current applications.

31/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Project Group had arranged a consultation with parishioners on Saturday 20 February in the village hall between 12 and 4pm.

32/16 FIVE YEAR PLAN

Currently includes:

- Car parking
- Dredging
- Sewage and flooding – to introduce new measures where necessary, and to maintain improvements.
- Asset transfer from SHDC

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- 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
- Speed limits and traffic calming

33/16 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

A marked-up plan was awaited for submission to SHDC.

34/16 CAR PARKING

Nothing to report although it was noted that parking was becoming a problem in Icy Park and this had overflowed into Glebe Land.

35/16 TREE WARDEN

The tree warden would inspect the holly tree by the shop.

DD-B

36/16 PARISH FACILITIES

36.1 Junior play park equipment

The Clerk had asked the Hive for ideas for new equipment for the junior play park.

36.2 Village Stocks relocation: In hand.

36.3 Glebe Land Hedge RB would arrange for the hedge to be cut

RB

36.4 Community Pool

A list of necessary work had been drawn up and a working party would be arranged in March. It was agreed to establish a sub-committee with input from the school and parents. The pool would be named the Aveton Gifford Community Pool.

36.5 Playing Field

The waterlogged state of the playing field was discussed and if games should be allowed to continue. The Clerk would advise Kickabout South West that the PC reserved the right to declare the field too wet to be used for football practice.

37/16 TIMBERS

37.1 Power cables - PS reported that the electricity cable across the river opposite Timbers would be replaced shortly.

37.2 Security – Recent theft from or damage to vehicles was noted and it was agreed to investigate installation of CCTV.

PS

37.3 Recycling facility

RESOLUTION: THAT the recycling skips be relocated to their original position on the river side of the car park.

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

38/16 SIGNS AT TREE CORNER

Following a request from a parishioner the meeting considered if the recently relocated signs at Tree Corner could be moved back so that did not block the view from an adjacent house. It was noted that there was no right to an unobstructed view and the signs had been moved as part of the traffic calming work. Therefore the signs would not be moved back.

39/16 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Village hall
- Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm Next meeting: Monday 7 March 2016 at 7.30.