

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2016
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

Present	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Sarah Walkup	SW	Minute 156/16 on
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
Apologies	None		
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 4			

153/16 REPORTS

153.1 Shop: Two new staff had been recruited. The 2017 calendar was being printed.

153.2 Allotment Association: Plot rents were now due. All plots were currently let.

154/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2016 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Sarah Harcus **Seconded:** Cllr Pippa Unwin

Motion carried unanimously.

155/16 COUNCILLOR CASUAL VACANCY

RESOLUTION: THAT Sarah Walkup be co-opted as a councillor to fill the vacancy left on the resignation of John Brooks.

Proposed: Cllr Sarah Harcus **Seconded:** Cllr Rosie Warrillow

Motion carried unanimously

SW signed the acceptance of office and undertaking to observe the code of conduct.

156/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

157/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

157.1 Watershed Project: It had been reported that one sink in the school had been omitted from the scheme but it was thought that there was a work-around. It was not clear if the school grounds were now completely connected to the new surface water drain. The Clerk would write to SWW for a progress report There had been an overflow of sewage in Jubilee Street in the heavy rain on 3 September and this would be reported to SWW.

Clerk

157.2 Flood Group: It was agreed to carry out an inspection of gullies and drains before winter. A flood group practice would be held before the end of September to make sure that people were familiar with the emergency plan. It was noted that there had been significant surface water on the road over the conduit during the heavy rain on 3 September.

158/16 PLANNING

1832/16/FUL Bridge End Cross past Merrifield: Lean to agricultural building.

No objection

159/16 FINANCE

159.1 Bank balances

Bank balances as at 31 August: **£15,610.22**

159.2 Payments approved to be paid electronically:-

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Peter Javes	Administration	267.43
Peter Javes	Dog bags	7.99
Peter Javes	Miscellaneous	6.95
Village Hall	Rent of hall	39.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	147.00
John Reid	Grass and trees	236.00
South Hams Supplies	Car show	16.64
W.B Newham	Car show raffle tix	51.00
Event Hire Solutions	Car show toilets	284.40
PMF Products Ltd	Football goals	1,305.94
X Pest Ltd	Wasp visit to Willow Walk	50.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>2,412.35</u>
Thus cash now available		<u>13,197.87</u>

Cash included £4,873.04 car show takings banked awaiting the car show committee decision on their disbursement. At the meeting the Clerk was handed £518 for pool key monies and a further £31 for the car show.

160/16 AUDIT REPORT FROM EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been returned signed by Grant Thornton UK LLP. The auditor had commented that a cheque for £27.25 written in the year under review and not presented until the new financial year should have been recorded as an expense in the year 2015-16.

The Clerk would post a Notice of Conclusion of Audit on the notice board inviting Clerk parishioners to inspect the annual return.

161/16 PARISH ISSUES

161.1 Car parking: No further progress

161.2 Transfer of assets: SHDC had advised that the proposed transfer would be advertised in the Kingsbridge & Salcombe Gazette (*confirmed 1st published 9 September 16, page 37*), if there were no objections the transfer would go ahead. RB and PU were investigation the ownership of land at South Efford, thought to have been transferred to the parish council some time ago. RB/PU

161.3 Salt and gritter: The container donated by TA was now in Timbers and would be painted green. Arrangements needed to be made to re-bag the salt stored at North Efford and transport it to the new store.

161.4 Play Park: SHDC had paid a grant of £600 towards new equipment for the junior play park. A design was waited from Earthwrights (*now received*). An application for additional funding would be made to DCC locality fund. Clerk
The situation regarding wasps on the Willow Walk was noted and a diary note would be made to spray against black fly next spring.

161.5 Pool: PS reported on pool usage. Utility bills were still awaited from the school. A work party to close the pool down for winter would be organised. Resuscitation course would be offered earlier in the year in 2017.
A vote of thanks was offered to all who have worked on the pool this year.

161.6 CCTV: Nothing to report. The police would be invited to attend the next meeting. Clerk

161.8 Village hall: TA was receiving quotes. TA

- 161.9 Goal posts:** Now installed. Instructions were awaited on the retention or disposal of the donated plastic goal posts. The worn goal mouths would be repaired. The path round the playing field and across the Rectory Lawn and around the tennis court would be sprayed with weed killer. 1,000 snowdrop bulbs would be ordered to plant around the playing field. PS Clerk
- 161.10 Control of moorings on the Avon:** RB would send details to the Clerk. RB
- 161.11 Junction of Fore St, Baker St and Jubilee St: The traffic calming** sub-committee (RB, PS and JY and nominated residents had yet to meet). A member of the public spoke about the speed of traffic. RH advised that the parish council could invite a visit by parking enforcement officers.
- 161.12 Slippery footpaths due to moss**
RH would report the problem to DCC Highways and it was thought it might be necessary to organize a working party with shovels to clear the moss.
- 162/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
The housing survey would be distributed with next mAGpie. A website was being set up. A grant had been applied for to meet the cost of preparing the website and printing the survey etc.
- 163/16 TREE WARDEN**
Trees in bank beside road leading up to A379
SHDC as owners of the land at the back of Icy Park would be invited to inspect the bank to assess the danger. IB
- 164/16 CLASSIC CAR SHOW**
This had been a great success, raising over £4,800 in support of junior projects etc in the parish. Thanks were due to Tony Porter for organizing and all the volunteers who had helped on the day.
- 165/16 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS**
Nothing to report.
- 166/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
RH confirmed that the 20mph roundels in Fore St were due to be painted in September. RH would advise if there was a DCC programme of gully emptying. RH invited an application towards grant funding of the new football posts.
- 167/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**
IB's contribution recorded elsewhere in the minutes.
- 168/16 CORRESPONDENCE**
A letter had been received about the opportunity for self-build plots. The Clerk was instructed to reply that no sites were available at present. Any such development would depend on the builder finding a suitable plot.
- 169/16 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
Councillor vacancy
Appointment of vice-chair

Meeting closed at 9.15

Next meeting: Monday 3 October 2016 at 7.30