

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2016
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM

Present	Cllr Tim Abrahall	TA	In the Chair (except minute 189.1) Minute 189.1 only
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Sarah Walkup	SW	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH		
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 15			

185/16 REPORTS

185.1 Shop: It was noted that the present manager would be retiring in 18 months' time. There was a discussion about the viability of the shop in the light of current usage.

185.2 Project Group: The AGM would be held on 11 November in the hall during a restaging of the display of archive photographs shown at the Church fete in July.

185.3 Sports and Leisure: The fun run, organized by Sarah Cadle, in October had attracted 23 runners. Bonfire night, organized by Ian Stainton, had been a spectacular success and the sum of £1,094 had been raised from donations. It was noted that parking had been problematic, a field had been set aside for spectator parking but the field entrance had been blocked by a car on the night. This had led to visitors parking dangerously on roads.

186/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2016 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Sarah Marcus **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Walkup

Motion carried unanimously. The chairman signed the minutes

187/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TA re minute 189.1

188/16 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

188.1 Watershed Project: The clerk was instructed to ascertain if the school surface water had now been completely disconnected from the foul drain.

Clerk

188.2 Flood Group: The group would meet to discuss responsibilities and regular maintenance.

189/16 PLANNING and OPEN SESSION

189.1 3091/16/OPA Pitten's Field, New house

SH took the chair for this item and TA stood down and took no part in the discussion. In view of the public interest in this application the Chair invited comments from members of the public present. Several people spoke and the main concern were about the vehicular access to the site, which would need to cross the end of the playing field by the underpass. It was suggested that if access could be arranged from the other end of the field by the Barn, this might be more acceptable. Others felt that the land was unsuitable for housing because it was on the side of the playing field. The Chair allowed all those present the opportunity to express their views and it was clear that the majority of the public present were against the application. Two councillors expressed their opposition to the application.

Following the exchange of views the Chair brought the open session to a close and invited councillors to vote on a confidential ballot.

RESOLUTION: THAT the outline application be supported with reservations about

access to the site

Motion carried by a majority with six in favour and two against (TA had no vote on this resolution).

189.2 1987/16/FUL Harraton Farm Cottage, PL21 0SU, New garage
No objection

190/16 CHURCHYARD GRANT
RESOLUTION: THAT the budgeted donation of £500 be paid to St Andrew’s Church for maintenance of the churchyard.
Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Rosie Warrillow
Motion carried unanimously.

191/16 FINANCE

191.1 Bank balances

Bank balances as at 30 November: **£25,269.71**

191.2 Payments approved to be paid electronically:-

Payee	Reason	Amount £
St Andrew's Church	Churchyard grant	500.00
Harris Pools	School pool	13.80
Nick Walker Printing	Magpie printing	226.00
Peter Javes	Administration, dog bags etc	367.79
Peter Smith	Flood Resilience etc	38.00
AG Village Hall	Rent hall	26.00
John Reid	Grass and trees	211.00
David Davis-Berry	Neighbourhood Plan	126.36
Payments by cheque		
Royal British Legion	Donation	50.00
HMRC	Administration	200.81
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>1,759.76</u>
Thus cash now available		<u>23,509.95</u>

192/16 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
RESOLUTION: THAT a donation of £200 be paid to the Fisherman’s Rest towards the cost of Christmas lights and refreshments at the lighting up ceremony.
Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Rosie Warrillow
Motion carried unanimously.

193/16 PARISH ISSUES

193.1 Car parking: It was noted that all the cones placed by the police to prevent parking on the double yellow lines by the Old Rectory entrance had disappeared. The police were aware of this and had indicated that they would enforce the parking restrictions there.

193.2 Transfer of assets: SHDC had advised there were no objections and the transfer would go now ahead.

193.3 Salt and gritter: PU would make a sign reading “Do not obstruct” for the front of the new salt store. The Clerk was instructed to buy two plastic salt bins, one to replace the rusting metal bin by the shop and another for Timbers car park. Clerk

193.4 Play Park: The new Toddler Tower had been ordered from Earthwrights.

193.5 CCTV: Decision pending completion of transfer of car park from SHDC.

193.6 Village hall: Indicative quotes awaited.

193.7 Control of moorings on the Avon: The Duchy of Cornwall had replied to the letter requesting that the PC be consulted on the management of the moorings. RB would ask the present moorings manager if there had been any interest in the RB

position.

- 193.8 Slippery footpaths:** The Clerk would advise IB of paths still needing attention. Clerk
- 193.9 Stream behind Brook Court:** TA would investigate gabions to deal with the collapsing bank. TA
- 194/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
DD-B reported that 131 completed questionnaires had been received to date. A reprint was in hand for those who had not had a form. The website was now live.
- 194/16 TREE WARDEN**
Trees in bank beside road leading up to A379 Nothing to report. IB
The willow walk in the play park had been pruned. DD-B asked for help in a programme of removing ivy from trees.
- 195/16 HEDGE CUTTING**
It was agreed to arrange the cutting of the hedges alongside Glebe Land and the allotments and to cut back the vegetation alongside the stream on the playing field. In addition the hedges growing over the kerb in Icy Park would be cut back.
- 196/16 ACCIDENTS ON A379**
It was noted that there had been another motorbike accident on the A379. This had not been a fatal accident but it was felt that the 30mph signs need to be moved further back along the A379. This would be reported to DCC, copying in Gary Streeter MP.
- 197/16 BUS SHELTER DECORATION**
To be discussed further at the next meeting, TA would install a full length gutter. TA
- 198/16 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS**
Nothing to report.
- 199/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
RH explained about Broadband Phase II programme and that £500 vouchers could be available for householders to make their own arrangements to secure a higher speed.
DCC would no longer top up grit bins automatically, only on demand.
There had been some progress in trying to achieve improvements to the A3196 road between California Cross and Wrangaton.
DCC was seeking to enforce action against motorists parking on pavements.
- 200/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**
IB concurred on RH's comments about trying to achieve improvements to the A3196 road between California Cross and Wrangaton.
SHDC was consulting about charging for events held on SHDC land.
- 201/16 MEETINGS ATTENDED**
PS had been to the Met Office in Exeter to learn more about forecasting.
A Neighbourhood Planning meeting would be held in Bigbury on 26 November.
- 20216 TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- Decoration of bus shelter
 - Cleaning of verges on bridge
 - Precept 2017-18
 - School pool access 2017 season
 - Abandoned boats
 - Planter at Tree Corner

Meeting closed at 9.40

Next meeting: Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.30