

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 2017
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 Marcus	SH	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Sarah Walkup	SW	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	
	County Cllr Richard Hosking	RH	
District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB		
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 4			

01/17 REPORTS

1.1 Shop: The recently bought fridge had failed just out of guarantee and would cost £1,200 to repair. Negotiations were ongoing with the supplier.

1.2 Project Group: The Group planned to organise a talk by Neil Cooper, a professional photographer.

02/17 OPEN SESSION

A member of the public spoke about the Modbury Hunt coming down Baker's Hill on New Year's Day. The hounds appeared to be out of control and there was concern for the safety of pets and that the hounds could have caused a traffic accident. The clerk would write to Modbury Parish Council to see if these comments could be passed on to the hunt.

Clerk

03/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2016 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr David Davis-Berry **Seconded:** Cllr Ros Brousson

Motion carried unanimously. The chairman signed the minutes

04/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

05/17 MATTERS ARISING

Correspondence from parishioner. A person attending the December meeting had queried the council's tendering procedures. The clerk had replied in full and there had been no further response.

06/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

06.1 Watershed Project: It remained to be seen if the remedial works carried out over the Christmas break had been successful.

06.2 Flood Group: The group had met to review the emergency plan. It was noted that there had been no flooding for some time now. RB would update the flood contact list.

RB

Following 207.2 a sketch of proposed new bridges was tabled together with a quote of £4,747.35 for both to be fabricated in galvanised steel. The design was such that there would be a much higher clearance over the stream and the bridges would be heavy enough not to be swept away by flood water. The hall committee would be invited to comment on the design and if there were no objections the order would be placed. RW expressed concern that steel would not be as attractive as the existing wooden bridges. Subsequent to the meeting suggestions were made to soften the appearance by the addition of wooden hand rails and planters.

07/17 PLANNING

07.1 3659/16/HHO 19 Glebe Land, conversion of garage to studio:- **Support**

07.2 4082/16/PDM Lixton – convert agricultural building to residential –noted.

08/17 FINANCE

08.1 Bank balances

Bank balances as at 31 December: £15,851.75

08.2 Payments approved to be paid electronically:-

Payee	Reason	Amount £
SHDC	Pre-school loan repayment	517.83
Michelmores Hughes	Rent Rectory lawn 2017	662.00
Peter Javes	Administration	320.23
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>1,500.06</u>
Thus cash now available		<u>14,351.69</u>

VAT to date of £1,734.76 has been reclaimed but not yet repaid by HMRC.

09/17 PRECEPT 2017-18

The Council would meet to finalise the precept demand for 2017-18 on 15 January

10/17 PARISH ISSUES

10.1 Car parking: Nothing to report

10.2 Transfer of assets: IB agreed to ask SHDC about the condition of the land on handover, specifically the large pot holes in Timbers car park. Also, it was not clear if AGPC would be able to charge for boat spaces. IB

10.3 Salt: TA to chase. TA

10.4 Play Park: The clerk would fix signs showing the post code so that in an emergency an ambulance could identify the location. Clerk
PS spoke about repairs to Wendy House to make it structurally sound.

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

10.6 Village hall: TA reported indicative quotes had been received of about £300,000. Parishioners would be advised of the implications for Council Tax and the matter would be included in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. An article explaining the proposal for the new hall would be included in the next edition of mAGpie.

10.7 Slippery footpaths: Most paths had now been swept by SHDC and only the path from Icy Park to the steps and the areas around the old bus stop still needed attention.

10.8 Stream behind Brook Court: Quote still awaited. It was agreed that the repair should include provision for hand rails alongside that part of the stream.

10.9 Verges on bridge: Clerk to report to DCC

11/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

SH reported:

- Housing survey now being analysed and put onto spreadsheet.
- List of all landowners with boundaries onto village has been compiled
- A letter is now composed which will be sent to these landowners, asking if any have any pieces of land they are prepared to put forward for development. This letter is also being posted on the NP web site
- Once answers received, these parcels of land will be assessed by **Nick Chisholm-Batten** Principal Consultant, Policy and Appraisal Service as to their suitability. This service is free to the group, as we are eligible via the NP funding process.
- The NP group currently plans to hold a public consultation once this assessment is complete, hopefully by the end of March 2017. Members of the NP group will be on hand to host and answer any questions on our progress so

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far, and listen to suggestions as to the structure and content of our Neighbourhood Plan.

- At the same consultation, some plans and drawings will be displayed for a new hall. Members of the hall committee and parish councillors will be on hand to answer questions on suitability, structure and finances.

12/17 TREE WARDEN

Trees in bank beside road leading up to A379: Nothing to report.

DDB spoke about ash dieback which was expected to kill all trees and that he had contacted SHDC on several occasions regarding a tree at Timbers without response.

13/17 ACCIDENTS ON A379

The potential repositioning of the 30mph signs on the A379 had been reported to DCC and DCC had advised verbally that the signs were at the required distance from the roundabout. RB would try to get this opinion in writing to be referred to RH, county councillor.

RB

14/17 BUS SHELTER DECORATION

SW would discuss with John Ashton.

SW

15/17 ABANDONED BOATS

SHDC to be asked to undertake the clearance whilst the land is still in SHDC ownership.

16/17 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS

Nothing to report.

17/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH reported that the DCC budget was being finalised. The increasing cost of adult and children's care will cause Council Tax to be increased in 2017-18.

The contract for Broadband Phase II has been awarded and those connected could expect 100mb/s. The areas to be connected would be published on the DCC website.

DCC had identified four pinch points on road between California Cross and Wrangaton. However it was not known when and if improvements would be made.

TA asked a question about quality control of road repairs generally, since there seemed to be many instances of inadequate and short-lived pothole repairs.

18/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB reported that SHDC had received a grant of £1.9m to be allocated to affordable housing. It had not yet been decided as to how this money would be used.

SHDC was considering how the funds it holds could earn a better rate of return.

19/17 CORRESPONDENCE

- The electoral register for 2017
- The independent auditor was terminally ill and thus a new auditor would need to be found for the 2016-17 audit.

20/17 TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Planter at Tree Corner
- Bantham SWOOSH
- The pool and 2017 season

Meeting closed at 9.40

Next meeting: Monday 6 February 2017 at 7.30