

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 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	
In attendance	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
	PC Ryan Hayhurst		
	Peter Javes		Clerk

Members of the public present: 4

21/17 REPORTS

21.1 Police: PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst, Neighbourhood Beat Manager, reported that there had been just one crime to date in 2017, that of theft (same period last year – 6). PC Hayhurst also reported that there had been complaints of dogs off leads on the Tidal Road and explained the Dogs on Leads Order 2013 as follows:
A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if he/she does not keep the dog on a lead in car parks, cemeteries and churchyards, area beside inland water or nature reserve, sports fields whilst organized sport is in progress and listed formal gardens (e.g. Royal Avenue Gardens, Dartmouth). At present the fine is £80.

PC Hayhurst had discussed with SHDC the issue of parking on double yellow lines by people dropping off or picking up children for school. This is dangerous and at times caused serious congestion and obstruction.

21.2 Shop: The fridge had now been replaced.

21.3 Project Group: Nothing to report

21.4 Sports and Leisure: Nothing to report

21.5 Parish Paths Partnership: Jim Fowler was working on the funds for 2017-18.

22/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 22 January 2017 be accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr David Davis-Berry **Seconded:** Cllr John Yeabsley **Motion carried unanimously. The chairman signed the minutes**

23/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Re Minute 26.3 all councillors declared that the applicant was known to them.

24/17 MATTERS ARISING

Following 02/17 the clerk had now established the name and address of the Master of the Modbury Hunt.

25/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

25.1 Watershed Project: The remedial works were now complete and seemed to be successful.

25.2 Flood Group: The meeting noted that hall committee had no objection to the proposed steel bridges and it noted Miss Brett's personal comments about expenditure on the bridges. A second quote had now been received which was higher than that of RT Farm and Industrial Buildings Ltd

RESOLUTION: THAT RT Farm and Industrial Buildings Ltd be given the work at a net cost of £4,747.35 with the proviso that work did not start until TA had consulted that firm.

Motion carried unanimously.

26/17 PLANNING

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- 26.1 **0050/17/HHO** Polston Green Modbury: extension and alteration to house and new garage/store. To be visited.
- 26.2 **4189/16/FUL** Chillaton Moor Farm, PL21 0SD change of use for siting of two shepherd huts. – Convert agricultural building to residential –noted.
- 26.3 **0176/17/FUL** Little Court, AG. New house. Site visit to be arranged.

27/17 **FINANCE**

27.1 **Bank balances**

Bank balances as at 31 January: **£14,176.84**

27.2 **Payments approved to be paid electronically:-**

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Peter Javes	Administration	292.43
T & H Abraham	School pool	58.96
J D Electrics	School pool	261.60
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>312.99</u>
Thus cash now available		<u>13,563.85</u>

VAT to 31 December of £1,734.76 had now been repaid by HMRC.

28/17 **PRECEPT 2017-18**

The Council had submitted a precept demand for 2017-18 of £23,000 2016-17 £21,650.

29/17 **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The clerk had sought quotes to replace the present auditor who was terminally ill. Two similar quotes had been obtained and the clerk asked that the he be authorised to make an appointment following questioning of the candidates.

30/17 **PARISH ISSUES**

30.1 **Car parking:** Nothing to report

30.2 **Transfer of assets:** A draft contract had now been received and forward to solicitors acting for the PC.

30.3 **Salt:** TA to chase. All six grit bins round the village were now full.

30.4 **Play Park:** A quote of £195 had been received to repair the Wendy House to make it structurally sound and to replace a rotten gate post. Two further rotten posts had been identified and would be replaced at the same time for an additional fee of £85. There was a discussion about willow walk and wasp infestation rendering it unusable. Jim Neale and Steven Harding (instrumental in design of the play park) would be invited to give their views on a course of action for the willow walk.

30.5 **CCTV:** Deferred pending completion of transfer of car park from SHDC.

30.6 **Village hall:** To 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.

30.7 **Slippery footpaths:** The clerk would spread salt on the path from Icy Park to the steps and the areas around the old bus stop. Clerk

30.8 **Stream behind Brook Court:** Quotes received for £7,370 and £6,930.50 including provision for hand rails alongside that part of the stream.
RESOLUTION: THAT the work be awarded to E.J. Tarr at a net cost of £6,930.50
Proposed: Cllr Ros Brousson **Seconded:** Cllr Sarah Marcus
Motion carried unanimously.

The footpath would be closed off to prevent residents of Brook Court using the path until it was repaired. Devon and Cornwall Homes would be informed and asked to advise all tenants and enquire if they would contribute to the cost.

PS
Clerk

30.9 **Verges on bridge:** Clerk to report to DCC

30.10 **Bus Shelter:** SW had made contact with an artist and the school. It was noted that the wooden planks for the bench seat needed replacing.

31/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

SH reported:

- The agreed letter had been sent to relevant landowners, asking if any have any pieces of land they are prepared to put forward for development. There had been several promising replies.
- The NP group will hold a public consultation on 31 March and 1 April. Members of the NP group will be on hand to host and answer any questions on progress so far, and listen to suggestions as to the structure and content of the Neighbourhood Plan. At the same consultation plans and drawings will be displayed for a new hall.

32/17 TREE WARDEN

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

22 Glebe Land- trimming of beech trees overhanging garden. DDB had no objection.

DDB planned to organise a working party to clear ivy from trees in the parish.

33/17 SWIMMING POOL

PS reported on remedial work completed. The sump would given a planning cover. First aid courses needed to be arranged for key holders. There was a discussion about raising the fee to cover non-returned keys. It was hoped to open the pool in mid-May.

The Clerk would write to the pre-school for permission to place solar panels on the pre-school roof to supply the pool with electricity.

Clerk

34/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH

Then organizers needed to be given photographs of the school pool being used in order to help with SWOOSH sponsorship, which could raise £2,000. The Clerk would contact the school.

Clerk

355/17 ABANDONED BOATS

SHDC had declined to help with clearing abandoned boats.

36/17 PLANS FOR NEXT 5 YEARS

Nothing to report.

37/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RH reported that the DCC budget was nearly finalised and Council Tax would be increased by 4.99%.

A further announcement was awaited about funding for pot hole repairs.

RH was asked if there were any grant monies available from the flood resilience fund.

RH

38/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB reported that SHDC was considering an increase of 2% in parking fees. Council tax would be increased by the maximum amount of 4.99%.

39/17 TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Repairs to track from Jubilee Street to Pittens car park.

Meeting closed at 9.30

Next meeting: Monday 8 March 2017 at 7.30