

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2017
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM

Present	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB	
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC	
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB	
	Cllr Peter Smith	PS	
	Cllr Ian Stainton	IS	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	Cllr Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
Apologies	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
	PC Ryan Hazlehurst		See Annex A for police report
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 6			

132/17 **REPORTS**

Parish Project Group: The Group was pleased with the support for the display at the Church Fete on 8 July featuring the buildings and residents of Fore Street.

Shop: Sales were reported as being healthy and a new Saturday assistant had been appointed. The dog show to raise funds for the shop had been cancelled due to John Ashton's illness.

Parish Paths Partnership: The work that had been done around the Stepping Stones area was much appreciated.

133/17 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

134/17 **SPEEDING IN AND AROUND THE PARISH**

A parishioner present raised the issue of speeding vehicles in around the village. There was a general discussion about joy-riding as evidenced by tyre marks in the road. RG commented that the police were well aware of the issue. The clerk would report the discussion to PC Hazlehurst. See minute 147 below re traffic calming measures.

Clerk

135/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

136/17 **FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

Flood Group: The work on repairing the stream bank behind Brook Court had started and was progressing well.

Sewage leaking from the surface water drain by the Jubilee Street ford had been observed on 4 August. There was a request that any other sewage leaks from any of the other vulnerable places in the village be noted, with their dates, in order to build up necessary evidence for further drain work by SWW.

137/17 **PLANNING**

137.1 **New applications**

2483/17/HHO Prospect Cottage Aveton Gifford TQ7 4NG

Extension of residential curtilage into adjacent field, improvements to existing field entrance to form vehicle access, provision of timber double garage, new access steps and ramp to house.

2484/17/FUL Prospect Cottage Aveton Gifford TQ7 4NG 172484

Field barn and poly tunnels to support flower growing business in agricultural field

Awaiting full sets of plans for the above

1668/17/HHO: Maycroft, Road from Chillaton to Langdon Cross, TQ7 4ER.Raise the height of the front porch from one to two storey

Supported

137.2 SHDC decisions since the last meeting
1509/17/OPA Oak Park Farm, Aveton Gifford, TQ7 4LE
 Outline permission for the provision of rural workers' dwelling.
 DECISION: **Conditional Approval**

3091/16/OPA: Pittens Field to west of playing field and east of A379
 Outline planning application to create dwelling. DECISION: **Refusal**

0864/16/FUL: Farthings, Dream Hill, Aveton Gifford TQ7 4NE
 Ancillary building and minor expansion of domestic curtilage.
 DECISION: **Conditional Approval**

1727/17/FUL: Wakeham New Barn, Aveton Gifford TQ7 4NE
 Conversion of barn to dwellings (previously approved under Class Q application ref 1357/16/PDM) to include minor alterations and extension to the domestic curtilage
 DECISION: **Conditional Approval**

2043/17/ARC Old Walled Garden, South Efford – appeal lodged with the Secretary of State for non-determination of application by SHDC.

138/17 FINANCE

Bank balances

Bank balances as at 27 July: **£18,970.51**

139/17 PAYMENTS APPROVED

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Post Office re HMRC	Administration	202.60
Nick Walker Printing Ltd	Car show leaflets	141.00
Treehab Tree Care	Grass and trees	60.00
Event Hire	Toilets for car show	344.40
John Reid	Grass cutting	250.00
John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	87.00
Nick Walker Printing Ltd	mAGpie printing	226.00
Harris Pools	Community Pool	44.00
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Peter Smith	Safety mat for footbridge etc	128.18
Peter Javes	Administration	314.72
DALC	Training	30.00
Tanks Direct	Traffic cones	222.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>3,429.90</u>
GROSS CASH		<u>15,540.61</u>
Cash held on behalf of car show		<u>4,611.00</u>
Thus cash now available		<u>10,929.61</u>

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable. VAT of £1,722.87 for six months to 30 June has been paid by HMRC. VAT currently owed by HMRC amounts to £406. The SWOOSH sponsorship money of £2,570.30 has been received for the benefit of the community pool.

140/17 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

The project group had met the hall treasurer to examine the current hall deeds and it had been established that there was nothing to prevent the demolition and rebuilding of the hall.

141/17 PARISH ISSUES

141.1 Transfer of assets: It had been established that the car parks had been valued for National Non-Domestic Rates but since the values were below £12,000 exemption could be claimed and thus no business rates would be payable under current legislation.

A special meeting to finally agree the contract and plans was arranged for Wednesday 16 August at 6.30 in the Fisherman's Rest. Clerk

141.2 Abandoned Boats: Letters had been sent or would be sent to those known to have

apparently abandoned boats on and around the foreshore. The Duchy of Cornwall had agreed to help with the clear up of the area and at Bridge End. IS had arranged for the slipway to be cleared of mud. It was noted that there had been informal arrangements for tenders to boats moored on the Avon to be left on the foreshore, though there did not appear to be any such tenders there at present. Once the land had been acquired consideration would be give to proving tender storage.

The meeting did briefly discuss reviving the regatta as an annual event, but it was felt that there would be little interest in such an event now.

- 141.3 Overhanging Trees:** It was noted that overhanging trees were obstructing traffic on Bakers Hill. The clerk was instructed to write to the landowners concerned. Clerk
- 141.4 Exercise Equipment on the playing field:** The council had no objection to adult exercise being placed on the field, subject to seeing the designs and agreeing the precise location.
- 141.5 Village Stocks:** The meeting discussed where the village stocks (currently in storage) could be best displayed. PS would draw up a scheme for Tree Corner. JY would invite John Brooks to complete the restoration of the anchor previously located on the roundabout. PS
JY
- 142/17 COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL**
The school had promised to supply an invoice for electricity and water usage in the near future.
PS mentioned that installing a solar photo-Voltaic supply to power the pool circulation pool pump would not work as an uninterrupted power supply is required, to ensure continuous chlorination & filtration. However funds should be accrued for a replacement liner which will probably be needed in the next five years. It would be necessary to approach the Classic Car Show Committee for help with funding such a project.
In the short term a new cover & winding mechanism will be required which could be funded from SWOOSH monies.
Year to date the pool had been used on 280 occasions by family groups.
It was agreed to spend £120 approximately on a bunded tray to contain chemicals used at the pool. PS
- 143/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH 2018**
The meeting noted that the Saturday swim proposed for the SWOOSH in 2018 clashed with the Church fete. RW would try and get a response from St Andrew's PCC if this was likely to be a problem. It was noted that many of the helpers for this year's SWOOSH had also been instrumental in erecting and dismantling marquees for the fete. RW
- 144/17 EMERGENCY EXIT FROM ICY PARK AND GLEBE LAND TO A397**
Held over to be discussed with RG.
- 145/17 MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**
PS had compiled a list of tasks in the parish, such as weed control, grass cutting, repairs and maintenance etc. PS had coded the tasks with responsibility and as being carried out or not being done at present. Neighbouring parishes would be contacted to see if there was any interest in combining forces to appoint contractors. Clerk
- 146/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
DDB reported on progress and negotiations with the executors of Jim Irish's land. The NP group was working on the first draft of the plan for the next stage consultation. It was agreed that it would be necessary to talk to the school about projected numbers of pupils in future years.
- 147/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
RG spoke about 93% of schools in Devon being awarded a rating of good or outstanding by OFSTED. This was particularly encouraging in view of the fact Devon schools only received about half the Government funding per child compared to metropolitan areas (£256 compared to £500). In addition 95% of children were able to attend their first choice of school and 99% their second choice.
RG was asked to follow up the promise by DCC to paint 20mph roundels in Fore Street and to erect village gateway signs I the lanes leading into the village. RG
RG was asked to arrange the removal of the redundant finger post sign at the foot of Icy Park RG

lane.

RG would be asked to try and get the road over the bridge cleared of weeds which were now encroaching on the carriageway. This had been reported on the DCC website, but there had been no action to date. RG

148/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The meeting discussed the proposed full merger of SHDC and West Devon IB was seeking to gauge the parish council's reaction to the proposed merger. The matter was now the subject of public consultation to end on 5 October. SHDC was undertaking a random telephone survey and parishioners could complete the survey on line on the SHDC website, as well as a reaction to the idea of SHDC increasing its commercial property portfolio.

RESOLUTION: That Aveton Gifford Parish Council was opposed to the proposed merger of SHDC with West Devon DC.

Motion carried by a majority on a show of hands

IB reported that the proposal for SHDC to invest in a commercial property portfolio had been deferred.

149/17 TREE WARDEN

DDB had arranged for the fallen tree at the end of the playing field to be dealt with. It was noted that trees in Pulley's Close would be the responsibility of Devon and Cornwall Homes. The Clerk was instructed to report to the Environment Agency the fallen tree jammed under the bridge over the Avon. Clerk

150/17 CAR SHOW 28 AUGUST 2017

Arrangements for the car show were proceeding and payments for publicity and toilet hire had been made from the funds held by the parish council. It was generally agreed that this was an important event for the village and in view of the impending retirement of Tony Porter a new organising committee need to be found for 2018.

151/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

St Andrew's Church- appointment of new rector.

RW reported that and the Reverend Matthew Rowland had been appointed rector to the Modbury group of churches and would take up his post in January 2018.

152/17 MEETINGS ATTENDED

JY had attended the new chairman's course organised by DALC

153/17 TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Repairs to the bank by the Jubilee Street bridge, further quote needed. JY

Meeting closed at 9.30

Next meeting: Monday 4 September 2017 at 7.30

ANNEX A POLICE REPORT

Total crime in AG parish between 04/06/17 – 05/08/17: 7 Crimes (Same period 2016: 4 Crimes)

Breakdown of crime for this period:

Theft	3
Attempted Burglary	1
Criminal Damage	1
Drink Drive offence	1
Assault	1

PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst
PCSO 30080 Warren Palmer
Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Team.