

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2017
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

Present	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB		
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB		
	Cllr Sarah Marcus	SH		
	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 Susan Cherry	SC	
	In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
	Members of the public present: 6			

A: OPEN SESSION

213/17 REPORTS

213.1 Shop: The position of shop manager had been advertised but so far there had been no serious applicants.

213.2 Project Group: The AGM had been held and a programme agreed for 2018 and the book "The Bombing of Aveton Gifford" would be reprinted.

213.3 Parish Paths Partnership: It was reported that the gate leading to FP1 was no longer secured by a padlock.

214/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November be accepted as a correct record

Motion carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

215/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

216/17 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

216.1 Flood Group: SWW had finally responded about Operation Watershed and replied that an engineering solution was being costed. RW suggested that contact be made with Kingsbridge Town Council to join forces to exert pressure on SWW.

Clerk

216.2 Rain Gauge: A letter had been delivered to Waterhead residents about joining the automated calls warning of excessively high rain fall rates but there had been no response to date.

216.3 Flooding at Chantry: RG agreed to investigate the DCC programme for remedial work and provide a copy of the plan.

RG

217/17 FINANCE

Bank balances

Bank balances as at 30 November:

£13,539.39

218/17 PAYMENTS APPROVED

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Countrywide Farmers	Poles for moorings	17.95
John Reid	Grass cutting	120.00
Peter Javes	Administration	317.14
Nick Walker Printing	mAGpie	239.00
Palladium	Padlock for salt store	17.03
Public Sector Works Board	Allotment loan repayment	1,089.12
JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog bags	77.16
Brooking Hire Ltd	Road sweeper	312.00
Cuming Containers	Boat disposal	326.40
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>2,515.80</u>

Cash held on behalf of car show	8,298.00
Parish Paths Partnership	1,291.00
Due to Sports and Leisure re fireworks	564.00

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable. VAT currently to be claimed from HMRC amounted to £4,400. RB reported that the Car Show proceeds would be applied to solar panels for the pre-school roof.

It was agreed to make a donation of £300 to the Fisherman's Rest towards the cost of Christmas lights and refreshments at the switch on ceremony.

It was also agreed to buy a further non-slip mat for the metal bridge over Parson's Brook.

PS

The precept request for 2018-19 would be discussed fully at a separate meeting in January.

219/17 SHDC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

It was agreed to make application to SHDC for grant funding for the hardstanding at Shorta Cross for the new location for recycling bins (three quotes received and agreed to accept the quote from E J Tarr for £1,970 plus VAT). In addition RG invited the Clerk to make an application for further funding of £500 towards this project.

Clerk

A quote was awaited from the architect for the cost of the village hall design work. Once received an application would be made for this project.

It was agreed to leave the Jubilee Street ford repair until summer 2018.

220/17 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

The architect had made a site visit and would advise the cost of drawing up plans etc. PU agreed to investigate sources of potential grant funding towards constructions costs. It was noted that Widdecombe on the Moor had received grant funding and the Clerk would try to make contact.

PU
Clerk

221/17 PARISH ISSUES

221.1

Abandoned Boats: Derelict boats had been cleared and the much rubbish removed from Timbers and the foreshore, freeing up at least 10 more car parking spaces. Letters of thanks would be sent to all those volunteers who had helped on the day including (John Brooks, Neil Schroeter, John Foale, Charles Lamb and Chris Reynolds)

Clerk

An ultimatum would be issued to the owner of the SORN MG car (*Clerk's note: Car now removed*).

A letter would be sent to St Dunstan's School, Plymouth, advising that their school bus would not be able to use the Timbers as a drop off/pick up point once the overhead barrier had been installed.

Clerk

222.2

Village Stocks: RB reported that the Project Group had offered £500 towards the cost of a permanent home for the stock. Various ways of raising the balance of the cost were discussed, including sponsorship of individual tiles. It remained to find someone to do the work. RW would draft an article for the Village Voice column in the Kingsbridge Gazette.

RW

223.3 Road salt moved to Timbers store: Now moved to Timbers.

224/17 PLAY PARK

The liability insurer for the play park had issued a defect notice for urgent repairs needed on play park equipment. PS and the Clerk had met Earthwrights on site to discuss the work needed and Earthwrights had agreed to undertake the work under warranty and this had been done. However the junior play park was now out of warranty and the one piece of faulty equipment had been removed rather than repaired. It was recognised that the play park would need ongoing maintenance and because of its wooden construction could become very expensive to keep safe and in use. This fact would need to be borne in mind when setting the precept on future years.

225/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DDB reported that conflicting advice that had been received about the plan in respect of choosing sites for development. A meeting of the NP group was due to be held on 5 December to try and resolve the issue and he would revert to the January meeting.

The NP group would contact the executor of Jim Irish's land about trying to arrange temporary car parking during the hall demolition and rebuilding.

DDB

226/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RG read some important Devon statistics to the meeting (see Annex A).

RG noted that there were serious problems in recruiting staff to work with the elderly and others needing care in the community.

RG was asked about obtaining planning permission for an exit to the highway for any new temporary car parking and he agreed to advise when suitable land became available.

227/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Dealt with under Section B: Closed session, Confidential Minute.

228/17 TREE WARDEN

DDB reported that he was awaiting quotes for trees needing attention in the village and had now identified those within the conservation area. DDB

229/17 BANTHAM SWOOSH

RB reported on progress with the plans for the SWOOSH in 2018. Arrangements had been agreed for parking, stewarding and the financial contribution to be made by swimmers. It was agreed that the focus for funding would be to provide new covers for the community pool.

230/17 CAR SHOW 2018

So far there had been no volunteers to organise next year's show. It was appreciated that invitations to car clubs needed to be sent out a.s.a.p. IS agreed to speak to Tony Porter in the interim but would not be able to commit to becoming the main organiser. The pre-school as main beneficiary would be invited to try and find an organiser. IS

212/17 MEETINGS ATTENDED

RB and SH had attended the One Council debate at Follaton House
The Clerk had attended the Ivybridge area clerks' meeting at Yealmpton on 11 October.

B CLOSED SESSION- CONFIDENTIAL

Meeting closed at 9.20 Next meeting: Monday 8 January 2018 at 7.30

ANNEX A DEVON STATISTICS PRESENTED TO THE MEETING

Highways

- The pothole repair grant from central gvt for Devon was £1.75m
- The DCC Highways meeting at Rattery had been well-attended and successful
- 20,000 tonnes of road salt were in stock
- RG to forward a new Highways website link

Education

- 91% of schools in Devon had been rated good or outstanding by OFSTED
- 91,000 children were enrolled in 366 primary and secondary schools in Devon.
- 250 were under the control of DCC
- 109 under the control of academies
- 7 free schools
- 700 children are in care

Waste

- 95% of waste went to Energy from Waste in Plymouth

Care

- Recruitment of carers is now problematic
- A better Adult Social Care Policy is needed
- 13,000 people in Devon suffer from dementia
- Bed blocking is costing £36m p.a. in Devon
- The mental health budget is £180m
- 25% of doctors and 30% of nurses will be retiring in the next 4 years.