

**AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2018  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, AVETON GIFFORD AT 7.30 PM**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr John Yeabsley	JY	In the Chair	
	Cllr Ros Brousson	RB		
	Cllr Susan Cherry	SC		
	Cllr David Davis-Berry	DDB		
	Cllr Sarah Harcus	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		
				Present at 7.00 and reported to Chair and Clerk – see Appendix B
	<b>Apologies</b>	PC Ryan Hazlehurst		Police
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Javes	Clerk		
Members of the public present: 3				

**DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR**

It was reported that Steph Maclean-Mactaggart had died suddenly in her mid-50s. She had been an active councillor who had resigned from the council in 2014. The meeting paid tribute to her and acknowledged her contribution to village activities.

**39/18 REPORTS**

**39.1 Shop:** Arrangements to hand over the shop to the new manager were in hand for 1 April 2018.

**39.2 Parish Project Group:** Nothing to report

**39.4 Police:** See Appendix A submitted by e-mail.

**40/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLUTION:** THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February be accepted as a correct record

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

**41/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**42/18 FLOODING AND SEWAGE**

**42.1 Flood Group:** It was reported that a surveyor from SWW had been working in Jubilee Street. A quote would be sought for laying pipes along the swayle behind the village hall and backfilling with earth to restore the lawn Clerk

**42.2 Flooding at Chantry:** It was noted that there had been no recent reports of flooding and RG confirmed that DCC would complete all the necessary works which had been delayed by the snow.

**43/18 PLANNING DECISIONS BY SHDC**

4180/17/FUL The Old Post Office, Fore Street, change of use retail to residential  
**Conditional approval**

**44/18 FINANCE**

**Bank balances**

Bank balances as at 28 February: **£11,862.00**

**PAYMENTS APPROVED**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Event Hire Solutions	Portable toilets for car show, deposit	86.00
SHDC	Grass cutting for car show 2017	104.40
First Serve Tennis Courts	Refurbish tennis court (£600 net refunded by Sports and Leisure)	720.00
Peter Javes	Administration	334.72
Trade Signz	Clips to fix car park signs	16.60
Womble Bond Dickinson	Land Registry Fee	40.00
John Reid	Grass and trees etc	120.00

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John Reid	Ex-gratia for use of Land Rover for gritting	100.00
First Federation	Pool electricity and water to end of season	67.69
Village Hall	Rent of hall	26.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>1,615.41</u></b>
Cash held on behalf of car show		<b>8,089.00</b>
Parish Paths Partnership		<b>1,291.00</b>

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable.

Sports and Leisure has repaid £600 being the net cost of the court refurb, PC will reclaim the VAT, so no cost to PC.

It was agreed to pay the Harris Pools invoice for the new cover in the sum of £1,180 net.

### 45/18 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

The grant application to the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation by the Hall committee had been declined but could be resubmitted in six months' time. DCC could make a grant award in April.

### 46/18 PARISH ASSETS MAINTENANCE

PS tabled a revision of his maintenance schedule. It was agreed to try and allocate responsibility for various sections to individual councillors and the clerk:-

- Stream
- Flood Group
- Benches
- Playing field and Rectory Lawn
- Play park
- Roads
- Pool
- Car Parks
- Bridge End

PS

The schedule would be developed and reviewed every month. PS would contact the Kingsbridge District Council Clerk to discuss sharing contractors.

The meeting discussed Modbury's Marigolds Day project. It was agreed that this might be effective in Fore Street but PS felt that residents would need to be consulted to fully support the project.

### 47/18 PARISH ISSUES

- 47.1 **Coping with snow and adverse weather:** The difficulties of operating the gritter with damp road salt were noted, highlighting the need to keep stocks of road salt under cover. The roadside grit bins had been refilled from the bagged stock and the Clerk was instructed to contact DCC to ask if salt could be resupplied in bags rather than bulk for the roadside bins. Clerk
- The PC expressed grateful thanks to the following for their very hard work during the recent bad weather: Peter Smith, David Davis-Berry and John Reid.

- 47.2 **Village Stocks:** Construction of the shelter for the stocks was in hand, it was agreed to spend a further £45 approximately for additional supplies of oak to complete the job. PS

- 47.3 **Anchor on roundabout:** JY would chase the return of the anchor. JY

- 47.4 **Recycling Bins:** Nothing to report.

### 48/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 48.1 **Road from the village up to A379:** IB was still investigating responsibility. IB

- 48.2 **Road from A379 to Wakeham Barns at Ashford:** DCC had explained why this road was closed. RG

- 48.3 **Parking outside school** It was noted that several councillors and RG and the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer had witnessed the situation outside the school and been into the school to discuss with staff. PS had composed a letter outlining the main observations and this letter had been sent to the head.

### 49/18 AMBULANCE SERVICE AND FIRST RESPONDERS

DDB raised the issue of cuts to the ambulance and first responder service. Extended waiting times for an ambulance could be expected. The situation with the First Responder based in Modbury would be established and the matter kept under review.

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### 50/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DDB reported that a further meeting was scheduled for 7 March. It was noted that Salcombe Town Council had circulated their draft NP for comment.

### 51/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The verges on the bridge would need to be ploughed to remove the quantity of earth and other material that had built up over the years, but this work was now in the programme.  
See Appendix B.

### 52/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB had sat in on the joint consultation on local plans and reported that this was progressing. IB outlined the arrangement for refuse collection following the bad weather. The SHDC budget had been set for 2018-19. IB emphasized the need to discuss with the whole community about where savings could be made.

### 53/18 TREE WARDEN

DDB reported that various tree works had been delayed due to the recent snow. DDB read out a request to plan a memorial oak tree on the playing field. It was felt that an oak beside the field was inappropriate. Suggestions would be made for alternative trees that might be more appropriate.

### 54/18 COMMUNITY POOL

There was a discussion on the need to demand every key holder underwent annual resuscitation training, it was agreed to maintain this requirement.

### 55/18 CAR SHOW 2018

IS updated the meeting on bookings, 17 cars had booked to date. All the traders had been booked as well as the portable toilets.

There was a discussion on a request to have a bouncy castle at the show. It was felt that this might be sited on the Rectory Lawn or behind the village hall.

### 56/18 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Several councillors went into school to talk about parking outside the school

### 57/18 CORRESPONDENCE

- CPRE invitation to join – DDB to read through the correspondence pack

DDB

Meeting closed at 9.25 Next meeting: Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.30

### APPENDIX A: POLICE REPORT crime between 06/02/18 & 05/03/18: 0 Crimes (Same period 2017: 1)

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

### APPENDIX B: DCC STATISTICS

- The concessionary bus subsidy =£9 million p.a.
- Public transport subsidy = £3.3 million p.a.
- Public rights of way = £600,000 for 5,000 km of footpaths
- Citizens' Advice Bureau grant = £400,000 p.a.
- The number of over 65s in England increased by 0.5 million, up 10%
- Energy From Waste (EFW) at Devonport = 245,000 p.a.
- Average residual waste collected in Devon (black bins) falling to 4.94 kg from 5.94 kg per bin, the 3<sup>rd</sup> best in Britain, 41% of this is recyclable. It costs £120 a tonne to dispose of this waste through EFW.
- 7,700 potholes were mended in January 2018
- An extra £6.5 million will be needed in 2018-19 for highways drainage and patching etc
- Central government spends more on overseas aid than local government
- DCC council tax will increase by 5% or £63 per Band D house, broken down as 2.99% general increase and 2.00% for social care