

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2018
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 Rosie Warrillow	RW	
	County Cllr Rufus Gilbert	RG	
	District Cllr Ian Bramble	IB	
	Cllr Pippa Unwin	PU	
	PC Ryan Hayhurst		Police
Apologies	Cllr Sarah Harcus	SH	
In attendance	Peter Javes		Clerk
Members of the public present: 8			

195/18 OPEN SESSION

A parishioner enquired about the wooden bench, previously unsecured on the Rectory Lawn, which had been placed on the bonfire. The clerk responded that there had been complaints that because the bench was not secured it could be washed into the stream during times of flood and could then block the culvert. In addition it was in very poor condition and a previous meeting had resolved to burn the bench because it was not worth repainting and repairing. If thought necessary it would be replaced with a new bench made from recycled plastics, which needed no annual maintenance.

196/18 REPORTS

196.1 Shop: The new shopkeeper was now undergoing training by the Post Office to become postmistress. The fibre optics works in Fore Street had resulted in a significant loss of business for the shop and RG confirmed that he was finalising his compensation grant. The shop AGM would be held on 16 November at 7pm in the Fisherman's Arms, all welcome.

196.2 Project Group: The WWI exhibition in the Church would be open to the public from Friday 9 November.

197.3 Police: see report at Annex A, delivered by PC Hayhurst, who also contributed to the discussion under minute 209.

196.4 Parish Paths Partnership: The stepping stones and boardwalk have been repaired.

196.5 Sports and Leisure: A large branch from the ginkgo biloba tree had fallen on the tennis court fence in high winds, badly damaging the fence. A claim had been made on the PC's insurer but the insurer had advised that if the tree had been judged as otherwise healthy the PC could not be held liable. S & L was in the process of obtaining quotes for replacing the chain link fence. DDB had arranged for a tree surgeon to examine the tree and make good and remove the fallen branch.

197/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October be accepted as a correct record

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

198/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

DDB re 205/18 and ownership of land adjoining a potential development site.

199/18 MATTERS ARISING

Anchor by roundabout. An alternative position for the anchor had now been agreed and it was hoped that the anchor could be placed there soon.

200/18 FLOODING AND SEWAGE

It was agreed to respond to the letter from Gary Streeter MP to try and get the SWW works Clerk brought forward.

201/18 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 1 November: **£36,925.22**

Payments Approved

Folio	Payee	Reason	Amount £
89	MidMeds Ltd	Defibrillator batteries	91.20
90	HMRC	Administration	214.20
91	Treehab	Work to Gingko Biloba tree by tennis court	200.00
92	Peter Javes	Stationery	15.97
93	Flete Gardens	Remove weed from stream bed	204.00
94	Greenspace	Grass cutting – September and October	420.00
95	AG village hall	Rent of hall	45.50
96	Peter Javes	Administration	319.70
97	John Reid	Grass cutting	325.00
98	John Reid	Parish Paths Partnership	144.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS IN OCTOBER **1,979.57**

Cash held on behalf of:-

Car show –	11,351.00
Parish Paths Partnership	991.00

Payments listed above include VAT where applicable.

The Clerk reported that HMRC now required VAT claims to be made online.

Receipts

Folio			£
33	SHDC	Grant towards CCTV	350.00
34	Lloyds Bank	Interest	1.40
35	SWOOSH	Further donation from a swimmer	500.00
36	HMRC	VAT reclaim June – September	530.63
37	Cash	Bonfire night banked on behalf of S&L	604.61
TOTAL RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER			<u>1,986.64</u>

202/18 NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

PS had briefed the architect who was now drawing up plans.

203/18 PARISH ISSUES

203.1 Car parks: Following the award of a grant from SHDC CCTV would now be installed in Timbers as soon as the steel poles had been erected.

It was agreed to try and persuade SHDC to remove the apparently abandoned inflatable boat from the car park. Clerk

There was a discussion about the scrap merchant's pick up truck which had reappeared in Timbers. The clerk was invited to approach him with a view to getting the vehicle removed. Clerk

204/18 PARISH ASSETS MAINTENANCE

204.1 Play Park Swings: Following the incident with the swings they would be taken out of use until repairs had been completed. PS

The clerk reported that SHDC inspected the play equipment every month and that the SHDC's insurers made a thorough safety examination annually and reported back to the PC any issues found.

204.2 Dinghy moorings on the foreshore: It was noted that the number of dinghies had increased dramatically (18 as at 5 November) and few of them had registered with the clerk as required. Additional mooring poles were needed. It might be necessary to have another cull of apparently abandoned dinghies. The deflated and rolled up boat in the car park would be taken to the tip.

205/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DDB tabled a paper on potential development sites identified in the parish. It was noted that the cricket field fell within the AONB and thus would be excluded as a potential development site.

There had been a meeting with the housing enabler and the results were awaited.

PS tabled a paper identifying all the green spaces in the parish.

AVETON GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

206/18 TREE WARDEN

DDB reported that the ginkgo biloba would be regularly examined. In addition there were other trees on the Rectory Lawn that might need to be felled or trimmed.
DDB would also like councillors to consider felling the large conifer opposite the playpark.

207/18 SHORTA CROSS RESIDENTS

The meeting discussed the occupation of Shorta Cross by itinerant residents. It was noted that the PC had considered this issue regularly over the years and felt that it was best to tolerate the situation and not to take any enforcement action. However PS noted that the area was becoming untidy and the clerk was invited to talk to the residents and invite them to tidy the area.

Clerk

208/18 BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Donation from those attending amounted to £604 which had been banked on behalf of Sports and Leisure. Once invoices had been received the net proceeds could be calculated.
It was agreed that the fireworks had been spectacular and enjoyable and a letter of appreciation would be sent to Ian Stainton.

Clerk

209/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RG gave a list of Devon economic statistics to the meeting, see Annex B.
RG reported that he had received only one written complaint about the Gigaclear works in Fore Street.
The meeting discussed the perceived problem of traffic speeding along the tidal road. The clerk would circulate a paper on the adoption of quiet lanes where all road users, pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and motorists could safely share a road.

Clerk

210/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

IB reported on SHDCs efficiency drive to reduce costs. It was noted that a recent customer satisfaction survey of the council's services had been poor.
The new SHDC lottery was generating income for local causes.
The deadline for the Communities Together Fund grant applications was mid-December.

211/18 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A wreath from the PC will be laid on the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 11 November.

212/18 CAR SHOW FUNDS

The PC would consider how the funds accumulated should be disbursed.

All

213/18 MEETINGS ATTENDED

RB, Avon Estuary Forum at which the safety of open water swimmers had been discussed, as well as the need to re-instate the river patrol.
Clerk to a meeting of all South Hams clerks, held in Ugborough.
It was noted that the annual meeting of the AONB would be held at the Flavel in Dartmouth on 22 November and it might be useful for a councillor to attend.

214/18 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- o Multi-use games area on the playing field (MUGA) and/or tennis developments.
- o Precept 2019-20
- o Play park maintenance

Date of next meeting: 3 December 2018

Annex A: Police Report

Total crime between 01/10/18 – 05/11/18: 3 Crimes: (same period 2017:3 Crimes)

Assault	Theft	Dwelling burglary
1	1	1

PC 6486 Ryan Hayhurst
Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Team.

Annex B: Devon Economic Facts

Average earnings	£25,500
Average earnings nationally	£28,700
Difference between the two	11%
South Hams the highest weekly earnings in Devon @	£527
Exeter highest earnings in Devon @	£28,110 p.a.
Devon earnings to house price ratio	9.36
National earnings to house price ratio	7.9
Unemployment in Devon	2.2%
Unemployment in south west	3.3%
Unemployment nationally	4.3%
Claimants in Devon	0.9%
Claimants nationally	2.2%
Claimants in South Hams	1.2%
Life expectancy in Devon – men	79.5
Life expectancy in Devon – women	83
Expected increase in population by 2031	13%
Over 65s as percentage of population in Devon	25%
Over 65s as percentage of population nationally	18%
Over 65s as percentage of population in Devon by 2045	30%
Over 65s as percentage of population nationally	25%