

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 13th January 2021		Venue & Time: Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 19.00hrs
<u>Present:</u> Cllr Simon Coleman Cllr Sue Darke Cllr Paul Green Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Ann Rossiter Cllr Alan Rundle	<u>In Attendance:</u> Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) Part Meeting: SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert 4 Parishioners/guests	<u>Apologies:</u>

REF 2020/21 MINUTES

209/20 WELCOME & APOLOGIES:

210/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

211/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 9th & 29th December meeting were agreed without alteration. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman at the first available opportunity.
Proposed Cllr Coleman, Seconded Cllr Darke

212/20 CLERKS REPORT

- The Parish Emergency Plan is almost finalised and will shortly be uploaded to the website.
- Bench Fitting: Lilburn & Elliott Construction have very kindly confirmed that they will fit the new bench free of charge as a thank you to the residents of Hope Cove for their continued co-operation with the build at Lantern Lodge. We are very grateful for their support.
- Galampton Sign: The leaning sign has been reported, Highways have viewed the sign and advised that they will not be taking any action.
- South West Water Update: No developments.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: We have been advised of anti-social behaviour in the parish that has been reported to the police. The resident concerned has been given guidance about logging and reporting any future incidents.
- SHPC have lodged an official complaint with South Hams District Council Planning Department regarding the actions of one of their planning officers. A number of questions have been raised as to how the officer concerned was able to seemingly ignore planning policies and procedures. We await a full response.

213/20 OPEN FORUM: (allocated time not longer than 15 minutes, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 2 minutes as per Standing Orders)

- a. Bins outside the Old Boathouse down from St Clements Lane. Bins continue to be sited on land not belonging to the nearby property. A letter will be issued requesting the bins be moved.
- b. There are now four moveable bollards outside Tamarisks, increased from one bollard. This does restrict parking for visitors etc, there is also a sign at the bottom of the road stating that this is a no through road.
Further investigations are required to decide what avenues are available to us to get them removed, are these manorial lands? Title can only be established by proof of use spread over ten years. The area in question has not been occupied long enough for any one person to obtain ownership.

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- c. A query was raised in respect of Sand Pebbles and the decision made by the planning officer. This is the subject of an official complaint from South Huish Parish Council, no further comment will be made until SHDC have had the opportunity to respond in full.
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214/20 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

- a. DfE are providing devices (laptops and tablets) for disadvantaged children who:
 - Have no digital devices in the home.
 - Only have a smart phone.
 - Only a single device in the home.
- b. Information re the latest info on superfast fibre has been provided.
- c. Recycling centres are to remain open through this lockdown.
- d. Highways have a lot of flooding damage to clear up after recent heavy rains.
- e. Adam has replied to your concerns as to road repairs quality on 18th December.
- f. No decision has been reached in respect of the County Council and Police Crime Commissioners Elections due to be held in May 2021.
- g. A rural transport consultation has been received, please see the following link
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence>
- h. Footpath no. 7, Thurlestone to Coronation Slipway has been closed until 14th JULY 2021, there is no alternative route during this time. Further information may be obtained by contacting Public Rights of Way on 0345 155 1004.

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give **NOTICE** that:

On **FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2021**
for a maximum of 5 days

Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2021**

Between the hours of **09:30** and **15:30**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -

PITCHINGSTONE CROSS TO THURLESTONE SANDS, SOUTH HUISH

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - **PITCHINGSTONE CROSS**
TO THURLESTONE SANDS - ROCK HOUSE CROSS
TO WATERLEARS CROSS - PITCHINGSTONE CROSS
TO SOUTH HUISH CROSS

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -

TM REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SAFE WORKING ZONE FOR POLETEST

For additional information contact:

SUNBELT RENTALS UK
Telephone: **0370 050 0792**

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TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give **NOTICE** that:

From **THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021**
for a maximum of 5 days

Until **MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021** (both dates inclusive)

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -

O-S 2 ALBERNI COTTAGES, BOLBERRY ROAD, HOPE COVE

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - INNER HOPE TO OUTER HOPE, GALMPTON TO OUTER HOPE, GALMPTON CROSS TO GALMPTON, SOUTH FROM GALMPTON CROSS, GALMPTON TO MALBOROUGH, WHITE CROSS TO MALBOROUGH GREEN, WHITE CROSS TO BOLBERRY CROSS, BOLBERRY TO BOLBERRY CROSS, HOPE BARTON BARNES TO BOLBERRY

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
RENEWAL OF WATER PIPE

For additional information contact:

KIER MG LTD

Telephone: **01726 224400**

REPORT IT:

Members of the public are requested to report all Highways through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

215/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- a. Further to the earlier comments in respect of the May elections, the decision will be made at the earliest opportunity.
- b. The new lockdown has again led to a lot of work being added to the SHDC workload which would not normally be part of the daily work, please bear with officers if they are taking longer than usual to respond.
- c. SHDC has now adopted the Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan
- d. SHDC has also gone through the draft budget, it will be increasing by the maximum amount allowed which equates to £0.10p per band D property per week.
- e. The three Covid officers have undertaken 133 visits and have taken action in 2 cases. Additionally, they have been visiting shops and take away venues that are allowed to open to ensure that all regulations are being adhered to and providing advice where appropriate. They have now been asked to add supermarkets to their list of places to visit.
- f. The new virus has encroached into the South West in a way that the original one never did. The rates in Devon are still much reduced from other areas in the country but this does not mean we should become complacent.
- g. There is only 4% of the country that is more than ten miles away from a vaccination centre. Unfortunately this encompasses all this area as our nearest centre is Buckfastleigh. Details in respect of the vaccination strategy are all available online.
- h. There is evidence that the police are tightening up on compliance, we understand they are now under instruction to follow up any complaints that come in. We have received confirmation that where appropriate, second homeowners are being asked to return home or face being fined.
Please ensure all issues are reported.

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- i. The SHDC housing strategy is out to consultation until 1st February. You can read a copy of the draft Housing Strategy here: www.southhams.gov.uk/housing-strategy-2021
Please fill out this short survey with your views: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8MMVGG8>
It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful.
<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs, AND MORE...

216/20 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3964/20/OPA, Higher Broadmoor Farm. The parish council do not support Outline Planning Applications in the AONB and have requested that District Council obtain a full application.
- 4004/20/HHO, Clevedon, Landscaping/creation of parking. **SHPC Support**
- 4064/20/FUL, The Cove, Alterations to Windows/Doors Front Elevation. **SHPC Support**
- 3932/20/HHO Sea Brook. It has been brought to our attention that there is a possible issue with the soakaway. Councillors continue to support this application but request that the reappraisal of the soakaway and moving away from the vulnerable stream as appropriate, this in line with the Parish Neighbourhood Plan which states:

Policy SH Env 7, Drainage Impact:

Development proposals should, where necessary demonstrate that the impact on the existing foul and water system has been assessed and include details of on-site mitigation if required. Any proposals in proximity of the Environment Agency flood risk area illustrated in figure 18 should take account of the Outer Hope Feasibility Study (assessing flood risk and mitigation) prepared on behalf of SHDC by Atkins in August 2013 (included as Appendix B18) and are expected to demonstrate no adverse impact on local streams, leat, flood channels and neighbouring properties.

DECISIONS:

- 3294/20/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel, Change of use. **SHDC Conditional Approval**
- 3553/20/PAT, Agricultural Land, North of Galmpton, Telecom. Pole & Associated Equipment. **SHDC REFUSED**
- 3712/20/ARC, Amberwood, Galmpton, Approval of details reserved by Condition 3. **SHDC No Decision**
- 2574/20/HHO, Paradies, Bolberry Road, Upgrade to dwelling. **SHDC No Decision**
- 3364/20/HHO, The Willows, **SHDC Conditional Approval.**
- 3415/20/FUL, The Nest, Readvertisement. Response date 6th January. **Withdrawn**
- 3696/20/HHO, Weymouth Park, Extensions & Alterations. Response date 7th January **SHDC No Decision**
- 3972/20/HHO, Maryland, Bay Window Extension. Response date 7th January **SHDC No Decision**
- 3856/20/FUL, Burton Farm, Temporary Agricultural Dwelling. Response date 7th January. **SHDC No Decision**
- 3701/20/CLP, Hope Cove Hotel, Lawful Development Certificate for use as C3 Dwelling. **SHDC REFUSED**

b) ENFORCEMENT

Please will all parishioners continue to provide the Clerk with full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported to Enforcement via www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach

217/20 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Proposal to approve beach signage following any agreed alterations.
Prior to the meeting Councillors had been provided with a proposed sign.

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The artist will be asked to alter the sign to include Inner Hope, Hope Cove Hotel, additional parking, defibrillators, South West Coast Path, Lifeboat Station, Fisherman's Reading Room, churches and slipway. they also request that a second sign be created from the aspect of Harbour Beach.

- b. Proposal to approve obtaining a quotation for cleaning of highway signage in the parish.

Proposed Cllr Darke, seconded Cllr Hocking, approved 5:1.

Details of the Road Warden Scheme will be sent to all for consideration prior to the next meeting.

- c. Proposal to approve a Project Manager for the Parking Consultation.

Cllr Coleman with help from Cllr Green.

Proposed Cllr Hocking, seconded Cllr Green, approved unanimously.

- d. Police Business – update from Cllr Rossiter. Cllr No update available. The Clerk advised that she is now part of a group receiving monthly updates from the local police. The next meeting takes place on 26th February after which an update will be provided at the March meeting.

- e. St Clements Lane: Refer to Parishioners Open Forum 213/20/A
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218/20 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

Receipts & Payments – Month 10, see **APPENDIX A** for details

Accounts to pay – Clerks Salary & HMRC £529.12, Nick Walker Printing £73, SLCC Virtual Conference £90.

Proposed: Cllr Coleman

Seconded: Cllr Rundler

Approved by all.

Governance:

- a. Councillor Vacancy: Prior to the meeting the Councillors had been provided with the details of the application received. It was approved unanimously to offer the vacant position to the candidate who, subject to acceptance and completion of the relevant documents, will then join us at the February meeting.

- b. Precept Dispensation:

A blanket dispensation is required for all current Parish Councillors, effective immediately and to remain in force for a period of one year, or until repealed by Council, to enable Members to speak and vote at meetings of the Council (as defined in the Code of Conduct) relating to Setting the Council Tax or a Precept. This dispensation is now due for review. The grounds for granting this particular dispensation are:

- That so many members of the Council have disclosable pecuniary interests in the matter of setting the precept/Council Tax that it would impede the transaction of the business.
- That the Council considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area.
- That without a dispensation no member of the Cabinet would be able to participate on the matter.

Proposed Cllr Hocking and seconded by Cllr Green the meeting unanimously agreed to renew this dispensation for a further one year or until repealed by Council. Accordingly discussions then took place re the BUDGET & PRECEPT for the coming financial year.

- c. **Precept Discussion and Agreement:**

- The monthly accounts always show the Council's spend to date in the financial year. In December/January the Parish Council uses this information to estimate and assess the projected outturn spend for the year. This then gives the Council a likely carry forward figure for the next financial year and informs the precept discussions.
- The meeting therefore reviewed the year-to-date financial position and worked through the modelling supplied by the Clerk to assure itself of the validity of the projected outturn.
- The meeting then considered the commitments, inflationary pressures and the likely increase in services needing to be both provided and funded locally. Year on year the Parish Council has to pick up more and more of the services previously provided by the County or District Councils – if the Parish and its' parishioners wish them to continue.
- The Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) from SHDC has now been removed entirely and the base band D on which precept calculations are based has reduced from 448.35 to 438.37.

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- The meeting noted that the Government has decided to defer the setting of council tax referendum principles to town and parish councils for 2020/21. However it has issued a challenge to those councils to demonstrate restraint when increasing precepts that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities.
- The Council concluded that they needed to increase the precept to £17,698 so the average household will pay £40.37 per year (ie: 78p per week). (Last year, the precept cost the average household £38.45 per annum so this is about a 4p per week increase). This will mean our budget increases by £433 allowing us to fund the costs of more services devolved from County or District etc. One major project will be the parking consultation, aimed at improving the parking situation in the parish, specifically during peak season.
- A proposal was made to request a precept level of £17,698 as per the above information.
Proposed by Cllr Darke, seconded by Cllr Hocking and approved by a majority of 3:2 with one abstention.

At **20.29** hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed

Items for the February Agenda:

- St Clements Lane
- Road Warden Scheme

Next Meeting Dates :

- **10th February, 10th March – Zoom Virtual Meetings**

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*** SHPC are not always able to update the noticeboard opposite the Post Office due to vehicular obstruction.**

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk by the first Wednesday in the month to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List

Cllrs Coleman, Darke, Green, Hocking, Rossiter, Rundle **for Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Cllr Mark Long, WPC Pengilly, 3 South Huish Parish Council Notice Boards, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth

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