

# SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

<b>Date:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		<b>Venue &amp; Time:</b> Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (in the Chair) Cllr Darren James Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Alan Rundle Cllr Tom Windle	<b>In Attendance:</b> Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk)  DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert Ward Cllr Sam Dennis Ward Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests: 16	<b>Apologies:</b>  Cllr Anne Rossiter  Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

### 191 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

### 192 PARISHIONERS 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).

- Thanks were given to Sean and Josh Hassall for the work to the benches by the slipway.
- Bollards are being put out outside Tamarisks again with the owner allegedly stating to visitors that the road outside belongs to them. A report will be sent to Devon County Council.
- 1359/23/HHO there was an error in the Officers Report re The Crab Pot. Cllr Long advised they cannot change a report that has been published however, once it has come forward again the report will be corrected.
- A question was raised about point 1 of minute reference 186, in respect of the damage caused to the bank which was initially thought to be earth. The parishioner was advised that further to investigations the bank has subsequently been determined to be a stone wall.
- The Beachcomber sinkhole has not been repaired. SWW said they were going to reinforce the cover to ensure that it would not sink again.
- A question was raised regarding the SH EC 01 query that was raised in the previous meeting. The parishioner was advised that no response is yet available. Until a response is available the Neighbourhood Plan will continue to be applied in its entirety. A second parishioner stated that he believed the Parish Council had no option but to continue to apply the plan because the plan was drawn up by the people of the parish and not by the Parish Council.

### DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Email: [Rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk)

- As of today, the cabinet has reluctantly confirmed that the mobile library service will be stopped at the end of the year. Across the whole of Devon only 3,000 people use the library.
- An article covering how to complain about primary care has been added to the South Huish Parish Council website.
- A meeting was held in the Parish between Cllr Gilbert, Adam Keay, Katharine Harrod and Sean Hassall, this was felt to be very productive.
- Cllr Gilbert noted that the situation with the Tamarisks bollards was disappointing and he would also be looking into it.
- Vaping has become a problem across England, the statistics regarding the content of vapes are serious and people should make themselves aware of the issues associated with this habit.
- Allergen information on labels has found to be incorrect in up to 50% of cases.
- Scams continue to increase and are progressively worse. The amount of money being lost runs into billions of pounds with the elderly being the most affected.

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8. A question was raised regarding potholes. Cllr Gilbert advised that issues need to be reported online, it was noted that there is also a procedure on the Devon County Council website for obtaining compensation if your vehicle is damaged. Information regarding the road categories will be provided by Cllr Gilbert. With regard to road repairs, 80% of road journeys are taken over 20% of the roads – which is where the majority of the funding will be spent.

### **REPORT IT:**

Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues 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/>

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

Email Cllr Samantha Dennis: [Samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:Samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk)

Email Cllr Mark Long: [cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk)

1. Cllr Mark Long and Cllr Samantha Dennis have been nominated to serve for the next four years on the Salcombe Harbour Board with Cllr Mark Long taking the role of Salcombe Harbour Board Chairman.
2. The new administration at the District Council Executive Committee have outlined the approach to be taken in setting the priorities for the new Council for the next four years. These will be developed over the summer and a formal consultation will follow with residents, businesses and key partners. There will be online forums with Town and Parish Councils to seek thoughts on the broad principles.
3. There will be a Town & Parish Council forum online 6pm, 26th July, this will be the start of conversations with focus being on the next four-year plan, it is hoped representatives from each parish will attend.
4. The Executive agreed to give a sizeable grant of £40k to support the work of Sustainable South Hams. Plus, it was agreed to form a new council advisory panel for climate matters. Sustainable South Hams support grass roots climate projects as well as sharing knowledge and inspiration. Their website resources are particularly valuable, please see <https://www.sussh.org/> for full information.
5. The Active Travel project is being funded from UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will identify the most effective initiatives to help people make more short journeys on foot/wheels. There is a survey online, details of which will be forwarded to South Huish Parish Council. An online session (open to all) regarding the project took place on 11th July. A separate meeting can be arranged by Parish Councils if required.
6. Since the last meeting Cllr Dennis has continued with training attending sessions on Audit as well as Licensing .
7. Cllr Dennis has been speaking with a number of parishioners in the Ward regarding the increased cost of taxi fares. There is a maximum fare set by South Hams District Council (<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9087/Hackney-Carriage-Fares-2022>) and it has recently come to light that some taxis have exceeded this. If anyone has been charged more than the maximum amounts stated please contact Cllr Dennis.
8. The Executive have been approached to tackle poor quality rented housing across the South Hams covering both social and private lets. Residents now have the ability to report issues of disrepair i.e. works not being dealt with, mould, condensation. There is an online form to report issues with the facility to upload photographs. When an enquiry is received South Hams District Council guarantees a response within two weeks however, each received report is triaged and if it is a problem deemed to require more urgent attention it will be dealt with as a priority. If affected parishioners are not available to access the internet they have the ability to phone in to make a report. <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/report-disrepair>

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9. A planning training session is due to be organised to provide training for newer Councillors and a refresher for those who have been in office some time. This is due to be set up early September. Councillor questions/queries should be forwarded to Cllr Long prior to the event to ensure the session is as current and relevant as possible.
10. Immediately after the last meeting Cllr Dennis met with SHDC Officer Rob Sekula to look to mitigate danger at the cliff edge as well as additional signage. The faded signage regarding shipwrecks will be replaced and moved to a more appropriate location away from the edge of the cliff. In future contractors will be asked not to cut up to the cliff edge as this will have the advantages of creating a bigger boundary between walkers and the cliff edge as well as being proven to increase the amount of flora and fauna around the area.
11. A parishioner questioned the point of encouraging walking and cycling if the potholes are not fixed. There has been a local case whereby a cyclist was seriously injured having fallen off a bike. Furthermore, where cycleways are put in place it should be mandatory for cyclists to use them.
12. A parishioner questioned forthcoming legislations that are coming through via the Levelling Up bill. Until the bill is 'made' South Hams District Council will have no power to act, however, it is anticipated that the legislation will help with the monitoring of Airbnb type properties.

**It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful**

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

Missed Bins, Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged/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...

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### **THE MEETING CONVENED**

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#### **193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO REGISTERS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

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#### **194 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 meeting without alteration, these were then signed by the Chairman.

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#### **195 CLERKS REPORT**

- The Housing Needs Survey team are having a joint meeting with South Huish, South Milton, Malborough and Thurlestone Council on 18th July 7pm at Malborough Village Hall Annex.
- Councillors have been provided with details of a Town & Parish Forum meeting to be held on 26th July at 6pm via Teams, they will hear from Councillor Brazil (Leader of the Council) and fellow District Councillors about their ambitions as well as having an open discussion about how we can all work together to achieve our collective ambitions.
- An Active Travel Engagement Meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> July, Councillors had been provided with full details of how to attend.
- Memorial Bench Replacement and Assistance. A review of all benches in the parish is taking place, if you, or someone you know, has a memorial bench in the parish please ask them to contact the Parish Clerk. All benches will be separately listed on the Asset Register which will also contain photos. If the bench is a memorial the contact details of the family will be retained to ensure associated repair/maintenance costs can be met. If these details are not provided or known by South Huish Parish Council, we reserve the right to maintain/repair or replace the bench as per our policy.
- Email addresses: This will be dealt with in August.

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- Defibrillator Government Grant Funding Scheme, we have received details of a possible grant towards new defibrillators. We have submitted a note of interest and await further details.
  - Safety signage has been received for the Cliff Path and will be erected shortly.
  - A request has been received from a local landowner for the community to provide details of potential development sites in the parish. If you have any suggestions to make regarding potential sites, or sites that would not be suitable please provide details to the Parish Council and we will forward this to the landowner. Please note, the Parish Council will not be making any comments on information received.
  - Planters opposite the Fisherman's Reading Room will be tended by the nursery from September. In the meantime, they will be weeded.
  - Cllr Windle & Paul Green cleared the area by the bench at the top of the South Hams District Council car park. The bench at Westview requires replacement.
  - Sean Hassall advised that with regards to the section of missing slipway, Dave Clark has spoken with the Salcombe Harbour team and the outcome is that South Hams District Council will be taking responsibility for repair.
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### **196 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT**

#### **a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Reg 16 Consultation for modification to South Milton Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors support the modification to ensure that a S106 Principal Residence agreement is in place for all new builds in the parish of South Milton.

#### **b) SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:**

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. **No Decision Yet.**
2. 0737/23/VAR, Tarqua, Hope Cove. **Conditional Approval.**
3. 0739/23/FUL, Parking Area, Elm Cottages, 18/5. **Refused.**
4. 1415/23/HHO, 25 Weymouth Park (8/6) **Conditional Approval.**
5. 1595/23/VAR, Lantern Lodge Hotel, 6/7. **No Decision Yet.**
6. 1535/23/HHO, The Nutshell 29/6. **No Decision Yet.**
7. 1315/23/HHO, Sea Horses, Hope Cove, 22/6. **Withdrawn.**
8. 39 Weymouth Park, Appellant: Mrs S Harley, Secretary of State Appeal.
9. 2098/22/VAR, Cove Lodge, Land adjacent to 39 Weymouth Park, Secretary of State Appeal.
10. 3951/21/FUL, Land at SX690 402, Galmpton, Secretary of State Appeal
11. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL, Secretary of State Appeal.

#### **c) ENFORCEMENT**

Cllr Long advised that he has asked the leader of planning for a review of all aspects of Enforcement.

Please note that the Enforcement Lists are confidential and issues concerning Enforcement cannot be discussed at a public meeting. South Hams District Council are responsible for the enforcement of all planning breaches, the Parish Council have no authority to deal with issues of this nature.

Please will all parishioners continue to report 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](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach)

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### **197 BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:**

#### **a) Parish Parking Project update: See Appendix A**

We await a response from Devon County Council regarding the request for additional lineage/signage in the parish.

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There is an issue with one business who will not conform to the limited parking bays and have been parking there all day (a request will be made for Enforcement). However, in the main, there has been a significant improvement for the majority of users.

b) SMASH CEB to discuss requests for:

1. An open session with a different outlook to increase attendance. The Councillors did not support an open session in September and suggest the next one takes place in a few months, prior to which information regarding the organisation and focus of the meeting should be provided to the respective councils for approval to spend public funds. It was resolved to review this again following the composting roadshow.
2. Permission to hold a composting roadshow in October. It was resolved to support a composting roadshow subject to a maximum spend of £250.
3. A request for future S106 agreements to incorporate an element for sustainable projects: Cllr Long will take this to South Hams District Council. Once South Huish Parish Council have received specific details of any proposed projects, depending on content, they can be discussed with South Hams District Council for potential future inclusion.
4. SMASH June minutes – see Appendix B  
A parishioner commented that they were unable to attend due to the timings of the working group meetings, however if they started at 7pm more people would be able to attend.

### 198 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) **Receipts & Payments – Month 3**, Clerks Salary & HMRC, ICO £35, Flete Gardens £565.80, King Print £24, Signage £30.53, Clive Wrangles £64

Councillors resolved to make all payments.

**Receipts & Payments 01<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

11 July 2023 (2023-2024)

### South Huish Parish Council PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	Total
6 Bank Gross Interest	09/06/2023		Monthly Interest: Receipt - Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank	20.03
7 Insurance	13/06/2023	7	Payment - Insurance Rnl	Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance	-494.72
10 Parish Newsletter	13/06/2023	10	Payment - Newsletter Printing	Nick Walker Printing Ltd	-111.00
13 Parish Paths P3	13/06/2023	14	Payment - P3 Contractor	Do It All Services	-80.00
11 Parking Project	13/06/2023	12	Payment - Parking Project	Line Marker Paint	-217.49
12 SMASH Climate & Ecology Rel	13/06/2023	13	Payment - SMASH Expenditure	Hedgehogs R us	-150.00
15 Audit Fees	13/06/2023	16	Payment - Internal Audit	Local Council Administration Services	-150.00
14 Subscriptions & ICO	13/06/2023	15	Payment - Subscription % Pay	SLCC Enterprises	-125.55
16 Admin	28/06/2023	Monthly	Payment - Admin	South Huish Parish Council	-456.43
<b>Total</b>					<b>-1,765.16</b>

b) **Governance:** None

199 At 19.53 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

**2023 Meeting Dates:** Aug to be confirmed if required, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**2023 Parking Project:** 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

Please watch the website and noticeboards\* for details of meetings and other pertinent information.

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

Signed as a true record: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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** : South Huish Parish Councillors, **for Information to:** Devon County Council and South Hams District Council representatives, South Huish Parish Council Website, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth