

# SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

<b>Date:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		<b>Venue &amp; Time:</b> Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (Chairman) Cllr Darren James Cllr Anne Rossiter Cllr Tom Windle	<b>In Attendance:</b> Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk)  Ward Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests: 9 NT Ranger Emma Reece	<b>Apologies:</b> DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert Ward Cllr Sam Dennis Cllr Steve Pearson Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

### 235 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

### 236 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).

- Composting – this is generally something to be welcomed, although concerns were raised regarding one site which is located in the heart of the Natural Landscape.
- A query regarding promotion of the questionnaires for the composting project was raised – details were in both parish newsletters as well as hard copies at both post offices and posts on social media. There will be more opportunity to comment as the project progresses.  
It was noted that across the area, a number of these projects have not been successful and have had to be subsequently managed by the respective parish councils. Concerns were also raised regarding fly tipping.
- A query was raised regarding the management and organisation of the project. Emma Gray (SMASH) was present and able to confirm that a full management plan would be in place once the site etc has been agreed. Cllr Long gave an overview of the stance from SHDC regarding the promotion of local composting schemes to help parishioners have a local facility which does not require payment.
- A query was raised regarding the Housing Needs Survey, the details of which were sent to households, plus meetings were held and it was sent out via social media. Details will be available in due course.
- A parishioner advised that the motorhome parking issue along New Road continues.
- Galmpton to Beacon Lane has been largely flooded since November, the floods are hiding dangerous potholes and no buddle holes are being cleared roadside. The parishioner will contact Devon Highways.
- A request was made to Cllr Long for the number of properties that are registered with the number of properties that are registered as second homes for the increased levels of council tax. Cllr Long advised that this increased level of council tax will not be charged until 2025 and the information is therefore not available.
- National Trust Ranger, Emma Reece introduced herself. The National Trust are working with tenants on the Bolberry Fields, the Councillors will be invited on a site visit and there will also be sessions for the public to explain the changes for wildlife and access in the area. A question was raised regarding the replacement of the Kissing Gate, Emma confirmed that the History Group had been in touch and the National Trust was aware it is an important issue for some members of the community.
- A flyer regarding an invitation to purchase second homes in the area was passed to Cllr Long.

### DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

- Roadworks will be taking place on the A379 east of Yealmpton between 26<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- DIY waste taken to recycling centres: Four visits in any four-week period will be accepted OR an unbagged item up to 2 metres. Please refer to the website for details of chargeable items.
- Information regarding Devolution can all be found on the Devon County Council website.  
<http://www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk/>

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- Noted there are currently works in Harbertonford whereby the road is closed overnight for five nights.

### 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. South Hams Composting Pilots: With the support of South Hams District Council, Sustainable South Hams is conducting a series of compost pilots in the region. The pilots are starting at a small scale in a few locations, but if successful, will be rolled out more widely. Composting provides a valuable and easy way to reduce carbon emissions, increase soil fertility and encourage community engagement in climate and nature action. The objectives of the pilot programme are
  - To increase the knowledge and support for community composting schemes.
  - To put redundant brown bins to good use
  - To inspire and inform residents about home composting
  - To explore ways to offer street level composting of food wasteThis offer is also being made to Sustainability Groups across the South Hams so interested parties should liaise with your local group to avoid duplication.
2. Full council will approve the plan for the coming year tomorrow, this includes an increase in council tax of 2.99%. They will also approve a premium (up to 200% council tax) for second homes, this will be imposed from April 2025. It is the intention of District Council that all of the premium raised from this will be spent on affordable and social housing.
3. On 22<sup>nd</sup> February there will be a council tax setting meeting to agree the final tax levels for 2024/25, bills will be issued directly following this meeting.
4. The Councils Overview & Scrutiny Committee met last week, this meeting saw the General Manager of Fusion Leisure attending to answer questions on some of the issues regarding cleanliness/maintenance. They have not met a number of standards and have a programme over the coming year to increase cleanliness/maintenance levels and to increase employment levels to bring the four centres back to standard. South Hams District Council will be meeting with them every six months.
5. Town & Parish training took place in January, this was a well-attended, three-hour session, with good feedback. Further training sessions will be organised. It was mentioned that there was not one mention of safeguarding throughout the entire session, Cllr Long will take this forward.

**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

237 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO REGISTERS OF INTEREST - None received.

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### 238 VACANCIES AND CO-OPTION OF CANDIDATES:

South Hams District Council has confirmed that South Huish Parish Council may co-opt a new Councillor. Three expressions of interest were received, the Councillors **RESOLVED** to invite Rachel King to join the council.

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### 239 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 meeting without alteration, these were then signed by the Chairman.

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### 240 CLERKS REPORT – See Appendix A

- Beach Feet update: The Kingsbridge Men’s Shed have very kindly created five beach feet out of marine plywood for us. The feet are now with the local school for painting.
  - SMASH are due to hold a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March at which they will vote to act independently of the respective Parish Councils for the smaller projects that don’t require and to request support as/when required for larger projects. The group are aware of the pros and cons of this course of action, the outcome of their meeting will be discussed in March.
  - Locality Application for Pre-school, no update.
  - P3 Footpaths, documentation has now been finalised and sent to Devon County Council by our footpaths officer.
  - Car Park Complaints, another complaint has been received and it has been noted that there are further complaints on social media. We have highlighted these issues and the long term implications for Hope Cove to local MP, Anthony Mangnall.
  - The Devolution Deal 6-week Consultation commenced 12th February. <http://www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk/>
  - The parish is signed up to the Road Warden Scheme, two members have undertaken the initial training, we now await dates for the Chapter 8 training. Following successful completion of this we will be able to order the tarmac etc required subject to Devon County Council approval.
  - We await sight of the Devon County Council parish led road improvement information.
  - MP Anthony Mangnall is due to hold an open surgery in the parish on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Further details will be provided in due course.
  - Our sincere thanks to all the Snow Wardens who work on behalf of both Malborough and South Huish Parishes to ensure that our main roads are accessible at times of extreme cold, frosts and snow. The team have been out each night of the recent cold snap, their efforts to keep us safe are very much appreciated.
  - A revised version of the full Register of Electors has been published and is available, by appointment, for inspection under supervision during office hours at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE
  - Defibrillator Training 2024: South Milton on 14th June and Malborough on 24th June.
  - Information re the changes in Government childcare funding has been shared via social media.
  - Details regarding the Loneliness & Isolation Survey from South Hams Community Action has also been shared
  - Peter Hinchcliffe is the new Parish Council representative on the South Devon AONB (National Landscape) Partnership. Peter is also the Chair of Newton and Noss Parish Council. Peter Sandover, Chair of the Partnership, is making a round of all Parish Councils and Peter will try to accompany him on some of these visits. For information, the next Partnership meeting is to be held on Friday 15th March.  
Cllr Long confirmed South Devon National Landscape has been awarded £2.2m from the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards their Life on the Edge project which concerns the protection of rare insects and invertebrates on the surrounding coastline.
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### 241 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

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

1. 0469/24/HHO, Paradies, Bolberry Road, TQ7 3HT, proposed extension & alterations to existing dwelling, removal of two existing outbuildings & construction of new home office / studio outbuilding, formation of new parking area for three cars, stepped access path & associated drainage & landscaping. 12/3. **OBJECT**

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

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. **No Decision Yet.**
2. 4031/21/FUL, Sand Pebbles, Secretary of State Appeal. **Dismissed (Refused)**
3. 3847/22/FUL, Land to East of Thornlea View, Secretary of State Appeal. **No Decision Yet.**
4. 3910/22/FUL, Sea Thrift, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HH, Secretary of State Appeal. **No Decision Yet.**
5. 3093/23/VAR, Little Shear, 26/10. **No Decision Yet.**
6. 3559/22/FUL, Atlantic Lodge, Hope Cove, Secretary of State Appeal. **No Decision Yet.**
7. 4239/23/FUL, Field West Of White Cross At Sx702396, 9/2 **No Decision Yet.**
8. 4208/23/HHO, 4 Channel View Drive, 8/2 **No Decision Yet.**
9. 4079/23/LBC, The Beachcomber, 25/1 **Withdrawn.**
10. 4085/23/LBC, The Beachcomber, 25/1 **No Decision Yet.**
11. 4084/23/FUL, The Beachcomber. **No Decision Yet.**
12. 3928/23/HHO, Eldoret, Galmpton. 8/2. **No Decision Yet.**
13. 4253/23/CLE, Alston Gate, Malborough. **No Decision Yet.**
14. 3850/23/HHO, 5 Channel View Drive. **Conditional Approval.**

### c) 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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### 242 BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to confirm support for a potential composting site in either Malborough or South Huish Parish.
- b) To discuss a possible beacon event for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day 6th June. It was noted that the NT have not been approached to host a beacon event. The major concern is the potential fire risk at that time of year. It was agreed to defer this until March to speak to the Harbour Master about options.
- c) A discussion regarding replacement memorial benches was deferred to March.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to turn two of the primary school posters into signage to be used in the parish.

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### 243 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

#### a) Receipts & Payments – Month 11,

**Accounts to Pay:** Kingsbridge Men's Shed £100, SLCC Renewal £67.76, South West Ambulance Trust £3,600, Flete Gardens £120, Nick Walker Printing £110, Amazon Stationery £45.63

**Standing Orders/Monthly Payments:** Clerks Salary & HMRC, Hugo Fox £11.99 Galmpton Hall Hire £20  
Councillors **RESOLVED** to make all payments.

- b) **Governance:** It was confirmed that the precept submission had been made.
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245 At 19:58 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared this section of the meeting closed.

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246 The Councillors then went into closed session with South Hams District Councillor Mark Long and received updates regarding confidential Enforcement issues.

Meeting Closed 20:37

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247 **2024 Proposed Meetings:** 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10<sup>th</sup> Apr, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> Jun, 10<sup>th</sup> Jul, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
Meetings typically take place on the second Wednesday of each month excluding August and December (dependent on the number of planning applications received), prior to each meeting an agenda must be issued, agendas are added to the noticeboards and uploaded to the website. Please note that while we make every effort to adhere to the meeting schedule, it can be subject to change.

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

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

Please note, the position of Parish Clerk is a part time role.

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

Print Name & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk by the first Tuesday 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:** Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Cllr Samantha Dennis, Cllr Mark Long, South Huish Parish Council Website, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth