

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting June 2023

Date: 14 th June 2023		Venue & Time: Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
Present: Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (in the Chair) Cllr Darren James Cllr Ann Rossiter Cllr Tom Windle	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Sam Dennis Parishioners/guests: 16	Apologies: DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Ward Cllr Mark Long Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Alan Rundle Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

182 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

183 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).

- Information regarding the legitimacy of policy SH EC 01. A parishioner claims that this policy is not legitimate or legal. It was advised that the entire plan including this policy was signed off by the SHDC legal team and a qualified Neighbourhood Plan Examiner. The parishioner will forward a document that can be sent to South Hams District Council for comments.
- A framework was requested for planning decision making. It was advised that there is already a framework in place, commencing with the Neighbourhood Plan, Joint Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework.
- Slipway in Inner Hope in poor condition. One of the benches is broken with slats requiring replacement. Sean Hassall will look at both the slipway and bench and will report back. Sean is attending a meeting next week to establish ownership, liabilities and who has the ability to charge fees from the slipway.
- Query regarding the road repairs at Grand View Road. This is still being followed up.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Email: Rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk

No report received.

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

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

- Following the local Elections which saw administration of South Hams District Council transfer to the Liberal Democrats, at the Annual Council meeting on 25th May the new Council structure was announced.
- Cllr Julian Brazil, ward member for Stokenham was named as Leader of South Hams District Council for the next four years and announced

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3. "We intend to be an inclusive Council and not worry about people's political allegiances; we're interested in people who want to work for their communities. We will be stronger together and therefore we will be asking all councillors, from all parties to work with us to deliver what our communities want."
4. On the new Council Cllr Mark Long was appointed as a member of the Development Management Committee (Planning) and the Council Tax Setting Committee.
5. Mark was confirmed at the Council meeting as Chairman of the Development Management Committee.
6. Councillor Sam Dennis was appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the Audit & Governance Committee.

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...

THE MEETING CONVENED

184 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO REGISTERS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

185 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 10th May 2023 meeting without alteration, these were then signed by the Chairman.

186 CLERKS REPORT

- SWW Update: It transpires that the stone wall previously reported was actually a bank of earth. This can be replanted, an application will be made to the Woodland Trust for appropriate plants. This was disputed at the meeting and so will be investigated further.
With regard to the sink hole by Beachcomber, we have been advised that SWW removed all the soft material and replaced this with concrete to stop the pipe from moving, which equates to 4-5mtrs of reinstatement. We have received no update regarding a joint meeting with the Harbour team.
- Parish Housing Needs Survey. The Housing Team have changed the approach to Housing Needs Surveys (HNS), they are timetabling surveys over the next 18 months so that no Parish or Town should have an HNS more than 5 years old. The Team will be looking to attend Town and Parish Council meetings to explain the process and the end use. In this area the plan is to do the surveys in a cluster of the four parishes of South Huish, South Milton, Malborough and Thurlestone all at the same time, in August this year.
- PROW: Thanks again to Richard Pollard for everything he does to keep our footpaths clear. The last few weeks have been particularly extreme for plant growth and we appreciate all his efforts in keeping our parish accessible.
- Monitoring Officer Communications regarding use of social media, declaring interests in meetings, dispensations, access to information and bullying/harassment have been forwarded to all councillors.
- Car Park Fines: Unfortunately (but not unexpectedly) we continue to receive notifications of alleged unjust fines being issued by the operators of the Hope Cove public car park. This is a privately owned car park over which South Huish Parish Council have no authority or influence. **To all users, please ensure you have obtained a correctly printed ticket and that you retain that ticket for a period of months as evidence.**

187 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

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a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Neighbourhood Plan minor amendment. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of the NP Committee to be arranged.
2. 1595/23/VAR, Lantern Lodge Hotel, Variation of conditions 12 & 13 following planning consent 2101/19/FUL 6/7. **OBJECT.**
3. 1535/23/HHO, The Nutshell, application for regularisation of external terrace, external steps and balustrade system (Retrospective) (Resubmission of 4362/22/HHO) 29/6. **OBJECT.**
4. 1315/23/HHO, Sea Horses, Hope Cove, alteration & extension to dwelling 22/6. **Conditional SUPPORT.**
5. Information Only Appeal Notification: Location: 39 Weymouth Park, Appellants Name: Mrs Susanne Harley, Appeal start date: 23rd May 2023. Householder appeals service, no opportunity for further comments.

b) SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 2886/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, rear extension/alterations (22/9) **Refused.**
2. 2098/22/VAR, Cove Lodge, Land adjacent to 39 Weymouth Park, Secretary of State Appeal.
3. 3951/21/FUL, Land at SX690 402, Galmpton, Secretary of State Appeal
4. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. **No Decision Yet.**
5. 0737/23/VAR, Tarqua, Hope Cove. **No Decision Yet.**
6. 3847/22/FUL, Land At SX 680 402 east of Thornlea View. **Refused.**
7. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL, Secretary of State Appeal.
8. 0739/23/FUL, Parking Area, Elm Cottages, 18/5. **No Decision Yet.**
9. 1030/23/FUL, Development Site at Sx 677 403. **Conditional Approval.**
10. 1359/23/HHO, Crab Pot, (25/5). **Refused.**
11. 1415/23/HHO, 25 Weymouth Park (8/6) **No Decision Yet.**

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

188 BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

a) Parish Parking Project update:

1. Sean Hassall & the Parish Clerk met with Devon County Council Highways and discussed the need for parking, additional road markings as previously approved by South Huish Parish Council and appropriate signage to prevent campervans setting up on our roads.
It was confirmed at the meeting that it is not possible to increase parking at Meadow View.
Cllr Gilbert and Adam Keay have received both hard copies and emails of our requests, we await their response.
2. The council has purchased a line marker to help tidy up areas in the parish, signage has also been improved. This has made a big difference in the number of vehicular movements that can take place in a day and has enabled requests to be made for vehicular enforcement at problem areas in the parish.
3. The planters located at The Square, Inner Hope, were part of the original parking project some years ago. The planters require maintenance in the form of replanting and watering when required. Cllr James will contact the pre-school group and ask them to be involved.
4. We continue to receive information regarding original road names. It was agreed that New Road will receive new signage thanks to the History Group.
5. At the last Parking Project meeting it was noted there is a small amount of highways related work that would not be covered by Devon County Council. Those present agreed by a majority that in order to keep the parish looking its best we need to undertake some of these works ourselves and we can obtain

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funding/equipment/materials for these works from Highways if we join the Road Warden Scheme.

Councillors resolved to join the scheme.

- b) Councillors resolved to purchase a replacement noticeboard for Galmpton Village Hall following vehicular damage that rendered the previous one beyond repair.
- c) Further to a recent issue with a memorial bench, Councillors resolved to build a database of benches, owners and contacts. These details can all be retained in the asset register section of the financial package we subscribe to.
- d) Councillors resolved to approve official Gov.uk email addresses at an initial cost of £200, followed by annual costs of £150.
- e) SMASH CEB Update. See Appendix A. Councillors resolved to purchase a rewilding sign for The Green to highlight how the Parish Council and neighbourhood are supporting re-wilding and biodiversity on our communal green spaces

189 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a) **Receipts & Payments – Month 3**, Clerks Salary & HMRC, Line Marker Paint £217.49 & £624.89, Nick Walker £111, Do it All Services £80, Alison Marshall £150, Hedgehogs R Us £150, SLCC annual renewal £125.55. Councillors resolved to make all payments.

Receipts & Payments 01st April to 30th May:

Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Receipt - Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank	X	12.94		12.94
Payment - HMRC Quarterly Pay	HMRC	X	-123.60		-123.60
Receipt - Precept 1st Tranche	South Hams District Council	X	10,939.50		10,939.50
Payment - Wages	South Huish Parish Council	X	-344.58		-344.58
Payment - Newsletter Printing	Nick Walker Printing Ltd	X	-110.00		-110.00
Payment - Newsletter Printing	Nick Walker Printing Ltd	Z	-107.00		-107.00
Payment - Subscriptions	Devon Association of Local C	X	-26.21		-26.21
Payment - Annual PAYE Agree	South Hams District Council	S	-100.00	-20.00	-120.00
Payment - Subscriptions	Devon Association of Local C	S	-70.48	-14.10	-84.58
Payment - Subscriptions	Devon Association of Local C	E	-5.31		-5.31
Receipt - Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank	X	11.63		11.63
Receipt - Bench Purchase	Thomas Holden	X	378.00		378.00
Receipt - Subscription % Paym	Malborough Parish Council	X	78.12		78.12
Payment - Parking Project	Line Marker Paint	S	-520.74	-104.15	-624.89
Payment - Wages	South Huish Parish Council	X	-473.78		-473.78
Total			9,538.49	-138.25	9,400.24

b) Governance:

1. It was resolved to renew the internal audit contract with Alison Marshall.
2. Policy Review: It was resolved to accept the updated policies.
3. It was resolved to increase the hours undertaken by the Parish Clerk to 8 hours per week, plus up to 10 hours overtime per month as required.
4. Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a council to delegate the power to make decisions to an officer, a committee, a sub-committee or another council. It was resolved to allow the Parish Clerk the authority to respond to planning/payments and other works as required on the provision that a majority approval has been received in writing from the councillors prior to proceeding. This resolution only applies in the event of any future meetings having to be cancelled or deferred for reasons outside the control of the Parish Council. This agreement will be reviewed in May 2024

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190 At 20.11 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Items for the next agenda:

- SW footpath danger signs and request for a Path survey.

2023 Meeting Dates: 12th Jul, 13th Sept, 11th Oct, 8th Nov.

2023 Parking Project: 28th June, 27th Sept, 22nd 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: _____

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