

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting;

Date: 10 th January 2018		Venue & Time: Fishermans Reading Room, 19.00hrs
Present: Cllr Simon Coleman Cllr Paul Green Cllr Ann Rossiter Cllr Alan Rundle Cllr Bruce Williams	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod – Clerk Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce Dist. Cllr Simon Wright DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert - Part meeting 4 Parishioners	Apologies: Cllr Jo Hocking Cllr Penny Hibbert PCSO Paul O'Dwyer PC Pengilly

REF 2017/18 MINUTES

77/18 Declarations of Interest – None advised

78/18 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th November 2017:

Comments were received re the wording under 72/17 item (ii), all information is contained in Planning Committee Minutes and can be found on the website.
Approved and signed without alteration.

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held on 13th December 2017:

Approved and signed without alteration.

79/18 Matters Arising from the minutes:

- (i) Signage re beach pollution – SHDC have reiterated to Cllr Pearce that the environment agency is responsible for erection of any signage.
- (ii) Dog Waste: A bin is required on the South Huish end of South Milton Sands. The land belongs to the National Trust and there is concern that SHDC/DCC are not responsible for this. **ACTION: Cllr Pearce to liaise with Cllr Gilbert.**
- (iii) Bid to locality allowance for Strimmer: A bid has been put to Cllr Gilbert, this has been approved and passed for payment.

80/18 – Open Forum:

Lower Galmpton road - there are large holes and water running across the road. Adam Keay did walk the road one year ago. Cllr Gilbert will give this priority when meeting with Adam Keay and will request information re digging out the drainage, repairs and dressing to the road.

Galmpton Cross drains were cleared but the pipes weren't pumped out and this has caused issues with the amount of rainfall to the area. Various flooding issues around the parish were also highlighted.

Beachcomber Road Surface - this has been reported, since our last meeting the road has sunk further and requires attention.

ACTION: Clerk to provide details of issues to Cllr Gilbert.

PLEASE report all highways issues ONLINE at:

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

If you do not have internet access please contact the Clerk on 07704 941150

81/18 Police Report.

Police report for the last 30 days is as follows:

1 crime reported where a cyclist was verbally abused at the road side (public order offence).
This compares to the same period last year where the parish had 1 crime of criminal damage.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish require a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, if you would like to be involved please contact the clerk at clerk.southhuishpc@gmail.com

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82/18 County & District Councillor's Reports

South Hams District Council:

- (i) **Sea Wall Coping Inner Hope Update.** This is a DCC Asset, Phil Wright, Retaining Wall Inspector, spoke to contractors re repairing the top of the wall, the areas viewed have now been patched.
- (ii) **Post Box at Kiln Field** now re-erected on the gate and should be removed. **ACTION: Cllr Pearce**
- (iii) **Sandbags:** If sandbags are required, there are empty sacks to fill at Kingsbridge Town Council, there is also a pallet of filled sandbags located at Torr Quarry.
- (iv) **One Council Consultation Update:** The issue of the potential closure of public toilets (see 84/18 (iv)) will be added to the letter to the SHDC Chairman. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (v) **Financials:** When presenting the Local Government finance settlement to the House of Commons, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced, "that the government intends to defer the setting of referendum principles for town and parish councils for 3 three years".

Devon County Council:

- (vi) **Road Marking at The Cove junction** – a request has been made for the road markings to be reinstated, this was felt to be a more cost-effective option than erecting a new sign.
- (vii) **Grit Bin** – Malborough and South Huish Parish Councils are working together to ensure the main routes are ice free and accessible, with special consideration being given to routes used by the emergency lifeboat crew and first responder. A request has been made for a grit bin to be located at the letter box by the entrance to Grand View Road, near West View Apartments.
- (viii) **Burleigh Lane** – No response received re letter, Clerk to follow up. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (ix) **Pothole action fund** – Devon is to receive £1.75m from a £45m fund provided by central government.
- (x) **Waste** – The Energy From Waste plant now disposing of 95% residual waste (black bins). A tour of the Exeter site is available and worthwhile.
The wholesalers who take the recycled bags are under contract for a further two years. DCC are giving serious consideration to what will happen when this contract expires as contamination of the recycled items is too high and they will not continue to be accepted by the existing receivers. There is also an income from selling the recycled waste and this needs to be maintained/replaced.
- (xi) **GWR franchise** has been extended by the government meaning the new intercity trains can be brought in to serve the South West/London
- (xii) **Health:** 25% doctors and 30% of nurses UK wide are due to retire in four years.

83/18 – Planning: –

- (i) **Planning applications:**
No applications have been received by the Parish Council during the last period.
Planning Applications Awaiting an SHDC Decision:

3427/17/FUL Mr & Mrs Stewart – SHPC No Objections

Pitchingstone House – Erection of replacement dwelling

3442/17/FUL Mr C Simmons – SHPC Objection

Coastguard Cottages Boundary Wall – Revised design & access statement
SHPC object to the revised design and access statement. The section of wall that has been rebuilt in concrete blocks is out of keeping with the conservation area, the grass bank has also been removed and should be replaced as was. We reiterate our initial response:

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SHPC request that the replacement wall be built to replace exactly what was demolished. The gated access has not been incorporated within any planning application and should be refused. We do not support the application, but we have no objections to the exact replacement of the wall as per the original.

3477/17/HHO Mr Ashley Muirson – SHPC have no objection providing drainage issues are dealt with.

Rockcliffe – Alterations to existing house

3873/17/FUL John Pritchard – SHPC unable to provide response.

Hope Beach House, Replacement & redesign of external stair & decking

The management company of the freehold of the property has objected to the proposal on grounds of safety and reduction of privacy, the proposal extends onto land that the leaseholder has no legal right to build on. Until there is clarity regarding the legality of the applicant to build on the property SHPC is unable to provide a response.

3104/17/FUL Steven Greenfields – SHDC Objection

Application for roof alteration

3 Armada House, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HQ

The application was considered not in keeping with local distinctiveness, the balcony will overlook the cottages opposite reducing privacy and the development is in the coastal conservation area. Also overlooking the coastal footpath,

3186/17/OPA Mr Griffin – SHPC No Objection subject to conditions.

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for construction of detached dwelling with parking.

Land at Sx 675 395 Adjacent to Methodist Church, Inner Hope.

At the Planning Committee Meeting a presentation was given by Jon Imman of the Architects Design Group. **ACTION: Clerk to provide contact details to Cllr Pearce**

A query was raised re building works being undertaken over a weekend, specifically a Sunday.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate

In an AONB the planning authority can refuse to accept an outline planning application within 30 days of its receipt and can insist on a full application being sent in. SHPC will always insist on a full application being submitted.

NOTE: All planning responses from SHPC will incorporate a request for:

- **Sight of a letter from South West Water confirming that the increased sewage load will not adversely affect the existing sewage works in respect of new build properties and extensions incorporating bathrooms/kitchens.**
- **Damage caused to any infrastructure to be made good to a comparable standard.**

(ii) Decisions:

4001/17/VAR Mr & Mrs Fox - Foxbrook – SHDC Conditional Approval

Application to vary condition 2 & remove condition 8

3484/17/HHO Mr J Brannan – SHDC Conditional Approval

6 Sea View Gardens – Two storey extension

3403/17/FUL Mr W Ireland – SHDC Conditional Approval

Tanfield Hotel - Conversion of B&B to staff accommodation & remodelling

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3046/17/HHO Mr M Garrett – SHDC Conditional Approval

Application for first floor extension to the side of existing residence. 2 Alberni Cottages, Bolberry Road, Hope Cove

3636/17/LBC Steveco Ltd – SHDC Conditional Approval

Smugglers End – Listed building consent for extension to dwelling

- (iii) **Enforcement Issues:** Continue to be dealt with.
 - (iv) **Neighbourhood Planning** – A bid to cover SEA monies is required.
The South Milton plan has been received and needs to be viewed and commented on.
The plan will need to consider and incorporate potential nominated building plots for new houses.
Mr Windle was unable to attend the special Heritage Meeting and has asked for an overview of the day to be forwarded
 - (v) **Next Planning Meeting date to be confirmed.**
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84/18 – Business to be Discussed:

- (i) **Highways:**
Malborough Parish Council have recently reviewed the route of the gritter. The gritter route was considered acceptable but Weymouth Park, Hope Cove is now included to cover the First Responder.
- (ii) **Footpaths:** The P3 returns have been received, Richard Pollard will complete and return as usual with the Clerk providing the financials. **ACTION: Clerk & Richard Pollard**
- Miscellaneous:**
- (iii) **Bandstand:** Cllr Green has advised that a crack has appeared across the corner. A gabion basket has broken, rocks have dropped out and it's beginning to sink. It is unsure as to who owns this asset. SHDC will be notified and asked to undertake repairs. **ACTION: Clerk**
- (iv) **Public Toilets Communication:** The following was received from SHDC in respect of public toilets:
We are just writing to let you know that the future running of the public toilets in South Hams is being considered as part of the Council's budget process.

The cost of providing all of the public toilets in the South Hams is £670,000 a year. This is not one of the statutory services which the Council has to provide (public toilets are discretionary). It is important for us to consider how we can continue to provide local services without cutting statutory front line services.

One of the ways that this can be achieved is through communities taking responsibility for the provision of local public toilets and/or charging for public toilet use, and closure will also be considered.

Public toilets are one of a number of service areas which will be discussed by the Council during the budget period which runs into the early part of 2018. Council papers outlining the budget process will be in the public arena from later this week and we wanted to ensure that you were aware of any discussions which directly affect your locality.

*Here is a link to the report that will be considered by the Executive on 7 December (Item 8):
<http://mg.swdevon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=149&MId=496&Ver=4>*

If you have any questions please do let us know via email: Public.Toilets@swdevon.gov.uk

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Representation will be made to SHDC re the outcome of shutting public toilets. They are essential in the area as they help generate revenue due to the economy being based on tourism.

ACTION: Clerk

85/18 Finance & Governance:

(i) Receipts & Payments Month 10

(ii) Accounts to pay:

Chq 818 -Clerk's Dec/Jan salary & expenses - £260.18

Chq 819 – Malborough Parish Council Printing Costs £51.00

Chq 820 - SLCC Renewal £67.00, Chq 812 void due to incorrect amount.

(iii) Miscellaneous:

2018 Precept: A budget breakdown and six precept options were provided by the clerk. An increase of £3.42 per annum per band D household was accepted. Proposed Cllr Coleman, seconded Cllr Williams.

General Data Protection Regulations: As we move close to May 2018 more information is being disseminated. Once further details are received a GDPR guidelines/checklist will be provided to Councillors from the GDPR Officer covering both Malborough & South Huish.

Donations: No donations will be provided by SHPC for the periods 17/18 and 18/19.

Internal/External Audit: A full external audit will take place this year. The Clerk suggested that we employ the services of Alison Marshall LCAS (Local Council Administration Services) to undertake a full internal audit prior to this. The cost would amount to £100 plus expenses, but these could be shared with another parish who would be visited on the same date (Malborough). Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Coleman.

Increase in printing costs: Malborough Parish Council have reviewed their printing costs for the first time in ten years. The cost has increased from 0.02p to 0.04p per side (includes cost of paper). This effectively doubles the cost of printing the newsletter. Six issues of the newsletter are printed each year, each run is for 255 newsletters. A full review will be undertaken re continued funding and potential advertising opportunities. **ACTION: Clerk to add to March Agenda**

86/18 Correspondence:

SHDC Lottery - SHDC and West Devon have an approved Lottery to support local charities. Details of how local charities can apply to be considered will be provided to the Clerk in due course.

87/18 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th March 2018 at the Fishermen's Reading Room, Inner Hope, commencing at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.28 hrs

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to Kathy 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 Kathy for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List

Cllrs Coleman, Green, Hibbert, Hocking, Rossiter, Rundle & Williams **For Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Cllr Simon Wright, WPC Pengilly, PCSO O'Dwyer, South Huish Parish Council Notice Boards, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth