

# SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

<b>Date:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023		<b>Venue &amp; Time:</b> Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Darren James Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Anne Rossiter Cllr Tom Windle	<b>In Attendance:</b> Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk)  DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert (part meeting) SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce Parishioners/guests: 10	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Alan Rundle

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

### 150 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

### 151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & ALTERATIONS TO REGISTERS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

### 152 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 meetings without alteration, these were signed by the Chairman.

### 153 CLERKS REPORT

1. Councillor Training: This will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
2. Thanks have been received from a parishioner for the bench repairs recently undertaken by Dave Illingworth.
3. A meeting with South Hams District Council Enforcement is due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January.
4. We have received reports regarding works being undertaken on land adjacent to 39 Weymouth Park, the authorities have advised that any potential unauthorised works are being undertaken at the risk of the applicant.
5. National Trust Meeting:  
The meeting went well. Down grazing will only take place from late August to April to allow flowers/birds to flourish – this is also the busiest time for walkers and for dog problems with sheep so the tenants are happy with the agreement. They will also take a cut in August but did not do it this year due to the fire risk. There was much talk about the fire and the fact that the Fire Service let it run. National Trust senior management continue to discuss the problem with the Fire Service in view of all their remote and hard to reach holdings and the impact of climate warming.

Fields off the Down belonging to the National Trust will be grazed by sheep and cattle – the lease arrangements are still being agreed with the tenants. The combination of sheep and cattle is more beneficial to the growth of mixed flowers/other wild life as cattle eat different things!

The National Trust will be putting on a walk for Councillors in June/July at Southdown so we can see the success they have had there with this mixed grazing.

### 154 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).

1. A query was raised with the Ward Councillors regarding the amount of time that it is taking for some planning applications to be determined. There have been issues with staffing at SHDC, there is a general shortage of planning officers around the country. There are also delays if full and accurate documentation is not provided at the outset.
2. Waste Rubbish has been dumped by the triangle, behind the no parking signs, it has been there for a number of weeks. The waste will be reported.

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### DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

1. The scheduled road closure of Main Street in Modbury for three months beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> has now been now deferred until January 2024.
2. Subject to Council, DCC looks to be setting a balanced budget for 2023/24 and therefore the immediate threat to its survival is receding.
3. DCC are not currently in position to repair the potholes as they are full of water and the repairs would not last. PLEASE KEEP REPORTING POTHOLE.
4. Roundabout at Kitterford Cross – this has been installed by Highways England (NOT Devon County Council) as it was listed as one of the 150 most dangerous roads in England. Councillors advised that the area is not fit for purpose due to the camber, inability of larger vehicles to easily negotiate the roundabout and the amount of flooding at the site currently preventing access by all vehicles. Photographs of the site will be forwarded to Cllr Gilbert who will feed the information to the relevant sector.

### 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 Judy Pearce: [cllr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk)

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

1. South Hams District Council passed a resolution in council to implement an extra 100% council tax on second homes, and empty properties after one year (currently two), but not until the legislation permits, which is unlikely to be until 2024-5 earliest, and more likely to be 2025-6.
2. The Kingsbridge, Churchstow and West Alvington Neighbourhood Plan was officially 'made' effective 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
3. At the December Executive meeting a report was received on the Waste Service. This confirms that the service has been stabilised, but the timetable for the new rounds and extending improved recycling is not yet firmed up. The great majority of people are getting a much-improved service and the crews on the vehicles are in a much better frame of mind, but there is much still to sort out.
4. If parishioners are intending to start using the new garden waste service in March they must apply by not later than 22<sup>nd</sup> January to ensure inclusion on the collection rounds.
5. There was also a report received on the new Devon Carbon Plan. South Hams District Council will be revising its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan to align with the Devon Carbon Plan.
6. **Photo ID will be required for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Elections for anyone intending on voting at a polling station. No ID is required for postal votes. If a parishioner does not have the required ID they can either apply for a postal vote or to SHDC for a Voter Authority Certificate. More details can be found at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/voter-ID>**
7. A question re the waste service was raised – if the refuse collectors drop glass or cause a mess do they have any responsibility to clear it up? Yes, the crews should have equipment to clear up any mess made.

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...

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## 155 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

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

1. Little Shear, Hope Cove (0865/21/VAR), Planning Inspector Appeal. Further discussion regarding this application is deferred until the inspectorate has provided details of how to submit a further response.

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2. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL: Notification has been received that the applicant has placed an Appeal with the Planning Inspector regarding the outcome of this application.
3. RATIFICATION 3559/22/FUL, Atlantic Lodge – Demolition & replacement of existing dwelling & garage. 29/12. SHPC objected to this application which has subsequently been refused by South Hams District Council.
4. 4082/22/FUL, SX 677 403, Weymouth Park, Erection of single storey dwelling following grant of permission in principle (Re-submission of 1741/22/FUL) 05/01  
**South Huish Parish Council resolved to submit a holding objection until sufficient information has been received to enable a proper decision to be made.**
5. 4434/22/HHO, 1 Coastguard Cottages, loft conversion & associated alterations, creation of porch & access to garden from living room (resubmission of 3394/22/HHO) 2/2 **South Huish Parish Council Support**
6. 4454/22/HHO, The Willows, extension to approved car port, re-align steps, add window & enclose to form garage 26/1. **South Huish Parish Council Object**

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

1. 2098/22/VAR, Land adjacent to 39 Weymouth Park. **Refused.**
2. 2886/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, rear extension/alterations (22/9) **No Decision Yet.**
7. 3499/22/HHO, 14 Weymouth Park (24/11) **Conditional Approval.**
8. 3394/22/HHO, 1 Coastguard Cottages, (24/11) **Withdrawn.**
9. 3475/22/HHO, Oakdene, Galmpton, (17/11) **No Decision Yet.**
10. 3886/22/HHO, Crab Pot, 22/12. **No Decision Yet.**
3. 3910/22/FUL, Sea Thrift, 22/12. **No Decision Yet.**
4. 1321/22/FUL, Thurlestone Rock, Thurlestone Sands, 5/1 . **No Decision Yet.**

### **b) 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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### **156 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

1. Lantern Lodge Road Condition: The road is being looked at as the condition of the road is part of the management plan.
2. Defibrillator Update: We are unlikely to get access to the BT box. Cllr Windle will ask one of the local homeowners if there is an option to site the defibrillator next to their property.
3. History Group letter re roads, lanes & footpath names: A letter has been received regarding the original names of roads in the parish and how to best conserve them. There is some dispute over the names, the real names must be firmly established before anything is changed, that said, South Huish Parish Council resolve to support the History Group to ensure the historical road names in the area are retained.
4. Discussion re a potential Coronation event: A parish street party was proposed, Cllr James was volunteered to help with the organisation.  
Some heavy cotton kit bags were shown to Councillors at a cost of £3.42 each, in principle this was agreed for all primary school age children in the parish. Ward Councillors will consider supporting this via their localities funding.

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### 157 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) **Receipts & Payments – Month 10**, Clerks Salary & HMRC, Illingworth Bench Repair £250, Illingworth Gritter Repair £48.99,

**It was unanimously resolved to accept all payments, a mandate sheet was produced and signed.**

b) **Governance:**

1. Financial Review & Setting of the annual precept:
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The meeting then considered the commitments, inflationary pressures and the likely increase in services needing to be both provided and funded locally.
5. The base band D on which precept calculations are based has increased from 445.08 to 445.30.
6. The meeting noted that the Government has decided to defer the setting of council tax referendum principles to town and parish councils for 2023/24. However it has again issued a challenge to those councils to demonstrate restraint when increasing precepts that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities.
7. In anticipation of additional costs...
8. With proposed annual expenditure reaching £26,030 the Council concluded that they needed to increase the precept to £21,879 so the average household will pay £49.13 per year (i.e.: £0.94p per week). This will mean our budget increases by £1,526 allowing us to fund the costs of more benefits to the community and any services devolved from County or District etc.
9. A proposal was made to request a precept level of £21,879 as per the above information.  
Proposed by Cllr Hocking, seconded by Cllr James, approved unanimously.

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**158** At 20.33 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

#### Items for the next agenda:

- Coronation
- Enforcement Meeting Feedback

**2023 Meeting Dates:** 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, 12<sup>th</sup> Apr, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> Jun, 12<sup>th</sup> Jul, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**2023 Parking Project:** 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, 26<sup>th</sup> Apr, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Carter, Hocking, James, Pearson, Rossiter, Rundle & Windle **for Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, South Huish Parish Council Notice Boards, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth