

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Date: 16 th January 2024		Venue & Time: Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
Present: Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (Chairman) Cllr Darren James Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Anne Rossiter	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) Ward Cllr Sam Dennis Ward Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests: 16	Apologies: DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Tom Windle Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

225 WELCOME & APOLOGIES – Cllr Hocking wished all attendees a Happy New Year.

Cllr Hocking advised that Cllr Rundle has recently resigned, this is a great shame for all as Cllr Rundle was a very valuable member of the Parish Council.

226 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).

- A parishioner recognised Alan Rundle for all his knowledge and input to the parish over the years and asked that the Parish Council continue to refer to Alan for advice regarding the working of the land and history of the area.
- **Emma Gray, SMASH Representative:** Community Compost Scheme update See **Appendix A.**
- A request was made for the Parish Council to put pressure on the Highways Department to deal with potholes in Galmpton, specifically the areas from Townsend Cottage down to the farm triangle and the other being Galmpton to Beacon Lane (area flooded during winter) there is a deep/wide hole there in need of maintenance, it should be noted this serves a big population.
- During recent heavy rain, a parishioner checked the leat, – it did not flood on this occasion but could not have taken any more water, fortunately it was draining well as there were no blockages.
- A query was raised regarding householder fast track appeals, a request was made to the Ward Cllr to discuss further. Cllr Long will attend to this.
- Beachcomber – it should be remembered that this is a Grade II listed building, consideration needs to be given to this particularly in respect of issues such as the cladding to the rear to hide plumbing. The proposed flue coming out of the wall on the pedestrian side can easily be reached by reversing trucks and is dangerously close to one of the windows.
- A query was raised with Cllr Long regarding a recent planning refusal. Cllr Long will speak directly to the applicant.
- A Parishioner mentioned the possibility of a future sub-committee to cover housing and the built environment and requested to be considered for the group if one were to be formed.
- A parishioner, who is new to the area, expressed an interest in understanding more about the number of sewage outflows in the area, any contacts the Council may have with South West Water and if there was anything he could to assist with the issues through his company which specialises in underground mapping. It was noted that much of Hope Cove does not have South West Water surface water sewers, they are all combined sewage systems. There are Highways surface water sewers in the area but they do not all work because of the height of the gulleys. The parishioner was keen to talk with South West Water regarding funding of underground mapping and to work with South West Water and Devon County Council to improve communications and find solutions to the regular sewage outflows.

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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

- The Devolution proposals for Devon (now excluding Plymouth) have in principal been agreed with government and should come in to force April 1st. There will no changes to the make-up of Districts, Parishes and DCC.
- The transfer of LEP's Local Enterprise Partnerships to upper tier authorities (DCC) will also be completed by April.
- The £2.00 bus fare will continue until the end of 2024.
- Devon will get £6.6M from Hs2 cancellation towards road repairs.
- DCC has bought six replacement gritters.
- Regarding DIY waste taken to recycling centres, contrary to media coverage, this will not include tyres/asbestos.
- The Modbury road closure commenced on 8th January for a period of 6 weeks. The closure is going as well as can be expected. Light traffic is passing through Modbury relatively quickly via a small deviation/lights.

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

1. Waste & recycling collections over Christmas have run very well, all issues are being reviewed with the crews at the earliest opportunity. Black bins are collected fortnightly and recycling should be collected weekly, if this is not the case South Hams District Council should be notified via the 'Report It' section of the website.
2. The new planning website is operational, there have been some glitches with it, if anyone has any issues please contact one of the Ward Councillors directly.
3. The budget proposals are currently being considered. On 25th January, the Executive will look through the proposed budget and recommend proposals. On 22nd February a meeting is due to be held to agree the final council tax for 2024/25, documentation will be printed and issued immediately following this meeting.
4. Due to the current dental crisis, South Hams District Council is encouraging the Devon Health & Wellbeing Board, plus local MPs Anthony Mangnall and Gary Streeter, to work with local dental practitioners to set up a pilot scheme for accessible no frills dental care suitable for all age groups in the South Hams.

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

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

228 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 8th November 2023 meeting without alteration, these were then signed by the Chairman.

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229 CLERKS REPORT – See Appendix B

230 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 4239/23/FUL, Field West Of White Cross At Sx702396, Malborough, Erection of stable building, provision of hardstand area incl. construction of permeable path (Resubmission of 2218/23/FUL) 9/2 **Object.**
2. 4208/23/HHO, 4 Channel View Drive, Proposed extension & alterations 8/2 **Object.**
3. 4079/23/LBC, The Beachcomber, consent for installation of wood burning stove with external flue 25/1 **Object.**
4. 4085/23/LBC, The Beachcomber, Listed building consent for new ground floor WC, works to ensuite to bedroom, block up external door opening, alterations to boundary walls & external decorating 25/1 **Support.**
5. 4084/23/FUL, The Beachcomber, New ground floor WC, works to ensuite to bedroom, block up external door opening, alterations to boundary walls & external decorating. **Support.**
6. 3928/23/HHO, Eldoret, Galmpton, demolition of outbuildings & single storey extension to East elevation. Creation of enclosed balcony to top of existing garage. 8/2. **Support.**
7. 4253/23/CLE, Alston Gate, Malborough, Certificate of lawfulness for existing use as commercial horticultural nursery and garden centre (Use Class E) - formerly known as Alston Nursery (resubmission of 2883/23/CLE). **It was in use as a garden centre until sold, following the sale it was no longer in use as a garden centre.**
8. Ratification: 3850/23/HHO, 5 Channel View Drive, extension & alterations to dwelling. **Support.**

b) SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. **No Decision Yet.**
2. 2886/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, Appellant: Mrs S Harley, Secretary of State Appeal.
3. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL, Secretary of State Appeal.
4. 3910/22/FUL, Sea Thrift, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HH, Secretary of State Appeal
5. 2822/23/FUL, Hope Barton Barns, 26/10 . **Conditional Approval.**
6. 2883/23/CLE, Alston Gate, Malborough, 16/10 . **Readvertised.**
7. 2844/23/HHO, Well Cottage, Galmpton, 26/10. **Conditional Approval.**
8. 3093/23/VAR, Little Shear, 26/10. **No Decision Yet.**
9. 3296/23/FUL, Cottage Hotel, 30/11 **Conditional Approval.**
10. 3297/23/FUL, Cottage Hotel, 23/11 **Withdrawn.**
11. 3556/23/HHO, Raglands, Grand View Rd, 29/11 **Conditional Approval.**
12. 3537/23/HHO, Poppins, Galmpton, 30/11 **Conditional Approval.**
13. 3567/23/FUL, Land at SX677 403, Weymouth Park, 30/11. **Refused.**
14. 3559/22/FUL, Atlantic Lodge, Hope Cove, Secretary of State Appeal.

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

231 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) Receipts & Payments – Month 10,

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Accounts to Pay: Snow Warden Bag/First Aid/Fire blanket £66.97, Greatland Gardens £120, DALC Subscription 24/25 £143.

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

- b) Governance:** Financial Review & Setting of the annual precept:
- c)** The monthly accounts show the Council's spend to date in the financial year. In November/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.
 - d)** 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.
 - e)** The meeting then considered the commitments, inflationary pressures and the likely increase in services needing to be both provided and funded locally.
 - f)** The base band D on which precept calculations are based has increased from 445.30 to 455.39.
 - g)** The meeting noted that the Government has decided to defer the setting of council tax referendum principles to town and parish councils for 2024/25. 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.
 - h)** With proposed annual expenditure reaching £25,515 the Council concluded that they needed to increase the precept to £24,067 so the average household will pay £52.85 per year (i.e.: £1.02p per week). This will mean our budget increases by £2,188 allowing us to fund the costs of more benefits to the community and any services devolved from County or District etc.
 - i)** A proposal was made to request a precept level of £24,067 as per the above information. Proposed by Cllr Hocking, seconded by Cllr Rossiter, approved unanimously.
 - j)** It was noted that this level of receipts/payments will likely result in the requirement for a full external audit which should be seen as a positive for the parish in terms of additional financial scrutiny and transparency.

232 BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

- a)** 20 is Plenty Posters: The first batch of posters have been received, this item has been deferred until such date as all posters have been submitted.
- b)** Following discussion regarding issues with obstruction at Inner Hope Square and Perrotts Hill (Old Road), it was agreed to request that the police view the road to provide further advice, this will then be referred back to Devon County Council. In the meantime we request that parishioners to take photos of any issues so that they can be used as evidence of the problem.

It was noted that a request has been made to Devon County Council for their parish led road improvement initiatives document.

- c)** Councillors **RESOLVED** to create review framework for South Huish Neighbourhood Plan. In the first instance this will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group prior to review and approval by the Parish Council. Cllr Long advised that the JLP is due to undergo review and the framework would have to take this into account.

233 At 20.01 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

234 2024 Proposed Meetings: 14th Feb, 13th Mar, 10th Apr, 8th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th 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.

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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