

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 12 th January 2022		Venue & Time: Galmpton Village Hall, 19.00hrs
Present: Cllr Stephen Carter Cllr Simon Coleman Cllr Paul Green Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Ann Rossiter Cllr Alan Rundle	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/guests 22	Apologies:

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

59/21 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

PLEASE NOTE: Cllr Hocking now has a new email address, all future correspondence should be sent to: cllrhocking@gmail.com

It is with regret that Cllr Hocking has recently accepted the resignation of Cllr Sue Darke. Cllr Darke has been a valuable addition to the Council, we will miss her input and support and we thank her for everything she has done for the parish.

60/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Carter declared an interest in respect of planning application 4601/21/FUL and withdrew from these discussions.

61/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 10th November and 8th December were agreed without alteration and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed Cllr Rundle, Seconded Cllr Hocking, approved unanimously

62/21 CLERKS REPORT

- Airband Community Liaison Executive: Our contact is now Sarah Beverley, for more information or to register your interest in full fibre broadband please see <http://www.airband.co.uk/>.
- EV Charging Points: SHDC have asked if there are any potential EV charging sites in the parish. If there are any suggestions please contact the Clerk, we will then feedback to SHDC.
- Parking Project, the Clerk & Cllr Coleman met to discuss the survey responses, this document will be issued shortly (on the website) and Councillors will receive an overview document.

63/21 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 query was raised regarding the sites of the 'Beach Feet' in the parish, the three sites are Inner Hope slipway, Outer Hope public toilets and Mouthwell Beach. A fourth is located at South Milton Sands.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

Waste

- 2020 statistics for the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Plymouth which processes some 65,000 tonnes of our waste each year from the South and West of the County.
 - Overall Waste Processed 261,000 Tonnes.
 - Electricity Generated 204,000 MWh.
 - Steam Generated 57,000 MWh.
 - Plant Availability 88.93% (target 91%);

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- Co2 Savings 84,000 Tonnes.
- Landfill Diversion 99.9%
- Cash Savings (Vs Landfill) approx. £12million

Afghan Refugees

- We now have about 150 refugees in the county temporarily housed in hotels in Exeter and Exmouth with a number of rescued cats and dogs from the well-publicised animal sanctuary in the Tiverton area. We should be paid back monetarily by the Home Office, but staff are becoming increasingly stretched by lack of resources.

DCC Finances

- In the year 2010/11 DCC employed 6,500 full time staff. It is now 4,500 full time staff.
- In 2013/14 The government revenue support grant was £140 Million and is now £1/2 Million.
- Required cost savings for 2022/23 are £387 Million.
- DCC's net revenue budget for 21/22 was £545 Million of which Council Tax contributed £440 Million with Adult Social Services taking 49%, Children's Services 27% and Highways 10%
- Government Covid support grant funding for DCC was £17 Million last year.

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

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

1. Budget proposals have now been published with £200k set aside to initiate community composting schemes, several parishes already have these and they work very well. Any scheme of this nature would be run and managed by the parish.
2. With precept discussions coming up shortly it should be noted that the Government is proposing to have a consultation to consider limiting parishes precept increases in the same way that SHDC and DCC are limited.
3. SHDC Have been awarded monies for Omicron grants. The majority of businesses who qualify will receive a maximum payment of £3k with some large businesses receiving up to £6k. SHDC have already contacted previous grant recipients to advise if they qualify. Noted that holiday homes on business rates are included.
4. ARG monies have also been received - SHDC can allocate these themselves and are looking at those businesses who were in the supply chain (food/drink) for local hospitality businesses.
5. There is going to be a scheme set up by Devon authorities in respect of the housing crisis, further updates will be provided shortly.
6. The improvement plan that SHDC have been working on in respect of the planning team is moving on well, there should be a full team in place by the end of March following the recruitment of four additional planning officers and two lawyers. This will ensure less time delays and issues in respect of both planning and enforcement. Planning case numbers remain high with over 800 active cases in the South Hams.
7. The housing strategy including homeless strategy is in development, housing officers are actively pursuing 'rough sleepers' to help improve their housing situation. There has been a bigger issue with homelessness over the past year as more properties have been transferred into Airbnb or similar. Full details of housing strategy update are available online

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8. Re the waste service, information is still awaited from FCC re the recommencement of the brown bin service. It is hoped they will be in position to start it again in March 2022.

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...

64/21 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 4742/21/HHO, Tara Galmpton, alteration/extension, replacement roof/external modifications. **SHPC CONDITIONAL SUPPORT**
2. 4601/21/FUL, The Nutshell Galmpton, Erection of 2 bed dwelling & access. **SHPC OBJECT**
3. 4639/21/HHO, St Johns Lodge Hope Cove, Raise roof to form first floor accommodation. **SHPC OBJECT**
4. 4031/21/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hope Cove, Hotel redevelopment to flats & holiday accommodation. **SHPC OBJECT**
5. 4298/21/VAR, Paradies Hope Cove, Variation of Condition 2. **SHPC OBJECT**
6. 4308/21/VAR, 39 The Lookout Hope Cove, Variation of Condition 2. **SHPC CONDITIONAL SUPPORT**
7. 1303/21/FUL, Land At SX 680402 east of Thornlea View, erection of ten dwellings. No discussion took place. ON MONDAY 17th JANUARY, A DROP-IN SESSION WILL BE HELD FROM 4PM – 7PM FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN MEETING TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION.

For full details of the South Huish Parish Council responses please see the SHDC Planning Portal. The above decisions were all unanimous other than 4308/21/VAR which was approved 5:1.

DECISIONS:

8. 2682/21/HHO, Cliff House, alterations & extension including double garage & office over. **SHDC No Decision.**
9. 0865/21/VAR, Little Shear, Readvertisement, application for variation of Condition 2. **SHDC No Decision.**
10. 3530/21/FUL, Former Hope Cove Hotel, demolish hotel and erect dwelling. **SHDC No Decision.**
11. 3791/21/HHO, Crab Pot, alterations to windows, new deck terrace/side extension. **SHDC Conditional Approval.**
12. 4368/21/HHO, Lodge House, various alterations inc. new separate garage/boat store. **SHDC No Decision.**

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

65/21 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) **Verges & Hedges:** Cllr Coleman, areas in the parish are getting in need of attention, some of the works are the responsibility of landowners, other works could be undertaken by a working party.

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It was proposed to identify landowners and write to them, in certain cases where roads are being obstructed, we will involve Devon County Council who have powers to recharge any works undertaken after a given time. A working party will be set up to cover other areas. A request for support will also be made to the P3 co-ordinator.

Proposed Cllr Coleman, Seconded Cllr Green, approved unanimously

66/21 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a) **Receipts & Payments – Month 10, See Appendix A,** Accounts to pay – Clerks Salary & HMRC, Nick Walker Printing £92

Proposed Cllr Rossiter, Seconded Cllr Coleman, approved unanimously

b) **Precept discussion and approval.**

- 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.
- 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.
- The meeting then considered the commitments, inflationary pressures and the likely increase in services needing to be both provided and funded locally. Year on year the Parish Council has to pick up more of the services previously provided by the County or District Councils – if the Parish and its' parishioners wish them to continue.
- The Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) from SHDC has been removed entirely and the base band D on which precept calculations are based has increased marginally from 438.37 to 445.08.
- The meeting noted that the Government has decided to defer the setting of council tax referendum principles to town and parish councils for 2022/23. 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.
- The Council concluded that they needed to increase the precept to £20,353 so the average household will pay £45.73 per year (i.e.: £0.88p per week). This will mean our budget increases by £2,655 allowing us to fund the costs of more benefits to the community and any services devolved from County or District etc.
- A proposal was made to request a precept level of £20,353 as per the above information.

Proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Hocking and approved unanimously.

Prior to the closure of the meeting a request was made for responses to the Jubilee suggestions made at a previous meeting. Do the parish want to recognise this by renaming a road and if so, which road? Does anyone have any other thoughts? A parish event is also being organised, there is a small team who are currently coordinating efforts but more help is required. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch!

67/21 At 20.42 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- Road upkeep and repairs in the parish
- Jubilee Update

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Next Meeting Dates – These meetings will take place only if it is considered Covid safe:

- 9th Feb, 9th March, Venue Galmpton Village Hall.

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, Coleman, Green, Hocking, Rossiter, Rundle **for Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, 3 South Huish Parish Council Notice Boards, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth

APPENDIX A

FUNDS:		ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT			
7,000.00	Fishermans Car Park	Clerk	Salary	Via DD	-375.72
2,000.00	Defibrillator Renewals				
4,000.00	Maintenance	Plus			
500.00	Website & Computer Equipment		Nick Walker Printing	-	92.00
200.00	Sustainable Malborough & South Huish Sub-Committee				
146.15	P3				
1,076.00	Snow Warden/Gritter				
250.00	Election				
11,654.70	General Funds				
26,826.85	TOTAL	Meeting Sub Total		-	467.72
Receipts & PAYMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL					
MEETING DATE					
	Prepared By:		12/01/2022		
	Date:		K Harrod for South Huish PC		
			04/01/2022		