

**SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**OPS**

- Mr David Darke attended to pass on his thanks to the ladies who provided cakes on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in aid of Bowel Cancer West. The total stands at £14,000 with more donations still coming in.

**1. Present/Apologies:** Cllrs M. Brice, T. Lewis, G. Collyer, R Luscombe, D Clift (SMPC) present. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Booker and Berryman (SMPC). Also present Cllr R Gilbert (DCC), Cllrs J. Pearce and M. Long (SHDC). Attending for the National Trust was Jess Tatton-Brown (apologies from Emma Reece).

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 had previously been circulated and were taken as read. They were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising not raised in agenda items below**

Ponding at Lane End: This has been reported officially to Highways and RG will follow it up on our behalf. Since it is actually in the parish of West Alvington, the Clerk will contact them for co-operation.

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary or Other Interests on agenda items**      None

**5. Footpaths, Public Rights of Way, etc**

An email had been received regarding the state of several footpaths. MB advised she had been in contact with the farmers concerned who will undertake the maintenance required.

**6. Possible Speeding Controls through village**

Following the advice from Highways, we would not be permitted any official traffic calming measures in the 20 mph zone which is purely advisory and not enforceable. The Clerk has been in touch with West Alvington PC for advice and JP recommended contacting Thurlestone PC. One of the suggestions is to put up roadside notices reminding drivers of the maximum speed, similar to WAPC, and involving local children for the designs.

**7. Review of Byelaws re dogs on beaches**

Comments from the public have continued to be collated. To date, we have not received a request for comment from SHDC on the proposed review of Public Service Orders.

**8. Planning matters**

- **3328/19/LBC** Listed Building Consent for replacement of chimney pot at The Quillett - SUPPORT

**9. South Milton Sands/National Trust**

- Jess introduced herself as the new Area Ranger; Emma has become Project Officer and is still based locally.
- The joint working group is meeting next week.
- Café: Significant reduction in offer to reflect feedback from the Council and the public; table service limited to Inside tables till 6pm. Heavily reduced daytime menu and consolidated evening menu resulting in reduced need for storage. Takeaway menu has been streamlined – quick, cheap and simple. Positive feedback so far. Plans to move takeaway from one end of servery to the other but the tenant is responsible for seeking planning permission etc.
- Toilet: discussions with SHDC are ongoing.
- Trust have commissioned inspections of the tanks and building to inform decisions about the future; awaiting findings
- Management Plan: little progress to date but AONB will take the lead on behalf of the Trust.
- Dogs: SMS is one of the last full time dog-friendly beaches. Trust's position is neutral but pointed out it is only one of seven owners to be consulted.

## 10. County Councillor's Report – RG

- Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) – as reported in the press, progress is being made but there are many problems to be overcome.
- Highway Permits: This new scheme gives DCC a way to better manage street and roadwork activities on the public highway. It will support DCC in their legal duty to co-ordinate works and reduce disruption. A team of 12 will be employed and the section will be self-financing.

## 11. District Councillors' Reports

- JP Devon Climate Emergency: The Devon Climate Emergency Response Group has appointed a Net-Zero Task Force to deliver a Devon Carbon Plan. A consultation is now open where the public can submit their ideas. DCC will be collating replies and the results will go to a Citizens' Assembly to be set up by DCC. A Council Action Plan (SHDC) will be presented at the end of December. <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/> Suggestions for involvement include identifying your (or the parish's) carbon footprint and then deciding on ways to reduce it i.e. car sharing/greater use of bus.
- Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Documents: These add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites or on particular issues, such as design, and demonstrate how to apply policies in JLP. Consultation starts on 13<sup>th</sup> November and runs until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. [https://www.planningportal.co.uk/directory\\_record/537/supplementary\\_planning\\_documents\\_spd](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/directory_record/537/supplementary_planning_documents_spd)
- Consultation on Statement of Commitment: The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the council consults with the public and stakeholders on all types of planning matters from the joint local plan to planning applications. A public consultation will be run over the coming weeks.
- **ML** The first planning workshop had been very interesting and useful, the second one would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October and the remaining councillors would be attending.

## 12. Finance

South Milton History Group requested a donation of £200 to go towards the publication of a soft back book on the history of the village. Publication date is 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Bulbs had been purchased and given to Mr G Bell for planting on the bank below the church.

PKF Littlejohn LLP, the external auditors, had charged for late submission of Exemption Certificate.

- Payments to approve

South Milton History Group	200.00
Royal British Legion wreath	18.50
PKF Littlejohn LLP	48.00
Brian Baker grass cutting	225.00
Clerk's salary October + bulbs	219.98
- Bank Account Status After approval of the above cheques, balances at bank were £18,231.53.

## 13. Date of next meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 pm.

**OPS** None

Approved..... Date.....  
(Chairman)