

# SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

<b>Date:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023		<b>Venue &amp; Time:</b> Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Anne Rossiter Cllr Alan Rundle	<b>In Attendance:</b>  SHDC Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests: 16	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Darren James Cllr Tom Windle SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk)

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

### 160 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

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

No declarations of interest were received.

### 162 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 meetings without alteration, these will be signed by the Chairman at the March meeting.

### 163 CLERKS REPORT

1. Enforcement Meeting: Our thanks to Sheenagh Denham, Kelly Hobson and Helen Smart, Enforcement Officers from South Hams District Council for joining us to talk through Enforcement issues in the parish and for clarifying some procedural details. Their advice was gratefully received and we look forward to cultivating a closer working relationship with the team.
2. SWW Meeting: No meeting date has been agreed.
3. Local Elections: 2023 is an election year for Parish Councils, Councillors have already been provided with initial information. Once full details of how to nominate yourself as a potential parish councillor are available they will be shared in a newsletter and on the website/noticeboard/social media.
4. Defibrillator Training. Training will be available on 6<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July. Further details to be provided.

### 164 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 regarding the proposed amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan. A further request was made for an overview of the planning process and how the Parish Council respond to applications to be clarified.
2. A complaint was received regarding the lack of action and substandard quality of repair with respect to potholes. This is covered in the report provided by Cllr Gilbert.
3. Some road signs have been left against hedges for some time now, they require collection by Devon County Council. Noted that some are near Spray Cottage.

### 165 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

1. West Alvington main road is due to close between 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February.
2. The Government is being heavily lobbied for 20mph speed restrictions, we await developments.
3. DCC portion of Council tax will increase by 4.99%, the same as the last two years.
4. Due to prolonged cold weather sandwiched between bouts of heavy rain there are now thousands of potholes awaiting repair. Over 600 new reports are being received daily.

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### 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/>

### 166 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. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: This is an allocation of government money in lieu of EU funds. Bids had to be made for carbon reducing initiatives. South Hams has been awarded just over £1m to be spent over the next three years on revenue projects. These will be based first on the marine economy: pilot projects for marine related activities and the development of a strategy to decarbonise those activities, including a feasibility study to decarbonise the Lower Dart Ferry and the Salcombe water taxis. Second, on Active Travel: a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will be commissioned along with a behaviour change study to identify ways of increasing active travel. Third on agricultural projects based on regenerative farming to transition towards a more sustainable (but still commercially viable) approach to farming, and finally on wider business support and consultancy.
2. Rural England Prosperity Fund: this is similar but capital grant money rather than revenue and we have received approx. £850k. The proposed project spend is designed to complement and enhance the UKSPF projects and the time frame is the same. All the projects will be included in the third year of the SHCD Corporate Plan 'Better Lives for All'.
3. The Council Tax Reduction Scheme has been revised following a public consultation. This is designed to help low income households. Details are on the website. Alongside this there a Council Tax Support Fund provided by government. For those already receiving council tax support, a further £25 will be deducted from the council tax bills going out in early March for 2023-24 for all eligible pensioners and working families.
4. Housing: the rules are changing for Disabled Facility Grants and the income restrictions will no longer apply. The aim is to get adaptations done more quickly to help with hospital discharge. An occupational therapist visit will still be required. Amounts have been increased to reflect inflation. We are introducing civil penalties to allow officers to impose fines on rogue landlords either for unsafe electrical systems or for not insulating properties properly to the standard now required by law. There is also considerable activity in connection with damp and mould following the tragic Rochdale case.
5. We expect to endorse the Budget for next year at Council on 16 Feb, this will include all the town and parish precepts. SHDC is increasing their budget by £5 per band D property.
6. The Modbury Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum.
7. We have allocated an extra £50k to help struggling residents. Grants are likely to be small, but please direct anyone really in trouble to the Council website.
8. **Photo ID will be required for the May 4th 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>**

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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### 167 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

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

1. Little Shear, Hope Cove (0865/21/VAR), Planning Inspector Appeal.  
Following a lengthy discussion regarding this application it was agreed that additional representation will be submitted to the Planning Inspector.
2. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL: Further discussion regarding this application is deferred until the inspectorate has provided details of how to submit a further response.
3. 4362/22/HHO, The Nutshell, Galmpton, regularisation of external terrace, external steps and balustrade system (Retrospective) 02/03 **South Huish Parish Council Support**
4. 4444/22/VAR, 39a Cove Lodge, variation of conditions 2 (approved drawings) & 10 (materials) of planning consent 3778/19/FUL. 16/02 **South Huish Parish Council Object**
5. 4491/22/HHO, 2 Channel View Drive, side extension, new porch & extended parking area. 16/02 **South Huish Parish Council Support**
6. 4082/22/FUL Development Management Committee - 15th February, Development Site At Sx 677 403", Weymouth Park, Hope Cove, Erection of single-storey dwelling following grant of permission in principle (Re-submission of 1741/22/FUL). **It was resolved that Cllr Hocking will attend to provide a report on behalf of the Parish Council.**
7. 4454/22/HHO Development Management Committee - 15th February, "The Willows", Bolberry Road, Hope Cove Householder application for extension to approved car port, re-align steps, add window and enclose to form garage. **It was resolved that Cllr Hocking will attend to provide a report on behalf of the Parish Council.**
8. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** This item was deferred until March due to the absence of the Parish Clerk.

### SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 2886/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, rear extension/alterations (22/9) **No Decision Yet.**
9. 3475/22/HHO, Oakdene, Galmpton, (17/11) **Conditional Approval.**
10. 3886/22/HHO, Crab Pot, 22/12. **Withdrawn.**
2. 3910/22/FUL, Sea Thrift, 22/12. **No Decision Yet.**
3. 1321/22/FUL, Thurstlestone Rock, Thurstlestone Sands, 5/1 . **No Decision Yet.**
4. 3559/22/FUL, Atlantic Lodge. 29/12. **Refused.**
5. 4082/22/FUL, SX 677 403, Weymouth Park, 05/01 **No Decision Yet.**
6. 4434/22/HHO, 1 Coastguard Cottages, 2/2 **Conditional Approval.**
7. 4454/22/HHO, The Willows, 26/1. **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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### 168 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) Coronation Update: The plan is for a similar celebration as that of the Jubilee in 2022.
- b) Defibrillator Update: Deferred until March.
- c) SMASH Request: Support for event to signpost parishioners to reduce their carbon footprint. Councillors were unable to support the targeting of Cumber Close residents to receive home energy advice and information on electric vehicle charging points. They did, however, support the hiring of a local village hall to enable energy companies to attend and meet with interested parishioners and businesses from the parishes. It was noted that this could be extended to include other Towns/Parishes from the local area. This information will be shared with Marlborough Parish Council who would also have to approve the venture as the funding would come from them on this occasion.

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- d) Signing of the Civility & Respect Pledge. Deferred until March.
- e) To consider signing up to the Devon County Council Road Warden Scheme. Details of the Road Warden Scheme had been considered. Before any decisions are made it was agreed to share the information with the Parking Project team to enable them to share their thoughts.

### 169 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a) **Receipts & Payments – Month 11**, Clerks Salary & HMRC, Fisherman's Reading Room Hire £15, Galmpton Village Hall Hire £20, Nick Walker Printing £107

**It was unanimously resolved to accept all payments, a mandate sheet will be produced and signed at the March meeting.**

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### South Huish Parish Council PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
18	Bank Gross Interest	09/01/2023		Receipt - Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank		8.73		8.73
35	HMRC Payments	20/01/2023	M10	Payment - HMRC Quarterly	HMRC		-228.25		-228.25
36	General Repairs & Maint	20/01/2023	M10	Payment - Asset Repair/M	Dave Illingworth, General Buildir		-250.00		-250.00
36	Snow Warden/Gritter	20/01/2023	M10	Payment - Asset Repair/M	Dave Illingworth, General Buildir		-48.99		-48.99
37	Salaries	31/01/2023	M10	Payment - Wages	South Huish Parish Council		-410.98		-410.98
<b>Total</b>							<b>-929.49</b>		<b>-929.49</b>

### b) Governance:

1. It was confirmed that the precept request had been submitted to South Hams District Council with confirmation of such being received.

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

### Items for the next agenda:

- Parking Project Update

**2023 Meeting Dates:** 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:** 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.

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**\* 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