

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 9 th February 2022		Venue & Time: Galmpton Village Hall, 19.00hrs
<u>Present:</u> Cllr Simon Coleman Cllr Paul Green Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Ann Rossiter	<u>In Attendance:</u> Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce Parishioners/guests 10	<u>Apologies:</u> DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert SHDC Cllr Mark Long Cllr Stephen Carter Cllr Alan Rundle

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

70/21 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

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

71/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No declarations of interest were received.

72/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 12th & 17th January 2022 without alteration, these were signed by the Chairman.

73/21 CLERKS REPORT

- The precept has now been submitted to South Hams District Council.
- Airband Liaison: We have been advised that all works are due to have been completed by the end of June and the company will avoid any major works during the school holiday periods to prevent any issues.
- Verges & Hedges: Deferred to March
- We have received a communication regarding the strength of mobile signals in the area. An adjoining parish has recently been approached regarding the replacement of a nearby mast, if this proceeds, the signal across the parish of South Huish would be positively impacted.
- Fisherman's Car Park: We have yet to receive a response regarding this.
- 0865/21/VAR, Little Shear: South Huish Parish Council have submitted an updated response regarding this application and have requested that our previous comments in respect of this application be removed and disregarded. We give our apologies to Cllr Coleman and accept that our previous submission was not factually accurate and also included information that would not be relevant to the Planning Officer for this readvertisement. Future responses of any nature will focus on the considerations relevant to the details of the application.
- Be in the know, all it takes is a follow: QR codes have now been placed on all noticeboards, this enables anyone to scan the code and be linked directly to our website for all relevant information and updates.



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74/21 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).

- There have been some flooding incidents over autumn/winter with an emerging trend for flash flooding. The flooding is coming across the road, into gardens and following the course of the old stream. The owner of a nearby property has a flooded basement which is currently having to be dug out and tanked. The water table is so high that portions of the nearby area are completely waterlogged and unusable. A report identifying four different types of flooding will be shared by the relevant parishioner once it has been reviewed. There are various drains, culverts and buddle holes in the parish that are blocked, no action is being taken by Devon County Council to clear the problems, where possible, parishioners have been trying to alleviate the issues. **A reminder was made to all, unless issues are reported ONLINE, directly to Devon County Council they will not be aware of the problems and no action can be considered.**
- Maintenance of the leat – the undergrowth is choked and getting worse. It needs to be cleared. Riparian responsibilities are unclear. This will be added to the next agenda.
- Tony Adams, from Sustainable Malborough & South Hams advised there are two events coming up, on 6th March there will be a litter pick in Hope Cove covering streets/footpaths/beaches. On 2nd April a Climate & Nature fair will take place at Malborough Village Hall, this will include speakers, stalls, entertainment, refreshments and much more.
- Could refillable water facility be provided in Hope Cove? This will be added to the March agenda.
- Could recycling bins be placed in Hope Cove? Cllr Pearce advised that contamination and the associated cost of the contamination of the bins has prevented this initiative continuing. Some years ago the bins at Inner Hope were removed, this has, by and large greatly reduce the waste problems in that area.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

FARMING.

1. SW has 40% of England's dairy herd.
2. Fertilisers are mostly manufactured using oil/gas which will hugely increase farming costs alongside energy prices.
3. BPS Basic Payment Scheme. This is gradually reducing over the next four years after Brexit and being replaced by an emphasis on environment.

HIGHWAYS.

Pot hole reports and repairs are continuing to fall since the Beast from the East winter. The quality of repairs are being affected by a wet November/December.

COUNTY/DEVON DEAL.

We are awaiting the 'Levelling Up White Paper' due out from government in February.

Devon does not support a local government reorganisation or Mayoral system. Thinking is to establish a (non) Mayoral Combined Authority for Devon, which will be tailored to the needs of places, bringing decisions closer to the people.

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/>

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

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

1. Devon County council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council and the District Councils have been officially accepted for one of the nine county deals in respect of devolution. Full details are awaited.
 2. In connection with the above, a Housing task force is being set up following the declaration of a housing crisis in the South Hams and across Devon. The various authorities aim to work together and, with one voice, go to central government in Westminster and get something done about it.
 3. SHDC came 13th in the country for their climate change action plans, this is a superb achievement.
 4. 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.
 5. Downsizing incentive: There is a grant offer of up to £5,000 for people living social housing who would like to downsize.
 6. A new scheme, the step-on grant, will be created to help people in rented social housing step up from rented to shared ownership housing. Making best use of the existing housing stock is one of the most efficient ways to get as many people/families as possible in the right type of house.
 7. Business Rates on second homes are being changed. From April 2023, second homeowners will have to submit evidence if they want to remain on business rates, those without the required proof will be returned to the payment of council tax.
 8. 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. The Government have recently advised if holiday homes are going to apply for the grant, they will have to provide clear evidence that they have been trading as such. As at January 2022 payments from the Omicron grant have totalled £1,024,750.
 9. The Government have announced a Council Tax cut of £150 for those properties in bands A-D. Further details will be forthcoming from SHDC.
 10. Budget proposals have now been published with £200k set aside to initiate community composting schemes, several parishes already have these (South Brent is a good example) and they work very well. Any scheme of this nature would be run and managed by the parish.
 11. The AONB role could be expanded, proposals were announced in January to strengthen the powers and resources currently available. This again highlights the importance of the AONB and could see the AONBs as a statutory consultee in respect of planning. There is a consultation currently being undertaken, please see the Government website for full information.
 12. Archaeological discoveries of megafauna have been made at Sherford. A number of rare and significant discoveries have been made including well preserved remains of woolly mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, wolf, hyena, horse, reindeer, mountain hare and red fox.
- A query was raised in respect of 0235/22/NMM, the application submission was received by SHDC on 19th January, a decision notice was issued by the Planning Officer on 2nd February and no consultation took place with the parish. This was a non-material minor amendment and as such there is no required statutory consultation with the Parish Council.
 - An influx of campervans/motorhomes is anticipated, could enforcement be increased? This is the responsibility of Devon County Council.
 - A planning applicant (3475/21/CLE) has sent various messages to Planning Officer David Bate with no response. It was confirmed that Mr Bate has been involved with a public inquiry, however, Cllr Pearce will follow up and obtain a response.

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...

75/21 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 4465/21/HHO, 1 Herbs Garden, Hope Cove, Rear storey extension & terraced garden (24/2/22)
Concerns were raised re dark skies and light pollution. **SHPC Conditional Support.**
2. 3951/21/FUL, Land at SX690 402, Galmpton, Replacement barn, part retrospective (17/2/22). **SHPC Object.**
Comments made included (but were not limited to):
 - This is not a replacement as the barn did not exist in the first place.
 - Some of the documents are exactly the same as the previous application, there is little difference from the application that was previously refused.
 - As this is not a replacement barn comments ARE required from authorities such as the Environment agency.
 - The flood risk assessment provided was felt to be lacking in detail and substance, it was not considered indicative of the issues at that site. This issue has not been sufficiently addressed.
 - This is not a farm and there is no holding number. At best, this is amenity land.
 - The land cannot support 45 sheep, it is only a six-acre field.
 - The tenant farmer grazes the land only and the numbers of sheep are limited.
 - When no sheep are on the land the field has been cut for hay/silage.
 - There is no requirement for storage as the tenant has his own smallholding.
 - Why has a sewer pipe been put into the footings?
 - The application was previously refused as the building structures had been removed previously therefore this does not constitute as a replacement barn.
 - Photographic evidence has been provided in respect of how the land looked before hedges and trees were removed. It was noted that the area used to be a site for nesting birds and all manner of flora/fauna, most of which have now vanished. There is no biodiversity gain to this proposal.
3. Kingsbridge, West Alvington & Churchstow Neighbourhood Plan consultation. **SHPC Support the document.**

For full details of the South Huish Parish Council responses please see the SHDC Planning Portal. The above decisions were all unanimous other than item number three which was 3 support: 1 abstain.

DECISIONS:

4. 4742/21/HHO, Tara Galmpton. **SHDC No Decision**
5. 4601/21/FUL, The Nutshell Galmpton, Erection of 2 bed dwelling & access. **SHDC No Decision**
6. 4639/21/HHO, St Johns Lodge Hope Cove, Raise roof to form first floor accommodation. **SHDC No Decision**
7. 4031/21/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hope Cove, Hotel redevelopment flats/holiday accommodation. **SHDC No Decision**
8. 4298/21/VAR, Paradies Hope Cove, Variation of Condition 2. **SHDC Conditional Approval**

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9. 4308/21/VAR, 39 The Lookout Hope Cove, Variation of Condition 2. **Withdrawn**
10. 1303/21/FUL, Land At SX 680402 east of Thornlea View, erection of ten dwellings. **SHDC No Decision**
11. 2682/21/HHO, Cliff House, alterations & extension including double garage & office over. **SHDC No Decision.**
12. 0865/21/VAR, Little Shear, Readvertisement, application for variation of Condition 2. **SHDC No Decision.**
13. 3530/21/FUL, Former Hope Cove Hotel, demolish hotel and erect dwelling. **SHDC No Decision.**
14. 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

76/21 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

a) Platinum Jubilee Update:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Parish Council have been approached with a request to potentially take on the organisation of events. A communication will be issues asking for volunteers to support and organise events across the parish. The response and suggestions will be provided to Councillors who will agree how to proceed.

b) P3 Update: Richard Pollard provided an overview of the Parish Paths Partnership (P3). This is an agreement between Devon County Council and the parish to look after footpaths in the parish. The coastal path is looked after by DCC - footfall between Hope Cove/South Milton Sands has increased significantly, the path is very worn and grass is not getting the chance to recover. DCC are undertaking a lot of work replacing areas of the path. The steps to Lantern Lodge have a groove developing partly due to water runoff, DCC will be giving this attention too.

There are some unmetalled roads (county lanes) in the parish which are not included in the P3 system, however, because they are not being cut as frequently as in previous years, we have taken over the maintenance. This includes Aunt Betsys lane. Any additional works by contractors will be covered by extra funding from DCC.

The Chairman thanked Richard and his army of helpers for all the work they do to keep our parish manageable.

c) Road upkeep & repairs in the parish: Burton lane end to gate has been repaired.

d) Parish Parking: See Appendix C. Cllrs resolved to approve the creation of a sub-committee, terms and conditions to be confirmed at the March meeting. An initial meeting for interested parties will be arranged for March. Cllr Coleman will act as sub-committee Chairman with support from the Clerk.

e) SMASH CEB Update: See Appendix B.

77/21 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) Receipts & Payments – Month 11, See Appendix A, Accounts to pay – Clerks Salary & HMRC, Nick Walker Printing £102, Richard Pollard P3 £132.15, Galmpton Village Hall Hire £80

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

78/21 At 20.23 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed

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79/21 FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- Jubilee Update
- Verges & Hedges
- South West Water
- Leat Maintenance
- Water bottle station in Hope Cove

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

- 9th Mar, 13rd Apr, 11th May, 8th Jun, 13th Jul, 14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 7.00pm, 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

Category	Descriptor	Date	Month No. of Report to Coun	banked	Paid In	Paid Out
Cash Book Balance b/f from last financial year			1			
Payment	November Clerk Salary	30/11/2021	10	Y	-	375.72
Payment	December Clerk Salary	30/12/2021	10	Y	-	375.72
Receipt	November Gross Interest	09/11/2021	10	Y	0.16	
Receipt	December Gross Interest	09/12/2021	10	Y	0.17	
Payment	January Gross Interest	10/01/2022	11	Y	0.18	
Payment	Nick Walker Printing	17/01/2022	11	Y	-	92.00
Payment	HMRC 3rd Quarter Payment	17/01/2022	11	Y	-	56.40
Payment	January Clerk Salary	31/01/2022	11	Y	-	606.52