

# SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

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<b>Date:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021		<b>Venue &amp; Time:</b> Galmpton Village Hall, 19.00hrs
<b><u>Present:</u></b>  Cllr Stephen Carter Cllr Simon Coleman Cllr Sue Darke Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Alan Rundle	<b><u>In Attendance:</u></b>  Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk)  SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce SHDC Officer Steve Mullineaux  Parishioners/guests 7	<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>  DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Paul Green Cllr Ann Rossiter

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

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### 33/21 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

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34/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - No Declarations of Interest were received.

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### 34/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> July were agreed without alteration and signed by the Chairman.  
**Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Coleman, approved unanimously**

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### 35/21 CLERKS REPORT

- Sawmill Road Flooding: It has been confirmed that these works are still part of the 21/22 schemes to be completed during this financial year. Noted that the state of the road has worsened and is now considered dangerous to drive. This will be fed back to Highways.
- The handrail at the steps of the Lobster Pod has deteriorated and requires attention, this has been reported to the Public Right of Way team who will view the damage and provide a response.
- We have received various reports of overgrown paths, the National Trust are responsible for those areas and have confirmed they will action the works as soon as possible.
- A speed check request was requested for Galmpton but has been declined as there is no 30mph speed limit on that stretch of road. Other options are now being considered.
- The state of the unmetalled road has also been reported to the Public Right of Way team, they will again assess the road and provide a response.
- We continue to receive reports re bollards being placed on the public highway by Tamarisks, this information is fed back to Highways along with accompanying photographs when received.
- The defibrillators have all been checked by Cllr Carter, the old unit at the Hope & Anchor has been removed by the contractors following the completion of the refurbishment. The Parish Council units are sited at The Old Parsonage, The Fisherman's Reading Room and on the Ladies side of the Public Toilets.
- We are currently arranging a meeting regarding High-Speed Internet; full details will be shared with all when known.
- Finally, our sincere thanks to the Lilburn Elliott team who have recently installed a new memorial bench near the old Lantern Lodge. The views from the bench are stunning and it will be a lovely site to sit and rest weary legs!

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36/21 **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).

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1. Tile House application has been approved, why was it not referred to the Development Management Committee due to the number of objections including the Parish Council? Cllr Long advised that all the points raised by local residents and the parish were taken up by the Planning Officer. Due to the number of changes made to bring the development within planning legislation the issues raised were considered to have been sufficiently addressed and because of this it was not required to be referred to the Development Management Committee.
2. Sea Horses – a request was made by the planning officer for an extension due to her annual leave, the architect agreed but remarked they hoped this boded well for a positive outcome. Cllr Pearce advised that they are unable to control the comments of those submitting applications/acting on behalf of an applicant however, the Planning Officers would not make comments of this nature as it would be completely unprofessional.
3. Noted that the area around the first bench located below Hillside (National Trust responsibility) is overgrown, obscures views and urgently requires cutting back. This information will be provided to the National Trust.
4. Mr J Privett attended with copies of the updated proposed plans for the Old Hope Cove Hotel, following the meeting the plans were viewed by those Councillors and Parishioners present. The plans should be available via the SHDC planning portal in the future, however, if you would like to view them prior to that please contact Mr Privett via email at [jasonbprivett@flexiguide.com](mailto:jasonbprivett@flexiguide.com).
5. A query was raised regarding the uploading of minutes/agenda to the website. The agenda is always uploaded on the Friday prior to a meeting and the draft minutes are uploaded following the meeting. If anyone would like the details via email, please contact [clerk.southhuishpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.southhuishpc@gmail.com) and you will be added to the distribution list.
6. Grassed areas around the village including verges and the triangle are looking shoddy and require attention. This will be added to the next agenda.
7. The Coastguard Station area is very overgrown. SHPC will raise this with the relevant party and add it to the next agenda.

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### **NO REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **REPORT IT:**

Members of the public are requested to report all Highways 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:**

1. There are still issues being identified with the waste service, SHDC reiterate the need to report all missed collections online. Both Cllrs Pearce and Long should also be contacted with full details.
2. The issues with FCC have also had an impact on other elements of the FCC contract, particularly over the Bank Holiday.
3. The Enforcement issues are still being dealt with, SHDC are unable to discuss Enforcement in a public meeting.
4. Mr Steve Mullineaux, Deputy Chief Executive at SHDC and responsible for service delivery joined the meeting to provide information on the issues with the waste collection service.
  - a) An apology was made to all attending regarding the service levels currently being experienced in respect of the refuse collection service provided by FCC.
  - b) There is limited information regarding the contract with FCC that can be discussed with the public. Behind the scenes SHDC are working hard to ensure that the issues are being dealt with.
  - c) It should be noted that there is a penalty framework within the contract meaning if bins collections are not taking place there is a penalty to FCC – if the bins are missed again there is an additional penalty. Therefore, it is essential that all bin collections that are missed are reported EVERY time.
  - d) FCC took on the contract 12m prior to the implementation of the new service and there were no issues with the service for the entire period. With Covid and the associated limitations there were some issues

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but nothing major. However, with the introduction of the new service and the new recycling base in Ivybridge there have been many problems, this has been further compounded by bad implementation and now with driver issues.

- e) There are a core number of staff, and any absences are covered by agencies. In November 2020 there were 20 staff self-isolating all of whom were covered by agency staff. There are now NO staff available at agencies at any cost because of the national shortage.
- f) Since garden waste has been suspended, they have lost a further 5 drivers and have only been able to employ 1 replacement driver. The garden waste element of the collection is a non-statutory service, and the suspension allows the teams to concentrate on the collection of recycling/black bins.
- g) A report has been published today that the Executive will vote on next Thursday to extend the suspension of the brown bin service.

Cllr Hocking stated that SHDC have a duty of care to the taxpayers, it seems that this is taking second place to the worry of being sued by FCC. In respect of the new service there was no consultation and no discussion. Lorries have been brought in that are not suitable for the lanes and little consideration has been given to the many people who are unable to take the bins to the relevant collection points. The elderly are not getting the assisted collections that have been approved and bins are being missed for many weeks in a row. Furthermore, there are a very large concentration of holiday homes in the area, many of which pay Council Tax and are entitled to the weekly collection service. Making the decision to approve a Friday collection day was a terrible idea because as everyone knows, Friday is a changeover day and there is more traffic on the roads, particularly in parishes such as South Huish.

Mr Mullineaux advised that FCC was one of two contractors bidding for the contract: *When we went out to award a contract, we specified the service we expected them to deliver was the kerbside service, both contractors provided prices and their plans to deliver kerbside service. They are the industry experts, we expected them to be able to deliver that plan and they have let us down badly and they've let you down badly. We've let you down badly. In terms of the actual plan, FCC are an experienced waste provider providing waste services up and down the country, they provided for West Devon where they've implemented the service and implemented it well.*

Cllr Hocking noted that the fact is that most people in the room were far from pleased with the situation and how it continues to not improve week on week, a situation that has remained largely unchanged since initial implementation in October 2020.

Cllr Pearce confirmed that SHDC are aware of the shortcomings and reiterated if you know of anyone who is not getting their assisted collection it needs to be reported online. Or, if you're having a missed collection, it must be reported on every occasion and Cllr Pearce and Long be copied in.

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)

Cllr Hocking responded, the complaints service by now should be so thorough and robust that you should not have to go over and above the normal process to achieve a result.

Mr Mullineaux was thanked for attending the meeting and for his kind offer to attend future meetings to provide the Councillors with regular updates on progress.

**Mr Mullineaux left the meeting.**

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**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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### **37/21 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT**

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

1. 3034/21/VAR, The Lanterns, Variation of Condition 2 – **SHPC No objection**  
**Ratification only:**
2. 2502/21/HHO, Oakdene, Galmpton, **SHPC Conditional Support**
3. 0515/21/OPA, Seahorses, Readvertisement, Demolition & Replacement with 2 properties, **SHPC Objection**
4. 2675/21/HHO, Tile House, Galmpton, Loft Conversion/Extension, **SHPC Objection, SHDC Conditional Approval**

#### **DECISIONS:**

5. 4277/20/FUL, Lantern Lodge, Installation of 2 gas tanks. **SHDC No Decision**
6. 2574/20/HHO, Paradies, Readvertisement. **SHDC Conditional Approval**
7. 2133/19/VAR, Cottage Hotel, Variation of Condition 2. **SHDC No Decision**
8. 0614/21/HHO, High Hopes, Bolberry Road, extension & double garage. **SHDC Conditional Approval**
9. 0865/21/VAR, Little Shear, Variation of Condition 2. **SHDC No Decision**
10. 1269/21/HHO, Solona, Alteration & first floor extension replacing balcony. **SHDC Conditional Approval.**
11. 1390/21/FUL, Higher Broadmoor Farm, Temp Dwelling (neighbouring parish consult). **SHDC No Decision**
12. 1822/21/ARC, St Andrews Church, approval of details reserved by condition 3. **SHDC Discharge Approved**
13. 1539/21/HHO, St Johns Lodge, erection of first floor extension with balcony. **Withdrawn**

#### **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)

**Cllr Pearce left the meeting.**

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### **38/21 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- a) Beach Signage: We now have the parish maps and beach feet sited in prominent locations. Our thanks to both Janet Clark and the Malborough with South Huish Primary School for working with us and to create and display such excellent and unique signage in the parish.
- b) Fisherman's Car Park: Now that the restrictions re the pandemic are relaxing, we are seeking assurances from SHDC that they will rent the Fisherman's Car Park to the Parish Council for short term use. Cllr Long will follow up with SHDC.
- c) Coastal Erosion & South West Water Issues: Despite our communications with South West Water, we are extremely disappointed that we have not yet received a response about the potential coastal erosion and the actions that South West Water will take to prevent potential devastation to the area should the underlying sewer pipe be eroded.
- d) Proposal to support the SHDC Opposition Group regarding Rubbish Collection Chaos. The Opposition Group recently posted the following:

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### Joint Statement from the Opposition Group SHDC, Rubbish Collection Chaos

*As residents you are being badly let down by SHDC – you have every right to be angry and frustrated. Rather than admit their decision to outsource waste collection services has been a disaster, the leadership stubbornly try to make the proverbial ‘silk purse out of a sow’s ear.’ It was quite clear many months ago that the new outsourced recycling scheme was not fit for purpose. In June, the opposition group forced an extraordinary meeting, as the administration refused to debate the issue in public. We tried to put the contractor FCC on notice of termination of contract. Unfortunately, the majority administration voted this down, and instead procured a number of (empty) promises from FCC. It’s now the end of August and brown bin collections have been suspended for at least a month.*

*The latest excuse is lack of drivers. If you pay poor wages when there’s a shortage of workers, you’re unlikely to fill any vacancies.*

*We will be bringing a motion to full council in September. This will call for the termination of the contract with FCC, bringing the services back in house and working in partnership with more successful councils like Teignbridge.*

*In the meantime, we will be doing everything we can to support the frontline staff in delivering the best service they can. Throughout this fiasco we know it has not been easy for those emptying the bins or answering the phone to angry residents – we thank them for everything they have tried to do.*

*Things won’t be solved overnight but we shall continue to highlight incompetence and not be deflected. We are very sorry for the position we find ourselves in, and we will be doing everything to make the administration change their approach.*

Opposition Group SHDC

Cllr Abbott, Cllr Birch, Cllr Brazil, Cllr Hodgson, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Kemp, Cllr Long, Cllr McKay, Cllr O’Callaghan, Cllr Pannell, Cllr Rose, Cllr Sweet & Cllr Thomas

**This motion was proposed by Cllr Hocking, seconded Cllr Coleman and approved unanimously**

- e) Neighbourhood Plan S106 Amendment. We are still receiving information from those involved with the Neighbourhood Plan regarding the proposal to investigate an amendment to future S106 agreements. Some queries have been raised, for example split residency or for how long can you be away from the property before the agreement is broken. Answers will be obtained and fed back to the Councillors who can then decide if to proceed or not.
- f) Parish Parking Project, the closing date of the project is 30<sup>th</sup> September, we have received some excellent feedback, please complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G7SLCKP> or fill in the hard copy from the newsletter and return it to either Hope Cove or Malborough Post Office.
- g) Speed signage: It has been ascertained that in other areas of the country some local councils have obtained permission for speed stickers to be added to black waste bins. It was proposed (on the proviso of permission being received from SHDC re placing stickers on bins) that the council purchase appropriate speed stickers, Polite Notice, Slow Down OR Speed Kills, Please Slow Down. Bulk packs can be purchased between 100-1,000 stickers at a cost of between £89-£475. Noted that at least two other local parishes would be interested in joining this traffic calming initiative, Cllrs Long and Pearce have offered contributions from their allowances to help reduce the cost to the parish.  
**Proposed Cllr Carter, seconded Cllr Rundle, approved 4:1**
- h) Seaweed pool on Harbour Beach: We have received complaints that the seaweed pool has been particularly pungent this year. Concerns were raised that the smell could be a leak further up the beach from the sewage pipe that discharges on the other side of the breakwater. The water is blue and this year in particular, the smell is severe. South West Water will be contacted regarding this, Cllr Coleman suggested weekly testing of the area in peak season, a suggestion supported by all present. We will also speak with the Harbour Master to establish how the seaweed issue was dealt with in the past.
- i) Memorial Bench Request: We have received a memorial bench request from visitors who have visited Hope Cove as a family for over 30 years. It was agreed in principle to replace one of the old benches that is now beyond repair. On the return of Cllr Green, we will confirm which is the most suitable bench to replace and will feed this information back to the family.
- j) SMASH CEB: Climate and Sustainability update. Postponed until October.

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39/21 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

**Receipts & Payments** –Month 6, see **APPENDIX A** for details

**Accounts to pay** – Clerks Salary & HMRC, Seton Sign £26.50, Nick Walker Printing £90, ICO Renewal £35, Do it all Services £75

**Proposed:** Cllr Hocking, **seconded:** Cllr Coleman, **approved unanimously.**

### Governance:

- a) We have received confirmation that the External Audit Exemption has been noted. No further action is required. All associated documents can be found on the website.

At 20.30 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed

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

- 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, Darke, Green, Hocking, Rossiter, Rundle **for Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Cllr Mark Long, WPC Pengilly, 3 South Huish Parish Council Notice Boards, National Trust, Richard Pollard, Dave Illingworth

## APPENDIX A - Month 6

Category	Descriptor	Date	Month No. of Report to Council	banked	Paid In	Paid Out	Cash Book Balance
Cash Book Balance b/f from last financial year							15,367.56
Receipt	July & August Gross Interest	09/08/2021	6	Y	0.34		22,741.19
Payment	Groundwork	12/07/2021	6	Y	-	54.60	22,686.59
Payment	Nick Walker Printing	12/07/2021	6	Y	-	297.00	22,389.59
Payment	Flete Gdn Sys	12/07/2021	6	Y	-	641.70	21,747.89
Payment	July Clerks Salary	30/07/2021	6	Y	-	460.02	21,287.87
Payment	ICO Renewal	13/08/2021	6	Y	-	35.00	21,252.87
Payment	August Clerks Salary	31/08/2021	6	Y	-	375.72	20,877.15
TOTALS YTD Financial year 2021/22					£ 9,830.38	-£ 4,320.79	20,877.15
RECONCILIATION CASH BOOK TO BANK							£
Cash book balance b/d					FY 2021/22 month	6	£ 20,877.15
Balance at bank at end :						07-Sep-21	
	Revenue Accounts					20,877.15	
	Unpresented Items				receipts payments	-	
				HMRC PAYMENT		£ 20,877.15	-
							Variance