

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 8 th June 2022		Venue & Time: Galmpton Village Hall, 7.00pm
Present: Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (in the chair) Cllr Ann Rossiter Cllr Alan Rundle Cllr Tom Windle	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce SHDC Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests 6	Apologies: DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Simon Coleman Cllr Steve Pearson

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

114 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No declarations of interest were received.

116 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 11th May 2022 without alteration, these were signed by the Chairman.

117 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

South Hams District Council has confirmed that South Huish Parish Council may co-opt a new Councillor. Three expressions of interest were received, the Councillors considered the candidates and voted in favour of inviting Jan Carter to join the council.

Cllr Carter completed the required documentation during the Clerks report and joined the Councillors at the table.

118 CLERKS REPORT

- Potential Police Hubs: We have received a letter from Anthony Mangnall MP which included a request for village halls to consider becoming police hubs. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to both Galmpton Village Hall and the Fisherman's Reading Room.
- Fisherman's Car Park: We have received an update from SHDC, the documents from Land Registry clearly show that SHDC are the owners of this area, however, this is HMPE (highway maintainable at public expense); in other words adopted highway. It is quite common that the freehold of land is held by one party, and yet it is still HMPE. The upshot is that the freeholder has limited (no) ability to do anything with or to the land that will affect its use as HMPE. SHDC were not aware of its HMPE status until recently, when DCC's mapping database was shared with them. That is why SHDC have not offered the land for use by the local hospitality businesses this year. The offer to lease to the PC at £7k pa was prior to their knowledge of it being HMPE. Following receipt of this information the parish council have made contact with DCC to explore this further and discuss any other option for it.
- Jubilee Tree Plaque: No update.
- Cannon & Anchor: Graham Phillips and Sue Illingworth have painted the cannon with Latonia specially mixed up by Crown paints to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Beachcomber Sinkhole: This has been reported again, SWW have asked if Highways have investigated, fortunately we have an email from SWW stating that they would investigate. They have advised they will contact us to discuss further within the week.
- The Green (Galmpton): We have recently received complaints regarding the Green and how the growth has affected visibility. For clarity, the original agreement from September 2020 is as follows:
A proposal to plant the entire green area with a variety of wildflowers no taller than 30 - 35cm in height has been received.

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The councillors still have strong concerns regarding liabilities due to the amount of traffic using the road and this must be their first priority. Full visibility is essential and this cannot be met simply by adding additional signs to the area.

A proposal was made for the whole of the green to be planted. It was further proposed that, if at any time the council feels that there is an issue with the height of the plants, it will be dealt with without further notice as the traffic visibility and safety is the priority.

Proposed Cllr Darke

Seconded Cllr Rossiter

Approved unanimously.

The Parish Council will always try to work with those who tend The Green but must reiterate that safety remains the priority.

- Parking Project: No updates at this time, we hope that our next meeting will take place in July.
- Issues have been raised with Highways regarding poor parking and issues with loading/unloading of goods to various businesses. A request has been made for more Enforcement, particularly during the next few months.
- We note that a road sweeper visited the parish recently, thank you to the Ward Councillors who have requested this on our behalf. We hope to see the sweeper again soon!

119 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).

- It was noted that the sinkhole continue to increase in size.
- New Road has been blocked with traffic on various occasions as the number of visitors to the parish increases. The lifeboat has already been prevented from getting through – this could quite literally result in the death of someone who requires saving.
- A boat is blocking the turning point by the harbour, the owner has been asked to move it but has not yet done so. This in turn is preventing an issue with Japanese Knotweed being dealt with.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: See Appendix B.

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

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

- a. Homes for Ukraine – guests continue to come to the South Hams, 63 properties have been matched with 194 guests, SHDC are inspecting premises, processing monies out to hosts and visitors as well as trying to deal with any issues that arise. All hosts and guests are now connected to SHDC & Govt websites. Fusion leisure have offered a six month pass to the guests. Everything is currently running smoothly but SHDC have contingency plans in place for any issues that may arise.
- b. Council energy tax rebates of £150 – continues successfully but there are 25% of residents who do not pay via direct debit and they have not all been in contact to claim their refunds. If you do not pay directly, please

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contact SHDC and complete their form to enable the payment to be processed. Please remember that SHDC will never call and ask for personal bank details, please do not supply your banking information over the telephone.

- c. Bin Collections: The service has worsened over the month, FCC are sending out fewer brown bin rounds. There are developments behind the scenes, a full update will be provided by our Ward Councillors at the July meeting. **All missed collections MUST be reported.**

The following statements have been issued by FCC and SHDC today:

A spokesperson for FCC Environment said:

FCC Environment understands South Hams residents' frustration and annoyance with the continued disruption to the waste and recycling services. We would like to sincerely apologise for the failure to deliver the service you expect and deserve.

In particular we would like to say sorry for the difficulties experienced with the reintroduction of the garden waste collection service. There are reasons for this but we want to clarify that when the service was rolled out we had recruited sufficient staff required under the contract to deliver the service but since then staff have left the contract and we have been unable to replace them. We are operating an average absence level of 14% and, along with other issues which have made ongoing recruitment challenging, this has made delivering the service problematic. Notwithstanding these issues, the residents have a right to expect a good and reliable service. At all stages, FCC has sought to work with the council to improve and resolve the situation and this remains the case.

We are fully committed to ensuring that everybody has a garden waste collection service on a reasonably regular basis whilst the ongoing issues are resolved. In addition, we are looking at how we can adjust our collection rounds to ensure that the same households are not missed each time.

In response, South Hams District Council have issued the following:

A spokesperson for South Hams District Council, said:

"The Council has taken legal advice and has written to FCC demanding that they rectify the situation as a matter of priority. The situation has gone on far too long and it urgently requires a resolution for residents.

"Unfortunately, the Council is unable to provide further details at this stage, but they will provide an update as soon as they are able to.

"At all stages, the Council has sought to work with the contractor to improve and resolve the situation."

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...

120 PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 0581/22/HHO, Tide Waves, Grand View Road, rear extension with decking over, side extension, enlarged patio with glass balustrading, replacement Juliet balcony and new wood burner flue (23/6) **SHPC Support** subject to clarity regarding the drainage system – is this going into a soakaway or sewer?
2. 1135/22/HHO, Tarqua, Hope Cove, External alterations (16/6). **SHPC Object.**

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3. 0512/22/HHO, Downsfoot, Bolberry Road, erection of small single storey extension to rear of existing rear kitchen (9/6) **SHPC Support.**
4. 4031/21/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel, READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans) Redevelopment of the existing hotel with owners accommodation to 7-holiday lets and 5 residential units (2/6) **SHPC Object.**
5. 1151/22/HHO, The Old Cottage, Galmpton, proposed extension and part replacement of existing garage (9/6) **SHPC Support**
6. 1741/22/FUL, Site at SX 677 403, Adjacent to Weymouth Park, New dwelling with undercroft workshop & storage at rear (7/7) **SHPC Object**

DECISIONS:

7. 0285/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, single storey rear extension. (12/5). **SHDC No Decision Yet**
8. 0886/22/HHO, Tara, Galmpton, alterations and extension to dwelling, (12/5). **SHDC Conditional Approval**
9. 0270/22/CLE, Kiln Field, Certificate of Lawfulness. **SHDC no decision yet**
10. 1303/21/FUL, Land At SX 680402 east of Thornlea View, erection of ten dwellings. **SHDC no decision yet**
11. 0865/21/VAR, Little Shear, Readvertisement, application for variation of Condition 2. **SHDC Refused**
12. 3530/21/FUL, Former Hope Cove Hotel, demolish hotel and erect dwelling. **Withdrawn**
13. 0070/22/VAR, Lantern Lodge, Variation of Condition 2 (14/4) **SHDC Conditional Approval**
14. Lantern Lodge: Appeal Decision not yet received.

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

121 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) Neighbourhood Plan Modification: It was resolved to update Policy SH H2 Principal Residence, by ensuring that all Principal Residences are conditioned via a Section 106 agreement. Documentation will be issued in due course, this will be followed with a new consultation taking place prior to going to the examiner.
- b) South West Water & cliff erosion issue - South West Water stated:
Given that South Hams Council are the coastal authority who are responsible for managing coast defences, coastal change, coastal planning, coastal assets, public health and safety, coastal habitats, and emergency response. He suggests that this concern is taken up directly by the Parish Council with South Hams Council. However, we have no current concerns with our assets in the area, however if there is an asset failure we would manage this as an emergency and would probably result in emergency tankering until our asset is repaired or rediverted.
We contacted SHDC who have advised this stretch of coastline has a No Active Intervention policy, essentially meaning that they want the coast to develop naturally over the next 100 years. They have further stated:

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- *Therefore from a coastal policy perspective there is currently no obligation on SHDC to intervene or propose deviation from the recommendation management policy.*
- *Strategic: The response from SWW would also appear to indicate that they do not deem the condition of the cliff sufficient enough to warrant any intervention on their part.*
- *Private: The various surveys that have been undertaken would seem to indicate that the issue, in the short term at least, remains a private matter.*
- *Should this position change, or the private owner requires further support, then we would be happy to try and facilitate further discussions between key stakeholders. It should however be reiterated that at this time there would be no intention for SHDC to take sole responsibility for this matter.*

This information will be put out in the public domain to ensure that as many people as possible are aware of the situation (including stakeholders – Harbour Authority, local businesses, South West Water, South Hams District Council, Devon County Council, Environment Agency, South West Coast Path, National Trust etc). Details will be included on social media/website/newsletters and more! A clarification of responsibilities is required before something happens.

- c) Leat Maintenance: In February, a resident emailed other residents who currently live on the leat – no helpful responses were received. The undergrowth is now out of control, all properties either side of the leat are riparian owners, their ownership extends to the middle of leat – it is the responsibility of the property owners. The Atkins report can be referred to for information on the leat.
- d) St Andrews Church, South Huish: We have received complaints regarding the standard of works undertaken at the Church. All Enforcement issues need to be reported directly to South Hams District Council. The Parish Council will also be following this up.

122 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) **Receipts & Payments – Month 3, See Appendix A**, Clerks Salary & HMRC, Flete Gardens £158.40 (to be ratified in July), Alison Marshall Internal Audit £150, Gallagher (insurance renewal) £411.63, Nick Walker Printing Parish Magazine £105. **It was unanimously resolved to accept all payments, a mandate sheet was produced and signed.**

b) **Governance:**

1. Delegated Authority Review:

Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a council to delegate the power to make decisions to an officer, a committee, a sub-committee or another council.

It was resolved to allow the Parish Clerk the authority to respond to planning/payments and other works as required on the proviso that a majority approval has been received in writing from the Councillors prior to proceeding. This resolution applies in the event of any future meetings having to be cancelled or deferred for reasons outside the control of the Parish Council. This agreement will be reviewed in May 2023.

123 At 20.25 hrs the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Next Meeting Dates – **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: _____

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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 Council	banked	Paid In	Paid Out	Cash Book Balance	
Cash Book Balance b/f from last financial year							24,481.60	
Payment	Flete Gardens P3	17/05/2022	3	Y	-	338.10	33,345.73	
Payment	P3 Fuel Paul Green	17/05/2022	3	Y	-	7.89	33,337.84	
TOTALS YTD Financial year 2022/23					£ 10,353.14	-£ 1,496.90	33,337.84	
RECONCILIATION CASH BOOK TO BANK							£	
Cash book balance b/d					FY 2021/22 month	3	£ 33,337.84	
Balance at bank at end :								
						06-Jun-22		
						33,337.84		
						-		
					HMRC PAYMENT	receipts		
						payments		
						£ 33,337.84		
							Variance	
FUNDS:								
14,000.00	Fishermans Car Park & Parking Project							
2,000.00	Defibrillator Renewals							
4,000.00	Maintenance							
500.00	Website & Computer Equipment							
200.00	Sustainable Malborough & South Huish Sub-Committee							
146.15	P3							
1,076.00	Snow Warden/Gritter							
250.00	Election							
11,165.69	General Funds							
33,337.84	TOTAL							
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT								
					Clerk	Basic Salary	Via DD	-391.42
					Plus			
						Flete Gardens P3	-	158.40
						Alison Marshall IA	-	150.00
						Gallagher Insurance	-	411.63
						Nick Walker Printing	-	105.00
					Meeting Sub Total		-	1,216.45