

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

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| Date: 27 th March 2023 | | Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs |
| Present: Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Paul Booker (Chairman) Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Emma Halmshaw (part meeting) Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Nick Townsend | In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Part Meeting: Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/Guests Present: Samantha Dennis | Apologies: Dist. Cllr Mark Long |

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

230 PARISHIONERS 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):

- Issues regarding the Rockbox were raised, a letter is being sent to SHDC and Environmental Health, there is an expectation that SHDC will limit future operations so that they do not cause unacceptable impacts. Cllr Pearce has had a meeting with Environmental Health who are prepared to visit to undertake noise monitoring when Rockbox is next operational.
- A parishioner expressed gratitude to farmers for adding notices regarding lambs in fields for dogwalkers. Could farmers also notify when the fields have been sprayed with weedkiller? This is only a temporary issue, of approximately ten days. Noted that the Public Rights of Way department have no policy on this.

Valda Smith, National Trust Ranger sent the following report:

- Track repairs will be carried out this week ready for Easter.
- The main boardwalk, opposite the carpark, is currently being replaced with an upgraded version to allow disabled access, with a viewing platform on the beach end. The work will stop during Easter break and the platform will be added after Easter.
- The top boardwalk (opposite the cafe) is also due to be replaced, this is planned for after the Easter break.
- Options to manage the undercutting of the outfall pipe are being discussed with the engineer and its condition is being monitor for any further damage.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

1. The new Devon County Council CEO and Head of Children's Service have both settled in and are getting to grips with the myriad of issues.
2. Devon County Council, Council Tax confirmed at 4.9% increase.
3. £200m has been given across England and Wales to deal with potholes. Devon has been awarded £9.4m of this funding.
4. Local Enterprise Partnerships across the UK are now to be dissolved and will be reassigned to Devon County Council to ensure that elected members make decisions and distribute money as opposed to unelected quangos.
5. The Devolution deal for Devon requires additional consultation, negotiations continue to take place. It is anticipated that there will be no mayor, the structures will all remain the same. The deal would encompass 8 Districts and two Unitary Authorities – Plymouth & Torbay.
6. There are two funds totalling £10m available for distribution, these are the Household Support Grant and Growing Communities Fund – details of both can be found on the Devon County Council website.
7. The 160 bus service has been saved but will no longer be running over weekends as this element of the service has been withdrawn, this is predominantly due to lack of drivers.
8. Airband have installed a new pole which has visually blocked signage. Cllr Gilbert was going to view the site.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (A379 FISHLEY TO ASHFORD CROSS - ASHFORD CROSS A379 - A379 ASHFORD CROSS TO AVETON GIFFORD HILL - A379 AVETON GIFFORD BY PASS, MODBURY / AVETON GIFFORD) ORDER 2023

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023**
for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023**

Between the hours of **08:00** and **18:00**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -

A379 FISHLEY TO ASHFORD CROSS - ASHFORD CROSS A379 - A379 ASHFORD CROSS TO AVETON GIFFORD HILL - A379 AVETON GIFFORD BY PASS, MODBURY / AVETON GIFFORD , [FROM: OUTSIDE SPICERSCOMBE BARN TO: OUTSIDE ICY PARK ESTATE]

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - A379, A3121, A38, A385, A381, A379

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
POLE REPLACEMENT, OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND CABLING, TREE CUTTING, EXCAVATION TO CLEAR BLOCKAGES.

For additional information contact:
FREEFLOW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
Telephone: **07714443995**

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

1. The Modbury Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum on 9th March, 84.78% of those who voted did so in support of the plan. The plan will be made at Council on 30th March.
2. The garden waste collection scheme commenced 6th March. Those taking part in the scheme have been provided with the relevant stickers. If you are not part of the scheme but would like your brown bins collected please make a request for this on the SHDC website.
3. Charging for entrance to SHDC owned public toilets will cease on 1st April 2023.
4. Cllr Pearce invited to 10 Downing Street to attend a Reception.

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5. 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>

Missed Bins, Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged/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...

The meeting convened

231 WELCOME & APOLOGIES:

232 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were received.

233 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 27th February 2023 without alteration, they were then signed by the Chairman.

234 CLERKS REPORT:

- Local Elections. For anyone interested in putting themselves forward as a Councillor there is still time to apply. Forms must be completed and submitted to Follaton House by 4pm on 4th April. A list of those standing for election will be issued by South Hams District Council on 5th April.
- Thank you to Cllr Judy Pearce for a localities payment of £100 to cover the cost of the new 20 is plenty signage.
- Scam Alert: Police are warning people to be on their guard after an elderly couple from Gloucester lost more than £20,000 to fraudsters this week. The couple were called by the scammers, who claimed they were police officers from the Met investigating a criminal transaction. Officers believe that other people in the county could now be targeted and are reminding family and friends to keep an eye on elderly and vulnerable loved ones.

235 PLANNING:

- Applications** received by the Parish Council and under discussion and consideration for the last period. Any recommendation by the Parish Council to the Planning Department is noted after the application details. Those without comment remain under discussion.

NOTE: When providing a response to applications, the South Milton Neighbourhood Plan will be referenced.

- Neighbouring Parish Consultation: 0481/23/FUL, South Huish Farm, Conversion of existing stables into incidental art studio 6/4. **No Comment.**
- Neighbourhood Plan Update: Cllr Pearce will speak with the Officer, she hopes to meet him this week.

b. **South Hams District Council Decisions:**

- 3840/22/FUL, Higher Southdown Farm, (29/12) **No Decision Yet.**
- 3947/22/TCA, Land at SX 697 429, Webbers, South Milton (11/12) **No Decision Yet.**
- 4250/22/HHO, Thorntons, South Milton, application for new garden room (9/2) **No Decision Yet.**
- 4046/22/FUL, Development Site At Sx 698 428, Whitlocksworthy To Sutton Cross (3/3) **No Decision Yet.**

c. **Enforcement issues:**

Please will all parishioners make a report to SHDC with full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported confidentially to

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Enforcement via www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach If you would like to submit a report but do not have access to the website, please contact the Parish Clerk.

236 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Police & Crime Commissioners Councillor Advocate Scheme, 23rd March Meeting Update:
Cllr Jinks provided the following details
1. There is a new ANPR camera which has gone live in Dartmouth.
 2. There are a growing number of thefts of bikes and mopeds. This started in the Torbay area and is now spreading across the South Hams.
 3. The biggest operation being worked on presently is regarding cable thefts from the National Grid.
 4. In the last 14 days, there were 32 crimes in Kingsbridge and the surrounding area, this was mostly theft of fuel from filling stations. Graffiti is on the rise as is catalytic convertor thefts.
 5. There have been numerous reports of dogs worrying livestock – a note will be coming out to parishes to remind people that there are a lot of lambs in fields.
 6. We are seeing a drug use increase in the area. The main drug of preference to users is now ketamine due to the increased cost of cannabis.
 7. Road signs in the area are being uprooted and then laid down on verges – no one currently knows why or who is responsible.
 8. Kingsbridge Police Station is to open the front desk again – a very welcome development.
- b. There will be a change to bus services operating in the Kingsbridge area from 1st April. The 160 Kingsbridge Town Service and 162 Loddiswell to Hope Cove “hail & ride” services have been saved but, the full services were not saved as a decision has been made not to operate these routes on Saturdays. This means that the villages currently served by the 162 will have no weekend service at all. Kingsbridge Town Council are prepared to take the lead in investigating alternative means of serving the affected villages, but only if the parishes involved desire it. If a good response is received they will set up a Steering Group in Kingsbridge on which there would be representatives from the interested parishes. The Council resolved to support this with Cllr Anne Berryman acting as our representative.
- c. Render Quote to Cemetery Wall: Simon Pugh of 63 Interiors has provided a quote of £350 for two coats of lime mortar render and supply of hydraulic lime and sharp sand plus placing and fixing three mosaics in their frames to the wall. The Councillors resolved to accept this quote.
- d. Climate & Nature Update: The next energy workshop will take place 13th May, due to focus on solar panels, batteries & tariffs.
- e. Parking & Highways Taskforce Update. The new signage has been received, it attaches to traffic cones and will be used to encourage better parking habits in the area. It is anticipated that they will be used during the harvesting periods and peak season. Cllr Halmshaw will endeavour to speak to the owners of the holiday homes that could be impacted in the vicinity of Milton Cross.
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237 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a. **Accounts to pay Month 12** – Clerks Salary including HMRC, Monthly bank charge £8, Hall Hire March £20.

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| A | Cash in Hand 27/03/2023 (per Cash Book) | | 19,625.09 |
| | Cash in hand per Bank Statements | | |
| | Petty Cash | 09/01/2023 | 0.00 |
| | Deposit Account | 27/03/2023 | 15,539.13 |
| | Current Account | 27/03/2023 | 4,105.96 |
| | | | 19,645.09 |
| | Less unrepresented payments | | 20.00 |
| | | | 19,625.09 |
| | Plus unrepresented receipts | | |
| B | Adjusted Bank Balance | | 19,625.09 |

b. Governance:

a) Internal/External Audit.

The internal audit documentation is currently being prepared. The intention of the Council is to certify itself exempt from a limited assurance review at the April meeting once all the details have been reviewed.

b) April – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

238 MEETING ENDS 20.43 Hrs

239 DATES FOR THE DIARY: 24th Apr, 22nd May, 26th Jun, 17th Jul, 25th Sept, 16th Oct, 27th Nov 2023, South Milton Village Hall, 19.30 hrs.

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please could these be submitted to Mrs Katharine Harrod by the 3rd Monday 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 Mrs Katharine Harrod for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List

Cllrs Berryman, Booker, Brice, Collyer, Halmshaw, Jinks, Townsend

For Information: e-circulation to: County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, South Milton Parish Council Notice Board, National Trust, Riccardo Carrelli, Jenny Brown.