

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

Date: 25 th October 2021		Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs
Present: Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair) Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Tim Lewis Cllr Nick Townsend	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/Guests Present: 1	Apologies: Cllr Anne Berryman

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

98 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

99 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr G Collyer in respect of Planning – 2769/21/HHO 7 Sunnyside

100 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 27th September were approved without alteration and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Brice Seconded: Cllr Lewis and agreed unanimously

101 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. CEE Bill: Confirmation of the support of South Milton Parish Council has been provided to Peter Scott of the South Hams Climate Action Network.
- b. Speed Signs Update: We have contacted the school, they will be asking the students to create some designs that will then be reviewed by Councillors who will agree which ones will be made into aluminium signs.
- c. Burial Ground Schematic: The current schematic is only available in paper format, an Excel schematic document is being created as an added level of security.
- d. Defibrillator Training, we are arranging a training session due to take place at the village hall in November. Full details will be issued shortly.
- e. Connecting Devon & Somerset Super Fibre Rollout. On 6th October the Airband representative held an open session at Malborough Village Hall to provide details of the proposed rollout. See **APPENDICES B & C** for information, there are 79 properties within South Milton/Sutton and Upton that are due to be connected, this information is unable to be posted on the website due to Data Protection, however, if you live more than one mile away from a connection box, please contact the Clerk with your name and address to establish if you are on the connection list.
- f. Lane End – Highways have been asked to provide signage to highlight the danger of that corner but have responded that the Network Response Team put out signage when reports have been submitted stating the road is flooded. They have also been made aware that the entire corner and both sides of the main road were flooded during the recent rains. Cllr Gilbert confirmed he will provide a 'flooding' sign and is also arranging to return traffic cones removed from Village Hall during recent clearing up following flooding.
- g. Neighbourhood Plan S106 Principal Residence Clause: Salcombe Town Council are putting through a similar update which is currently being reviewed by the Examiner, it is anticipated that the report will be issued by the end of the year. South Milton Parish Council will await sight of this report and update any of their proposed wording in line with the Examiners comments to ensure that there are no unnecessary delays in the process.

The Steering Group is reviewing the policies of the Plan particularly in respect of the Dairy site, the car park/playground, general effectiveness of policies and implementation of projects. Comments should be directed to Cllr Townsend or Cllr Lewis.

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102 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):

- a. Wakeham Update – Cllr Townsend reported a further visit from Richard Keen and Emma Farraday to show the full set of plans to be submitted to Planning shortly. Hopefully this will be done before the November meeting so Councillors can inspect them.
- b. A parishioner was seeking support from SMPC in the matter of the unbunded metal fuel storage tank in the garage over which his sitting room and kitchen are located. To date he has tried to get advice and help from SHDC Planning and Environmental Health, Devon Building, the fuel suppliers via Oftec and Devon Fire and Rescue Service. Whilst sympathetic to his situation, it was felt that this is a civil matter and so SMPC, like SHDC, cannot intervene. However, it was recommended that he contact the Environment Agency for advice as well as follow up his contact with DFRS. SMPC noted that the owners of the tank had not yet been made aware of the concerns about its safety or suitability in that location.
- c. Beach Steps in front of Sandbank, South Milton. Cllr Collyer brought a photo to the meeting showing the condition of the steps to the beach. The situation is complicated as they were built many years ago on what is private land. It is an important access point which is heavily used. The problem is finding funding for repair. Cllr Townsend volunteered to raise the matter with the owner and will report back.
- d. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**
Cllr Gilbert having discussed items 101.f and 102.c had nothing further to report and left the meeting.
CLLR GILBERT LEFT THE MEETING.

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If you do not have internet access, please contact the Clerk on 07704 941150

e. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

1. There is an improvement plan re the planning system which will result in more planning and enforcement officers. This will also incorporate levels of consistency across the consideration of planning applications.
2. SHDC Brown Bin Suspension of service: The unwelcome news that brown bins (garden waste) will not be collected until at least the spring was confirmed. This is almost entirely due to lack of drivers. There followed a discussion on alternative collections, refunds of Council Tax bills or reductions in the next bill were mentioned but Cllr Pearce confirmed all these ideas and more had been considered and discarded. A letter will be going out to every household explaining the situation.
3. Recycling and Waste:
SHDC are aware of the shortcomings of the “service” and reiterate if you know of anyone who is not getting their assisted collection or if a collection has been missed it needs to be reported online at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/6185/Missed-Bin-or-Recycling>. 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
Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk
4. Cllr Pearce referenced the declaration by SHDC of a Housing Crisis and confirmed plans for a housing company so Council can build affordable housing on its own land. Additionally, the campaign to encourage and facilitate downsizing council houses to ensure best use is ongoing.

It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful

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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...

103 PLANNING:

- a. **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.

- 2769/21/HHO, 7 Sunnyside, Single storey rear extension. **SMPC Support**
Noted that a Certificate B is required, this will be confirmed with the Planning Officer Sarah Carroll.

Decisions:

- 2890/21/LBC, Porch Cottage, Replacement doors/windows Support. **Conditional Approval**
- 3050/21/HHO, Ocean Point, Extension for boot room & Garden Room. **Conditional Approval**
- 1099/21/FUL, New Dwelling. **Conditional Approval**
- 2664/21/FUL, Tolcarne, Demolition & construction of new building **SHDC No Decision**
- 1971/21/VAR, Park Cottage, Variation of Condition 2. **Conditional Approval**

- b. **Enforcement issues:** Continue to be dealt with.

Please will all parishioners provide the Clerk with 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

104 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) Suspension of brown bin collection & alternative service. Covered under minute reference 102.e.2.
 - b) Bench at Links Road/Court. Cllr Jinks provided a photo of the bench by Links Court, originally presented to SMPC in 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. It was agreed to replace it as it is beyond repair. Cllrs Pearce and Long recommended contacting Paul Chambers of SW Devon's Property Services for a price to purchase and install a new one.
 - c) Sewage Treatment Plant Overflow Update. Cllr Townsend had received a report from South West Water who confirm several incidents in late July/early August but apparently all were within the permitted Consent conditions. Devon Birds had also made an FOI request to South West Water and been advised that there were about 60 instances of overflows in 2020. The situation will continue to be closely monitored.
 - d) Clean up following deluge on 5th October. SMPC recorded thanks to resident Mr Barry Hancox for clearing the centre of the village and to Mr Nigel Lee for clearing slippages in Mill Lane. Devon Highways were also thanked for their prompt and efficient cleaning up in both areas. Permissive Paths in South Milton Reserve. Cllr Townsend.
 - e) Permissive Paths in South Milton Reserve. Cllr Townsend advised councillors to disregard the draft circulated; an updated version will be available at the next meeting
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105 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a. The accounts month 7 - **Appendix A**. A mandate sheet and transaction records were produced and signed in respect of the below payments:

Accounts to pay – Clerks Salary including HMRC £245.30, Jeremy Bell Cemetery Maintenance £258 (invoices to 29th September)

The payments were proposed by Cllr Booker, seconded by Cllr Collyer, approved unanimously.

MEETING ENDS **21.40** Hrs

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Items for the next Agenda: Proposal to update the Neighbourhood Plan to incorporate a S106 Principal Residence Clause on all newbuild properties that are not replacement dwellings.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: 22nd November, 24th January, 28th February, 28th March, South Milton Village Hall (Covid Restrictions Allowing), 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, Jinks, Lewis, 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.

APPENDIX A: South Milton Parish Council Finance: Month 7

Category	Descriptor	Date	Month No. of Report to Council	banked/Chq NO	Paid In	Paid Out	Cash Book Balance
Cash Book Balance b/f from last financial year							16,343.40
Receipts	September Gross Interest	03/09/2021	7	Y	0.24	-	17,245.32
Receipts	South Hams District Council 2nd Tranche Precept	24/09/2021	7	Y	2,278.50		19,523.82
Payment	Clerk September Salary	29/09/2021	7	72		196.10	19,327.72
Payment	September HMRC		7			49.00	19,278.72
Payment	J Bell Invoices dated 14/9 & 21/9	27/09/2021	7	73 & 75		162.00	19,116.72
Payment	Parish Magazine Printing	27/09/2021	7	74		45.50	19,071.22
TOTALS YTD Financial year 2021/22					£ 5,227.66	-£ 2,499.84	£ 19,071.22
RECONCILIATION CASH BOOK TO BANK							£
Cash book balance b/d					FY 2021/22 month	7	£ 19,425.92
						receipts	5,227.66
						payments	- 2,499.84
						£ 2,727.82	- 354.70
							Variance
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT							
						Clerk Salary (& HMRC) paid on 31st of each month	-245.30
						J Bell to 3/8	- 120.00
						J Bell to 29/9	- 138.00
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Meeting Sub Total							- 503.30