

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

Date: 17 th October 2022		Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs
Present: Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Paul Booker (Chairman) Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Emma Halmshaw Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Nick Townsend	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/Guests Present: 1	Apologies: Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

200 WELCOME & APOLOGIES:

201 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest were received.

202 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 26th September 2022 without alteration, they were then signed by the Chairman.

203 CLERKS REPORT:

a. Notice of Frogmore Roadworks:

Work is due to be carried out on the A379 at Frogmore. The road will be closed to vehicles 24 hours per day including weekends.

Due to the nature of the works a road closure is required and the diversionary route for traffic will signposted and advance signs will also be placed on the Highway. Extra signs **will** be provided stating local businesses are open at each end of the closure.

I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, including construction noise. We will endeavour to keep all disruption to a minimum.

The planned on-site working hours will be **Monday 7th November until Friday 25th November 2022**

Our planned programme for the delivery of the work is:

- Excavation and replace and repair existing drainage and drain chambers across the A379 in Frogmore village.
- Reinstall of the road surface and some associated patching.

Please see the below map showing the affected area for works which highlighted in **orange**.



b. The following Devon & Somerset Fire Service consultation has been received:

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Every year we ask our communities and businesses about the level of precept (council tax contribution) for the fire and rescue service. This consultation is open now until midday on 30 November.

We would like to hear from as many people as possible across Devon and Somerset to better understand our residents' views. Please can you complete the online survey and share this with your networks. Should you or anyone else be unable to complete this online please call 01392 872354 and leave a message with your name and number. Please see attached a poster for you to display if there are any appropriate places, or please include in any timely newsletters you may have.

Whilst we are aware of the pressures many of us are facing now and in the coming months, your feedback will help to make more informed decisions for the next financial year.

- c. Reporting Scams: The **Citizens Advice Consumer Service (CACS)** operate the primary reporting tools for scams in England – collating and passing on cases to Trading Standards.

They offer tools for reporting online and offline scams – both available via <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/>

They also take phone calls via their consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

They also encourage consumers to make an additional report to **Action Fraud**, the national reporting body for fraud. They are part of the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau – who pass intelligence to police and other enforcement agencies for action.

They offer an online reporting tool <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>

They also take phone calls on 0300 123 2040

- d. Rockbox Update. South Hams District Council has recently provided the following information: When a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is applied for we only let the Police and Environmental health know as they are the only ones who are able to object to the application. I'm afraid a TEN isn't published anywhere for the public to view.

Essentially there is no way of knowing a TEN has been applied for. If you're having issues with a TEN that is granted then you can report the noise to our environmental health team who then may wish to object to the TEN.

South Milton Parish Council & Thurlestone Parish Council are in the process of writing a joint letter regarding the issues that have been experienced.

- e. Feedback has been provided to South Hams District Council Waste Management regarding issues with the waste collection service.
- f. Bench Installation: Cllrs Jinks & Townsend have removed the old bench at Links Road and are awaiting new fittings prior to the new bench being sited.

204 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):

Report from Valda Smith, Area Ranger, National Trust:

It has been a busy season at the beach but the traffic flow worked much better this year – particular thanks were given to those who took responsibility for putting out the A frame car park full sign. Moving the parking meters in the car park also helped with the flow of traffic as people were able to park up before obtaining a ticket. The overflow car park was closed from the beginning of September.

Some of the overflow car park fencing has come down today, there may be a small delay on the remainder of the fencing will remain for a short time to allow for the grass to recover.

The fencing around the wetland and sides has been replaced and the boardwalk will be replaced this winter – no date is available yet.

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The outfall pipe which drains the wetland in the reserve will be fixed either 7th or 21st November – this is weather dependent but the tide times are good and with a bit of luck the works will be completed.

Cllr Brice raised the issue of dogs on the beach and the lack of control over them, can they be banned between May and September or could they be made to remain on a lead while on the beach? Valda will pass the request on to Richard Snow.

It was noted BT were putting a new trench in at the overflow car park – this is the fibreoptic cable.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

- The main Modbury through road will be closed off for three months in early 2023 for the Victorian sewers to be upgraded. Further details will be provided.
- An Avian influenza Prevention Zone has been declared across Great Britain making it a legal requirement for all bird keepers to follow strict biosecurity measures. For full details see the Gov.uk website.
- DCC Finances – some progress is being made and millions of pounds are being saved, unfortunately millions more need to be saved! The outcome is that there will be a significant cut in some services and other services will be stopped completely. It is hoped that the budget will be set in a few weeks.
- Lane End appears to have been successfully unblocked, there has been no ponding following the heavy rains.
- Fibre broadband continues to be rolled out. Noted the fibre engineers are on a “need” list so there may be an influx of contractors coming in from places like Spain.
- The localities monies for the mosaic and new parish entry signage should be able to be released shortly.

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: cldr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk

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

1. Information regarding the cost-of-living help is now available on the SHDC website, <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help>, this provides help and guidance on a wide variety of help available and also includes a support directory for other organisations.
2. Rural England Prosperity fund - over 800k has been allocated to the South Hams. This is to replace the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group and will cover rural tourism, infrastructure such as cycle paths, village hall technology and more. All bids are to be submitted via SHDC, full information including an application form is available on their website.
3. The Planning department has undergone some changes, there is a new assistant director in charge of SHDC and West Devon. Three vacancies are being advertised. It is hoped that by November the new employees will be in place and the service will further improve.
4. The council have submitted an expression of interest to the Government re investment zones in the Freeport areas - Sherford, Langage and Devonport. It is hoped that additional business and jobs will be forthcoming as

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well as the building of the new hydrogen plant which will be one of three in the country. Further details will be provided.

5. The Government have advised that they may remove affordable housing ruling for estates of less than 40 properties. We await further information.
6. Since the waste service has been brought back in house by SHDC not a single brown bin collection has been stood down. There is one final brown bin collection to be undertaken across the parishes and any bins that may be missed can be reported direct to SHDC to ensure a final collection takes place. Employee morale has improved.
7. The entire UK is now in an avian flu zone. Avian influenza (bird flu) is a notifiable animal disease. If you suspect any type of avian influenza in poultry or captive birds you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.

Full details can be found via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

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...

205 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.

1. Neighbourhood Plan update including Principal Residence Policy: John Slater, the Examiner currently has all documentation for review and will hopefully start work soon as SHDC has resolved administrative matters with his appointment.

b. **Decisions:**

1. 4194/21/VAR, The Old Chapel, Variation of Condition 4. **SHDC No Decision Yet.**
2. 2872/22/HHO, Thorntons, South Milton, application for new garden room (29/9). **Withdrawn.**

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 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.

206 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Police & Crime Commissioners Councillor Advocate Scheme. South Hams Policing Councillor Advocate Scheme: There is a new scheme being created to ensure that parishes have police contact information and can obtain updates regarding crimes and police work in their areas. Cllr Jinks is the lead Councillor for the Police & Neighbourhood Watch role. Cllr Jinks has been provided with full contact information and will report back to the council at a future meeting.
- b. Report on Sustainable South Hams Assembly: Attended by Cllrs Collyer, Townsend, River King & James Day. Sustainable South Hams have a fantastic website with a lot of information that is freely available. It was clear that there is a lot of benefit of parishes combining efforts to share resources and information.
- c. Climate & Nature Update: Cllr Townsend, A new page has been added to the parish website which also links to a website that James Day is setting up. An energy workshop was held at the village hall prior to pub night, those who attended felt it was valuable and made some great contributions. A second workshop will be arranged for early 2023 to share some of the valuable information available.

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Composting is being investigated by River King who is bringing a proposal to the next group session of the Climate & Nature Action Group.

Power Allotments – this is an initiative for smaller (5 acre) solar farms, the information received so far also includes mapping to show where these could possibly be sited - some of them are located in the parish. The idea is for a 5mw solar farm that would be able to supply local energy needs and feed into the grid.

- d. South West Water Treatment Plant Update: We have received a second email from South West Water dated 5th October advising they are currently dealing with an unusually high number of requests but will endeavour to respond within the 20 working days, as prescribed in the Regulations. Case reference 11680868.
- e. Resolution re Climate & Nature Emergency, Cllr Townsend. Deferred until a further meeting.
- f. Parking & Highways Taskforce Update. Cllrs Townsend, Jinks & Halmshaw. Deferred until a further meeting. Noted that having the Pumpkin Patch and Apple Press events over the same weekend caused an influx of vehicular traffic. Cllr Berryman advised that this would be avoided in future if possible.
- g. Airband Update. Airband have now completed the overview design document for this area and are commencing some physical surveys and quality control for this document. Questions regarding their progress can be made to marketing@airband.co.uk or by phoning 01905 676 121.
- h. Giant Crocus Bulbs: Salcombe Rotary have donated approximately 1300 crocus bulbs to South Milton Parish Council to be planted in the parish. Spring each year sees a beautiful purple carpet of crocus blooming in many communities across Great Britain and Ireland thanks to the Purple Crocus Corm planting to raise awareness of the Rotary fight for a polio free world.

Planting the purple crocus corms by Rotary and many community groups is a great way of getting active, having fun and talking to lots of different people about the need to eradicate the life threatening and disabling polio virus. The bulbs will be planted over the coming weeks and we hope for carpets of purple across the parish in the spring. A letter of thanks will be sent to Salcombe Rotary.

207 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a. **Appendix A. Accounts to pay Month 7** – Clerks Salary including HMRC, Burial Ground Maintenance £tbc, Monthly bank charge £8, Hall Hire September £20,

It was unanimously resolved to accept the payment schedule. A mandate sheet and transaction records were produced and signed in respect of the above payments:

- b. **Governance: None**

208 MEETING ENDS 20.48 Hrs

209 DATES FOR THE DIARY: 28th Nov, 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.

APPENDIX A: South Milton Parish Council Finance: Month 7

Category	Descriptor	Date	Month No. of Report to Council	ban ked	Paid In	Paid Out	Cash Book Balance
Payment	September Salary	30/09/2022	7	Y	-	199.62	21,125.73
Payment	SM Village Hall	05/10/2022	7	Y	-	20.00	21,105.73
Payment	Parish Magazine Printing	05/10/2022	7	Y	-	51.05	21,054.68
Payment	Jerrys Gardening Services	05/10/2022	7	Y	-	80.00	20,974.68
TOTALS YTD Financial year 2022/23					£ 7,322.95	-£ 3,470.74	£ 20,974.68
RECONCILIATION CASH BOOK TO BANK							£
Cash book balance b/d					FY 2022/23 month	7	£ 20,974.68