

**SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**OPS**

- TL volunteered to replace the bus stop sign at Lane End which had been uncovered following the recent accident.
- Noted that work on improvements to the drain below Fallowfield was taking place.

**Police** No report received.

**1. Present/Apologies:** Cllrs M. Brice, P. Davies, T. Lewis, R. Luscombe, E Grant, G. Collyer and P. Booker (SMPC) present. Also present Cllrs J. Pearce and S. Wright (SHDC), Cllr. R. Gilbert (DCC) and E Reece (National Trust).

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 had previously been circulated and were taken as read. They were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising not raised in agenda items below**

- Parish Map update – GC undertook to contact Nick Walker Printers to discuss the changes required.
- Purchase of Laptop – funding had been applied for from the Invest in Devon Fund via RG. MB gave details of the equipment we had been recommended at a cost of £700 + VAT. It was agreed that we should seek funding from JP and SW via SHDC Locality Fund with the remaining £500 sought from Invest in Devon. Once again, MB thanked JP, SW and RG for their support. Clerk to action.

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary or Other Interests on agenda items** None

**5. Correspondence**

- Natalie Keane had submitted her questionnaire which was available online but hard copies have been left in the Village Hall foyer. Replies to be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> March. She had visited the area and met several residents.

**6. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

- TL advised the Examiner had made a visit to the area following which he will be re-writing his report giving South Milton the recommendation to go to referendum. A request to hold this on 2<sup>nd</sup> May with the local elections was being considered by SHDC Electoral Officer.

**7. Planning matters**

- 0377/19/HHO Greenaway Cottage, South Milton – SUPPORT
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**8. South Milton Sands/National Trust**

- Emma Reece reported that, although there was a proliferation of signs, the message about not leaving litter around the toilets or bins seemed to be getting through to the public. The Trust had increased staff availability during half term and they had been working closely with SHDC staff, in particular with the Dog Warden, with a very satisfactory result.
- Work on the old outfall pipe from the bird reserve had been started but unfortunately it became clear that the damage was greater than envisaged. The outfall has been made safe temporarily until a decision is made on how to proceed.
- The track will very shortly be repaired.
- Car park was staffed during half term and will again be at Easter.
- In response to a question, ER said they were having to find another contractor to paint the Trust logo on the roof of the cafe hence the delay.
- PD reported that the SMS Working Group would be meeting again on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Debbie Clift had joined the group.
- PD and PB had had a meeting with the farmers along Horswell Lane to discuss enlarging some of the passing places. Following a meeting with Adam Keay DCC, it had been agreed to replace and move the 20mph sign near Collacot a few metres away. Hopefully the farmers will appreciate that SMPC are doing what they can to improve the situation; however, some councillors had reservations about this action as they fear it will increase the amount of traffic.
- MB asked ER to see if the brown Trust sign at Lane End could be removed.

## 9. District Councillors' Report

SW

- Approved 2019/20 Budget and, as a result, Council Tax for SHDC will increase by £5 per household.
- Capital Programme has confirmed an additional spend of £190,000 on play equipment.
- No changes to car park fees for 2019/20 except where this has been agreed as an alternative to the implementation of pay on entry at public toilets
- The Council has adopted a new four- banded Council Tax Reduction scheme ranging from 85% to 25%
- Confirmed the adoption of the final South Devon and Tamar Valley AONB Management Plans for 2019/2024
- Appointment of Sophie Hosking as Chief Executive
- Totnes Town Council's precept is now £5.91 higher the SHDC's. SHDC have written to the Town Council to explain so, when callers ring into SHDC, they have an answer to give on behalf of the Town Council.

JP

- Thurlestone Golf Club has applied for a certificate of Lawfulness in respect of parking on the field within our parish. They maintain that the field has been used for parking daily for the past ten years. If this cannot be proved, they will have to apply for planning permission; however, AONB Management Plan does not recommend the creation of any new car parks.

## 10. County Councillor's Report – RG

- Good news that the puddle at Lane End had been sorted out.
- Business news – Flybe had been taken over and the new owners had agreed to maintain the hubs. No confirmation as yet about the many regional connections. Sadly, interest in Appledore had not been forthcoming forthcoming to maintain it as a shipyard, although there is interest in other capacities.
- Broadband – in response to a question from PB, RG advised that they have problems with Gigaclear who have been warned about lack of progress in some areas. However, we are in Phase 1 which is progressing well. RG should know more sometime next week.
- Yellow Lines – PD reported that, at a recent meeting with Adam Keay, the question of possible double yellow lines along the road at Links Court has been raised by Thurlestone residents. This would allow the removal of all the small yellow notices. RG was not aware of any request to date and PD was able to point out to AK that Links Road falls within our parish.

## 11. Finance

The balances at bank totalled £16,336.40 after deducting the following payments which were approved:

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| • T Lewis (expenses re NP Examiner's visit) | £ 85.00  |
| • Hall hire                                 | £ 20.00  |
| • Clerk's salary                            | £ 200.00 |

## 12. Date of next meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

## OPS

- Traffic restrictions at Milton Cross – parked cars are a real problem in this area and the farmers have often complained about how difficult it is to get through with their large machines. Although in the past we have suggested double yellow lines, this has not been accepted by Highways; however, it is felt they might consider a small area. Before anything is done, we would need to consult with the residents who regularly park around there.

Approved.....  
(Chairman)

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