

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JULY 2019

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- Village Website GC and PB are in discussion about the future of the website and a meeting will shortly be organised.
- Dogs on Beaches JP advised that SHDC's Public Space Protection Orders are due to be reviewed this autumn with a view to making amendments. As part of this review, SMPC will be consulted but it was agreed that we should make plans to carry out our own consultation. This will be done via editorial in the next village newsletter, due out in September. At this stage, we do not know whose responsibility it is to negotiate with the different beach owners at South Milton Sands/Thurlestone Sands.

1. Present/Apologies: Cllrs M. Brice, T. Lewis, A. Berryman, G. Collyer and P. Booker (SMPC) present. Also present Cllrs. J. Pearce and M. Long (SHDC). Apologies from Cllrs. D. Clift and R Luscombe (SMPC), Cllr. R. Gilbert (DCC), Richard Snow and Emma Reece (NTrust).

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 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

- Lane End Skanska had advised that there is no cut scheduled before the end of the summer holidays. However, due to the constant concern about visibility at that junction, ML will contact West Alvington to find out details of their cutting back programme as it is in their parish. Visibility will be closely monitored and if necessary, we will deal with the situation ourselves.
- Speeding Controls A note had been delivered to each household along the stretch of road between Marengi and The Old Post Office asking for views on the speeding traffic situation. Those who replied were fully supportive of any efforts made to improve the situation. The Clerk had spoken to DCC Highways who will endeavour to arrange the hand held assessment which could happen fairly soon. This will be the first step for us to take.
- Parking at Milton Cross – Councillors agreed that the situation will continue to be monitored.

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

5. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Every household had received a copy of the Plan, the public meeting had been held on 11th July and we now await the referendum on Thursday 25th July.

6. Planning matters

- **2240/19/FUL** installation of domestic sewage treatment plant, Smilers Corner, South Huish - SUPPORT
- **1690/19/HHO** rear extension and works, Patchways Cottage, South Milton - SUPPORT
- **1775/19/FUL** new wooden ramp, Leasfoot Beach, Thurlestone Golf Club - SUPPORT

7. South Milton Sands/National Trust

Neither Richard Snow nor Emma Reece was able to attend but RS sent a report which was read out by the Clerk.

- Café Changes during daytime to offer a cheaper, quicker and simpler take away system which would service beach users better were outlined. The plan is to provide a kiosk type facility to operate from the extension to internal tables only during the day; after 6pm there will be fuller service to the outside tables. However, concern was raised that, as the extension had originally been provided for storage, it was hoped that the area at the back of the building would not revert to unsightly storage again.
- Old Broken Wall being replaced with posts and rope.

- Working Group Meeting the scheduled meeting had been cancelled and a new date is being sought.
- Dog on beaches RS reported that dog waste has reduced significantly but daily clean ups were essential, together with reminders to dog owners of their responsibilities. RS confirmed that the NTrust had no plans at this stage to ban dogs from this beach in the summer period as is common elsewhere in South Devon.
- Summer of Sports Days on Mondays during the holidays, lots of activities for beachgoers. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-milton-sands/whats-on

8. District Councillors' Reports

- JP Council Tax Support Grant Annual review about to take place on its continued gradual reduction. Ours currently equates to 3.7% of our council tax. It may be phased out over the next two years.
- New facilities and employment units in Salcombe have received planning permission.
- New Supplementary Planning Guidance will be issued on the protection of Horseshoe Bats. There is a small area in the north of our parish which will be affected.
- Emptying of Bins JP apologised for having been advising members of the public that litter and other bins are emptied within two hours of their being reported. In fact, the system had not been operating correctly but she understood that the situation has now been greatly improved.
- Hotel in Kingsbridge more consultation will be taking place.
- Climate Emergency it is likely that SHDC will be adopting a zero carbon agenda similar to DCC.
- Thurlestone Golf Club the two planning applications (year round parking in upper field and installation of meters) have both been withdrawn.
- ML Planning Training Primarily this will be aimed at new councillors and will be run by Pat Whymer on two Monday evenings in October.

9. County Councillor's Report - none.

10. Finance

- Payments to approve

Parish Magazine Printing	43.50
DALC (Councillors' Guides)	12.36
Nick Walker Printing (NP)	1,350.00
Clerk's salary	210.00
- Bank Account Status After approval of the above cheques, balances at bank were £17,278.21 which include £1,819 received from Groundwork UK to cover the cost of printing the Neighbourhood Plans.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 23rd September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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- A parishioner asked whether the beach café had the appropriate licence as music is being played through loudspeakers in the evening.

Approved..... Date.....
 (Chairman)