

# SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of 2022 Annual Parish Meeting *under the Chairmanship of Cllr Paul Booker.* The Parish Meeting may, by law, discuss all Parish affairs and pass resolutions about them

<b>Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022</b>		<b>Venue &amp; Time:</b> Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair) Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Nick Townsend	<b>In Attendance:</b> Mrs Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long Part Meeting County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Valda Smith - NT Ranger Parishioners: 2	<b>Apologies:</b> Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce

### **Minutes: Annual Parish Meeting 2022**

At the opening of the meeting Cllr Booker shared the very sad news of the death of our much-valued friend and parish councillor, Tim.

Tim had been a member of the parish council for a number of years.

He always had a comment to give and was one of the main contributors to the very comprehensive village plan.

Tim was also the police and neighbourhood watch liaison officer and our snow warden.

Cllr Booker had asked Cllr Townsend to put a tribute together as a very close friend and neighbour. Cllr Booker then passed the meeting to Cllr Townsend:

#### **Tim Lewis Tribute**

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I first got to know Tim as my neighbour when we moved back to England about 15 years ago. It was not long before we became very good friends. In between discussing all manner of village issues, we talked about everything from politics to cricket. I would often drop into his office and was always amazed how he could find his notes on any subject, of any vintage, amongst the great piles of papers. When it came to matters electronic, it was a very different story, and I would get a call saying something had disappeared into the ether. The one thing I could always find was the latest cricket score - he always had a tab open on his web browser for that – other things were usually a bit more difficult.

Paul has already mentioned the neighbourhood plan; this was the biggest task undertaken by the Parish Council in the last decade, well, as far as I am concerned this century. Tim expertly led the team through many challenges. We were amongst the first to start preparation of a plan and both we and South Hams District Council were on a steep learning curve. This is where Tim's extensive experience in dealing with local authorities came to the fore - he was a councillor in Richmond for many years. His greatest achievement was persuading SHDC to reduce their demand for 40 new homes in the parish to 18. We now rely on the knowledge and wisdom embodied in the NP to guide us through all the planning decisions we take today. We all owe Tim a big thank you.

We had many thorny issues to sort out in the Neighbourhood Plan and Tim used to tease me, calling me Mr 100% as we gradually worked our way through to the final solution. One thing I can say with 100% certainty, Tim, you were a top bloke, and I will miss you.

Cllr Nick Townsend

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Cllr Mark Long had known Tim for many years. Tim will be sorely missed by the parish for his many contributions, including issues such as the housing numbers. Tim always gave superb service, he always had an opinion – but everyone who knew him knew that those opinions were considered and backed by knowledge. His loss will be felt by many.

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Cllr Collyer echoed the sentiments of everyone, hardly a day went by when he didn't speak with Tim, he was part of many people's lives and will be sorely missed.

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A minute's silence was held in memory of Cllr Tim Lewis.

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**2022-1**            **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 had already been agreed and signed as a true record.

Cllr Paul Booker, in the Chair and Chairman of South Milton Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting of the Parish, highlighting the fact that it was an opportunity for everyone to hear reports and comment on how the Officers of the village are doing and highlight any areas of concern or aspiration.

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**2022-2**            **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Appendix A**

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**2022-3**            **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Gilbert paid his respects to Cllr Tim Lewis, they worked closely together and Tim was a big contributor. His loss will affect us all.

1. I have kept you informed on the various stages of Covid-19.
2. Overall, the past year has been quieter than previous years for South Milton and Devon County Council.
3. I have recently briefed you on the Devon Deal and Freeport.
4. Please continue to report highways issues online via report a problem.
5. The Lane End water problem seems to be repaired.
6. The issue regarding the beach steps also seems to have been resolved from a DCC/SMPC perspective.

I have enjoyed serving this council and I look forward to serving you for a few more years yet.

Cllr Gilbert pledged to support a mosaic to £200 in addition to the recent support of £100 towards signage.

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**2022-4**            **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT –**

A few key events from the last 12 months.

1. The South Milton "boating lake" at Lane End.
2. We have had one of the busiest summers with record number of visitors to the area and beach, and the boom of Air BnB accommodation.
3. Removal of the pill box from leas foot beach, and the crumbling cliffs.
4. The Wakeham farm development.
5. The connecting Devon & Somerset fibre project with Airband.
6. We had the local schools producing speed limit and beach clean signs.
7. A new pathway by Devon birds at mill lane.
8. The new proposed housing site at the dairy is hopefully move closer to starting.
9. The proposed changes to the village hall and car park.
10. Lastly some statistics on planning in the parish:  
There were 24 applications of which,  
15 had conditional approval  
2 had discharge of conditions approved  
1 permitted development  
1 withdrew  
1 refused  
4 still awaiting decision

This concludes my report

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**2022-5            NATIONAL TRUST REPORT – Appendix B**

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**2022-6            TREE WARDEN REPORT – No report received.**

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**2022-7            OPEN FORUM AND GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PARISH AFFAIRS:** No comments were received from the floor.

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AT 19:25hrs the Chair, Cllr Paul Booker, closed the meeting with thanks to all those that had attended.

**Signed as a true record:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name & Date:** \_\_\_\_\_