

# SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting;

Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		Venue & Time: Virtual Meeting, 19.30hrs
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair) Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Tim Lewis	<b>In Attendance:</b> Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce County Cllr Rufus Gilbert  Parishioners/Guests Present: 2	<b>Apologies:</b>  Cllr Nick Townsend

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

### 82 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

**83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations of interest were made by Cllr Brice in respect of planning application 1971/21/VAR and Cllr Berryman in respect of planning application 1794/21/HHO, the Councillors withdrew from these discussions.

### 84 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 3<sup>rd</sup> May were agreed without alteration and will be signed at the next available opportunity.

Proposed: Cllr Brice Seconded: Cllr Berryman and agreed unanimously

### 85 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. Verges and Footpaths: Various reports have been submitted re the maintenance of the footpaths and verges around the parish. Most have now been dealt with but we continue to follow up on those that still require additional attention.
- b. Details to take part in a project on landscape change in the South Devon AONB have been forwarded to Councillors and added to social media.
- c. The annual VAT Claim has been submitted.
- d. Lane End Hedge: We are seeking to get in touch with the landowner re cutting back the hedge to increase visibility.
- e. Pillbox overlooking Leas Foot Beach: The pillbox, which was starting to overhang the cliff has now been removed by the owner, it is currently sited on the beach. People have been seen climbing over it and sitting by it, the owners will be contacted again to request an update on removal of the pillbox to prevent it from being a health and safety hazard.

### 86 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. Lane End – the situation with the pooling is particularly hazardous with a near miss being recorded today. A strategy is required to remove the pooling and cut back the hedge to prevent further issues with line of sight. The danger at this time of year is people who are unaware of the area driving on the wrong side of the road or overhanging into the main road. Cllr Gilbert advised that a camera is required to be pushed into the drain system to find out where the problem is so that the road can be dug up in the right place. Cllr Gilbert will follow up the issue again. An email from the Clerk will be forwarded requesting urgent action.

#### b. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Some points of interest regarding Devon:

1. Population 802,000 excluding Plymouth and Torbay
2. 440 Parishes

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3. 5 x AONB's
4. 2 x National Parks
5. 4<sup>th</sup> oldest population of any County excluding Dorset, Cornwall and East Sussex.  
Some points of interest about DCC:
  - Gross spend =£1.5 Billion. Net Spend £578 Million. The difference being school spending coming from Government.
  - 70% of budget gets to 3% of population being most disadvantaged and vulnerable.
  - £282Million spent on adult social care.
  - DCC still has 180 schools = 94,000 children
  - Highways transport and waste spends £57 Million a year and disposes of ¼ million tons of waste.

**Broadband.** I am hopeful it will be done this year. Lot F surveys should be published soon. The Thurlestone area is to be done this summer and I'm not sure the geographical area covers South Milton.

**Parking Enforcement:** There is a shortage of Enforcement Officers at present.

**Speed Issue Links Road:** This is one of the straight sections of road and vehicles appear to be speeding along this section. The speed limit cannot be moved, however, we can add additional 30mph signs as repeaters if approved by the Parish Council, alternately we could consider more signs created by the school children (20 is plenty). This will be added to the next agenda.

**Vehicle abandoned:** Details of a long-standing parked vehicle will be forwarded to DCC with requests to forward a request to move the vehicle.

**Cllr Gilbert Left the Meeting.**

**PLEASE report all highways issues ONLINE at:**

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

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

**c. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: SEE APPENDIX B**

- a. Supersaver recycling service: there continue to be serious problems with the introduction of this service although improvements are being seen following the transfer of some SHDC staff to Torr Quarry. Failure to collect MUST be reported in online the NEXT DAY [southhams.gov.uk/article/6185/Missed-Bin-or-Recycling](https://southhams.gov.uk/article/6185/Missed-Bin-or-Recycling).

Please ask anyone with a missed collection of containers or bags to copy Mark Long or Judy Pearce in so it can be followed up.

Noted that some recycling collections are being collected and put together in the back of a truck. These items are taken to a recycling machine which mechanically sorts the items to ensure that all items are properly recycled.

- b. There is now a climate change fund of £3,000 per Ward Councillor, if you do have any suitable projects, please contact Cllrs Pearce and Long with details.

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

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or 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...

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**87 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.**

- 1794/21/HHO, Lower Terawhiti, Single storey extensions including roof lights. **SMPC Support**
- 1971/21/VAR, Park Cottage, Variation of Condition 2. **SMPC Support**

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### Decisions:

- o 1099/21/FUL, New Dwelling adjacent to Manor Cottage – **No Decision**
- o 0839/21/LBC & 0838/21/HHO, Trutes Court, garage conversion to accommodation – **No Decision**
- o 1263/21/FUL, Wakeham Farm, retrospective application and addition of two underground LPG tanks – **No Decision**

**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](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach)

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### **88 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- a) Proposal to support Anthony Mangnall MP in changing the name of the Totnes Constituency to South Devon.  
Proposed: Cllr Collyer, Seconded: Cllr Brice approved unanimously.
  - b) Trutes Court/Wakeham Site Meeting: Without sight of a planning application the Parish Council are currently unable to provide an opinion regarding the proposed development, we are grateful to all concerned for ensuring we remain updated at all times.
  - c) Beach Car Parking:
    - 1. Staffing is very stretched and it is understood that there have been resignations - they must have adequate staff on site, particularly when they open the overflow car park.
    - 2. The size of the overflow car park must remain fixed and should be the same capacity as last year. There were fewer traffic jams in Horswell lane last year than previously which we attribute to the size of the overflow car park and adequate staffing.
    - 3. It has been suggested that they keep the turn left sign out on busy days (they have been putting it away when staff depart). Apparently they are planning to erect a permanent sign on the sand dune opposite the entrance – This is fully supported by the Parish Council.
    - 4. Congestion in Horswell Lane is particularly severe when the NT car park is full and people are turning around. We have previously suggested that the NT have a sign at South Milton Cross when the car park is full (as they have at Mill Bay), this will be raised again.
    - 5. It is possible to add a solar panelled sign to be sited in the village which could be activated to show car park full.
  - d) We have been contacted by James Day about the signs at the Links Court car park. The text is now fine but they have been put on new signposts. The approved planning application indicated they would be placed on the existing posts which are less obtrusive. We drew attention to this when it last came to Council and we will ask Bantham Estate to rectify.
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### **89 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:**

- a. The accounts month 3 - **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, Post Office Stamps £7.92, Insurance Renewal £169.95, Jeremy Bell Cemetery Maintenance £36.  
The payments were proposed by Cllr Brice, seconded by Cllr Collyer and approved unanimously.
- b. **Governance:**
  - i. Proposal Code of Conduct: A proposal was made to accept the updated code of conduct recently adopted by South Hams District Council.  
**Proposed: Cllr Jinks Seconded Cllr Brice, approved unanimously.**
  - ii. We await confirmation that the VAT Claim for the period 2020/21 has been paid.

