



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT SOUTH MILTON VILLAGE HALL,
AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2024**

Present: Cllr Anne Berryman
Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair)
Cllr Emma Halmshaw
Cllr Steve Harding
Cllr Graeme Jinks
Cllr Marion Luscombe
Cllr Nick Townsend

In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Parish Clerk
7 Members of Public

400 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Gilbert, Dennis and Long

401 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):

- Stidston Farm, Pinhays, people are cutting across the field rather than walking around the edge. A request for signage was received. This will be reported to Devon County Council and a general reminder will be issued about using the public rights of way.
- Shute Lane Post-box - a request was received for it to be made more accessible. Cllr Luscombe has strimmed around the area once and kindly agreed to attend a second time.
- The drains around the village have all been checked and appear to be clear at this time, our thanks to Garth, John, Kim and Graham for keeping them flowing.
- There is a huge puddle by Upton and the road at that location is in a dreadful state – essentially there is a requirement for a pipe to be installed through the hedge to prevent the issues recurring every time it rains. Parishioners were advised to contact DCC. There are similar issues on Links Road near the camping field, the area was rodded last week but it's no better today. The landowners will be contacted with a request to rod out and clear the pipe. Cllr Booker agreed to speak to the landowners at Pinhays regarding their drainage issues.

Valda Smith, National Trust Ranger:

- The track is being regraded again one morning early this week prior to half term (weather permitting).
- The information plaque by the car park is going to be updated and refreshed this year ready for next season.
- Bolt Tail, archaeological dig in September at the Barrow Site, soil dating tests are being undertaken regarding the ditch feature that was discovered.
- Two new apprentices are on placement with the National Trust for 18 months re the Life on the Edge project.
- Over summer the traffic seemed to keep moving well after the one day.

a) DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

1. DEVOLUTION: The secretary of State has now signed off on this and it will come into being April 2025. It is named: CCA Combined County Authority and will NOT in any way affect Parish and Town Councils. Cllr Gilbert will keep South Milton Parish Council informed as to progress.

**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/>

b) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Email Cllr Samantha Dennis: samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk

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

1. See **Appendix A** for full report.
2. **Items still requiring an update:**
Lighting at South Milton Public Toilets,
Planning Consistency,
Social Housing

REPORT IT: <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...

THE MEETING CONVENED**402 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 23rd September 2024, these were then signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.

403 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY/OTHER INTERESTS & Updates to Register of Interests:

No declarations or updates to the register were received.

404 CLERKS REPORT: See Appendix B.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the report as read.

405 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. When providing a response to applications, the South Milton Neighbourhood Plan will be referenced where appropriate.
1. Local Planning: Wakeham Farm, 3011/24/VAR, variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 4178/21/FUL to regularise features that have been installed during construction, 7/11 **SUPPORT.**
 2. Local Planning: Dairy Site - no update for October.
 3. 2970/24/FUL, Brewery Quay, Salcombe, Removal of Condition 1 (restriction of occupancy to a principal home) of planning application reference 0434/20/FUL to allow for unrestricted residential occupancy (C3) of the 4 no. units 24/10.
The Salcombe Neighbourhood Planning group formulated a set of policies that are essential to the future sustainability of Salcombe. These policies were endorsed by referendum and included a policy on principal residency for new homes. South Milton Parish Council added a similar policy to the South Milton Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that South Milton remains a better place to live and work all year round, by



retaining a reasonable balance between full-time residency and second/holiday homes. Adjacent parishes have also adopted similar policies for similar reasons. South Milton Parish Council respects the reasons each local parish and town council has adopted principal residency policies and supports their continuing enforcement.

South Milton Parish Council **OBJECTS** to the application to waive the principal residency condition for this development. The applicant was aware of the principal residency requirement before development began, and it must not be waived because he built the wrong development in the wrong place for the wrong price.

4. 2870/24/HHO, 1 Backshay Park, South Milton, conversion of double garage to create living accommodation, electric charging point & 4 x PVA roof panels 31/10 **SUPPORT**.
5. 3021/24/HHO, Lyndhurst, South Milton, raising and reconfiguration of existing roof and replacement of existing conservatory with new single storey rear extension 4/11. **SUPPORT**.
6. 3228/24/CLE, Beech Hut, St Judes Cottage, South Milton, Certificate of lawfulness for existing self-contained holiday dwelling 11/11.
SMPC are aware of the use as a self-contained holiday dwelling, the evidence presented shows that this has been for in excess of four years.

b. South Hams District Council Planning Decisions:

1. Wakeham Farm, 2483/24/HHO. **Approved**.
2. 2458/24/HHO, The Mill, South Milton, 19/9. **Approved**.
3. 2548/24/HHO, Collacott, South Milton, 3/10. **Approved**.
4. 2643/24/TCA, Little Thatch, South Milton, 10/9. **Withdrawn**.
5. 2793/24/FUL, Land At Sx 704 443 Churchstow , 17/10. **No decision yet**.

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.

406 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Burial Ground Extension Update: No further reply has been received by Cllr Jinks since their last meeting.
- b. South West Water Update: Cllr Townsend has received a communication from South West Water providing some of the required information, the storm water tank upgrade has been commissioned, since then the only overflows have been during storms (for relatively short periods). The phosphate removal is on track to be completed by March 2025. Works are planned to reduce spills per year to less than 10 by 2030 as opposed to 2023 during which time there were 93 spills which lasted for 10% of the year!
South West Water have now confirmed that the excess flows are probably due to infiltration and more investigation is required to identify the source.
Questions have been asked to ascertain how South West Water prioritise their work – there is no point improving treatment processes (e.g. current Phosphate upgrade) if too much flow is coming into the plant and bypassing the treatment processes completely.
- c. A quote has been received for four Sat Nav signs at £391.20 including VAT, Councillors **RESOLVED** to proceed with the order.
- d. Remembrance Day Information will be shared in due course.

407 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) Receipts & Purchases Month 7

Accounts to pay: Scribe £331.20, Jerrys Garden Service £300, Parish Magazine Printing £60.75.



Monthly Payments: Clerks Salary including HMRC, Monthly bank charge £8, Hall Hire £20, Hugo Fox £11.99, SHEPS £120.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve all payments.

b) Governance:

1. Councillors were requested to consider items for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget and to email this information to the clerk prior to the November meeting which will focus on the finances.

408 MEETING ENDS 20.08 Hrs

499 FUTURE MEETINGS 2024: 25th Nov, 7.30pm, South Milton Village Hall.

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: South Milton Parish Council Councillors

For Information: e-circulation to: County Cllr R Gilbert, South Hams District Council Ward Councillors, National Trust, Riccardo Carrelli, Jenny Brown.