



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT SOUTH MILTON VILLAGE HALL,
AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2024**

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

In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Parish Clerk
Dist. Cllr Mark Long
0 Members of Public

370 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jinks, Luscombe and Dist. Cllr Samantha Dennis, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert. Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies received.

371 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) DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

1. Devolution proposals have been delayed due to the forthcoming General Election.
2. Devon County Council allocated £10M more for road repairs. We await to hear if there are any new funds due from the government.
3. The new Leader of Devon County Council until the spring 2025 elections is Cllr. James McKinns.
4. W241716912 Lane End flooding. Alas, this is proving challenging now due to the drain lid being stuck. Highways are doing what they can, but there is a considerable backlog with many jammed drain lids across Devon. In the absence of Cllr Gilbert, questions were raised as to what priority DCC give to repairs of this nature – particularly given that this is a dangerous location and there has already been at least one accident at this site. Devon County Council will be contacted for a response.

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. With peak season looming, the localities teams are keeping a close eye on all aspects of their responsibility. A reminder was made to all to ensure that reports are made via the below link when required.
2. An issue was raised with Cllr Long in respect of recycling waste collections being missed and the parishioners having to wait a full week before the collection is made. Cllr Long will investigate.
3. The General Election is due to take place on 4th July. Proxy votes and voter certificates must be registered by 26th June.
4. At Links Court Car Park there have been issues with people paying by RingGo and subsequently being fined by the new operator who do not have an agreement in place with RingGo. It was noted that this should no longer happen as the site has been taken off the RingGo database. Councillors await sight of the planning application.
5. Cllr Long has been contacted by parishioners in respect of the height/scale of the Wakeham properties. This is currently being checked by South Hams District Council.



It was noted that groundwater continues to run from the site onto the public highway. South Milton Parish Council will write to the developer reminding them of their obligations to prevent surface water run-off from the development. It is thought that this may require the installation of underground drainage.

6. Planning & pre-application advice:

Pre-application advice, a service provided by South Hams District Council, is a pay for scheme with scale of charges and information required to be submitted by the applicant. The service allows for the provision of clear advice as to if the council would be able to support the proposed development. This is provisional advice, not an approval service and all advice provided is done so without prejudice as to any decision the council may take on any subsequent associated application.

Following a pre-application enquiry, if a planning application is submitted, the advice provided at pre-application stage will normally be made available on the planning portal.

Verbal advice can be obtained from a duty planner in a 15m phone call - this is different from receiving pre-application advice. It is to provide pointers as to the process and what the applicants need to do. No written advice is provided and it cannot be considered to constitute either pre-application advice or confirmation that planning permission is not required by the local planning authority.

For full details please refer to the South Hams District Council website.

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

372 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27th May 2024, these were then signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings.

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

No declarations or updates to the register were received.

374 CLERKS REPORT:

1. Defibrillator training was arranged by Kate Ladd for South Milton and took place on 14th June at the village hall. Our thanks to Kate and her team for continuing to look after the defibrillator unit and for arranging annual training sessions.
2. Road Warden Scheme Update: Four people are due to complete the one day course for a Section 8 qualification. The first three candidates are due to undertake the training on 1st July.
3. The Lane End response regarding the jetting requirement reference W241716912, was covered in Cllr Gilberts report. We have been advised there are over 500 stuck covers in the South Hams alone – this would cost in excess of £20,000 just to release the stuck covers on the main roads.
4. **Communications:** Salcombe Community Economic Plan, General Election Information, Free Programme for Construction & Maintenance Professionals.

375 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. Wakeham Farm: No further update.
2. Dairy Site: The site owner has been invited to join us at and hopes to attend a meeting soon.

b. **Decisions:**

1. 3840/22/FUL, Higher Southdown Farm, 29/12/22. **Approved.**
2. 0809/24/FUL, South Down, South Milton. 18/4. **Approved.**

**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.

376 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:**a. To discuss the location and safety of the bus stop at the A381 junction.**

The preference from South Milton Parish Council is for a proper bus stop on either side of the road with signage, there must be solid standing for a small number of people and a shelter on the Lane End side. Appropriate signage and road markings are required to reduce speeding by other road users.

This is a fast paced stretch of road and the existing bus stop area is dangerous. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Devon County Council with our proposal.

b. Burial Ground: It was RESOLVED to issue a tender for the burial ground maintenance contract which has not been reviewed for some years. We will write to the existing contractor with an invitation to submit a tender for the works – this would be a three year contract.**c. South West Water Update. The storm tank has been completed but not yet commissioned; phosphate removal upgrade is now taking place. The site office has been sited near the entrance to the Berryman camping field.**

Cllr Townsend has tried contacting South West Water to obtain a response regarding the excess flows into the treatment plant but has received no response.

Beach signage was raised again, there's no signage on the Thurlestone side, a request will be made for increased signage to help prevent people bathing in the stagnant lagoon water.

377 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:**a) Receipts & Purchases Month 3**

Accounts to pay: Jerry's Gardening Services £105

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

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve all payments.

b) Governance:

1. Intermediate review & Exemption Certificate documentation was submitted to the External Auditor on 15th June.
2. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to adopt updated Financial Regulations and Internal Controls.

378 MEETING ENDS 20.14 Hrs**379 FUTURE MEETINGS 2024:** 22nd Jul, 23rd Sept, 28th Oct, 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.