

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

Date: 22 nd April 2024		Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs
Present: Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair) Cllr Emma Halmshaw Cllr Steve Harding Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Marion Luscombe Cllr Nick Townsend	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Parish Clerk Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Samantha Dennis County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/Guests Present: 8	Apologies:

REF 2024/25 MINUTES

345 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

346 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):

- Chris Marsden, new owner of the Links Park Car Park introduced himself and advised the following:
The ticket machine has been moved from the frontage and other signage/poles have also been removed from the frontage. The car park is registered with the International Parking Committee – one of two regulatory bodies who have separate code of practices (but are working towards a single code of practice).
An Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera will be in place as there are no on-site staff. The ANPR only focuses on the entrance and does not cover the nearby private property. There will be only one entrance/exit to the parking area. Additional small posts are being installed to secure the boundary and close off the other entrance/exit.
The power has now been connected and the large hole for the cable is due to be filled shortly.
The standard branding of signage will be changed to a white background with green border, the signage will also be changed to prevent confusion regarding the direction of the entrance/parking as vehicles have started entering Links Court rather than the car park. Sign heights will drop to a maximum of 2.5m. There will be posts at eight locations, a few with more than one notice, to comply with the International Parking Committee code of practice.
Additionally it was advised that:
 - Season tickets may be considered if it's established that there is a call for this offering.
 - There will be no height restrictions at the site.
 - There will be no overnight parking (midnight – 5am).
 - Vehicles not paying for parking, will, with immediate effect, be charged. It was stated that offenders will ultimately be taken to court if payment is not made.
 - The machine is electronically linked to the operator meaning they should be immediately aware of issues. They have an arrangement in place for machine repair/renewal which will be dealt with in 48 hours.
 - There will be the option for PayByPhone payments to be made, details will be shown on the signage. Noted that the fencing by the (unstable) cliff needs to remain secure.
 - Tickets will not need to be displayed in the vehicles due to the ANPR facility.

Chris was reminded that the fencing by the partly unstable cliff needs to remain secure.

With this Chris was thanked for attending the meeting and answering the questions from both South Milton Parish Council and the parishioners in attendance.

a) DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

- Lane End sign placement has been agreed by Devon County Council Highways, Cllr Gilbert has confirmed that the signage is due to be replaced within approximately two weeks. The damaged road sign at the A381 junction was reported in November and more recently in January (ref W231681186 & W241709339).
- The incorrect spelling of Ermington on the new signage at Kitterford Cross was highlighted to Cllr Gilbert.

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- John Hart, Leader of DCC has now resigned, his Deputy is likely to take over until the next elections.
- The Sign of the Owl road closure details were shared:

This letter is to give you some information about the forthcoming road widening close to the Sign of the Owl junction on the A3121. These works are being undertaken with our Highways Partners Kennford Limited.

Due to the nature of the works a full road closure and then traffic management will be required, and advance signs will also be placed on the Highway.

I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, including construction noise. We will endeavour to keep all disruption to a minimum.

The planned on-site working hours will be

- **Monday 29th April until Sunday 30th June**
Road widening, drainage realignment and any ancillary works related to the location.
 - **The road will be fully closed between Monday 29th April until Sunday 2nd June. This is due to the nature of the works and safety of all workers and the public. PLEASE NOTE only this section of road will be closed- all other roads in the area will be open as usual.**
 - **From Monday 3rd June until Sunday 30th June the road will be open under Traffic Management.**
- £10m has been 'found' towards road repairs, more patching will be undertaken and more money will be put into dealing with the drainage issues. Anthony Mangnall MP will be leading a debate in the House of Commons (date to be confirmed) which focusses on the very important subject of Potholes and Highways Maintenance. During this debate, he will be highlighting the issues we are facing in the South West as well as offering some solutions, taking inspiration from other countries. Anthony would be interested to hear from South Devon residents about their experiences with potholes. He may refer to individual cases during the debate but will not mention residents by name. <https://www.anthonymangnall.co.uk/news/anthony-mangnall-mp-invites-you-have-your-say-about-potholes>

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. Lock's Hill appeals have been dismissed by the Secretary of State. There is a court case pending August 2024.
2. The new Enforcement plan & process will be provided to the Councillors shortly and will be available on the website for all to view.
3. Saturday bus service: It had been agreed that an on demand service could be offered. Unfortunately, the company concerned was unable to staff this. As the parishes are most affected, Kingsbridge Town Council have advised that the parish councils impacted need to come to some arrangement if they want a Saturday service to be reinstated.

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

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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

347 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTER: None received.

348 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 24th March without alteration, they were then signed by the Chairman.

349 CLERKS REPORT:

1. The Housing Needs Survey which closed on 22nd September has now been received, distributed to Councillors and will be added to the May agenda for review/comments.
 2. Defibrillator training is due to take place on 14th June at South Milton Village Hall and 24th June at Malborough Village Hall, training commences at 7pm and is free to attend.
 3. Road Warden Scheme Update: We now have six people who have undertaken the initial training. The one day course for Section 8 qualification is being arranged (16th May, 12th June or 1st July), pending confirmation regarding payment from Devon County Council.
 4. Bank Account: We are now in the process of setting up an account pending signatory details.
 5. With regret, Anthony Mangnall MP has had to cancel the South Milton Surgery that was due to take place 27th May, we await news of an alternate date.
 6. Police & Crime Commissioner Elections are due to take place on 2nd May, your local polling booth will be South Milton Village Hall. Please remember that photo evidence is required if you vote in person.
 7. Communications via social media and/or the parish website: Devon Home Choice, Retrofitting, Sign of the Owl Road Closure.
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350 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. 1170/24/LBC, Higher Sutton, South Milton, proposed garden & landscaping works. 23/5 **SUPPORT**
2. 0951/24/FUL, Rafters, South Huish, Change of use of land to form residential curtilage. 16/5 **SUPPORT**
3. Wakeham Farm: No update
4. Dairy Site: No update.

b. **Decisions:**

1. 3840/22/FUL, Higher Southdown Farm, 29/12/22. **No Decision Yet.**
2. 0234/24/LBC, Collacot, South Milton. 29/2. **Approved.**
3. 0471/24/LBC, South Down, South Milton. 4/4. **Approved.**
4. 0809/24/FUL, South Down, South Milton. 18/4. **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.

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351 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. To consider an 80th Anniversary D-Day Event, Thursday 6th June. Cllr Harding advised the Village Hall Committee has no appetite for an event on the Thursday but will incorporate a suitable commemoration into the village hall event being held on the previous Saturday.
- b. Burial Ground Update. Cllr Jinks has been in touch with Savills, they have advised that we need to make an offer for the land. With the cost of an acre of agricultural land currently fetching approximately £14k, the amount of land we require would cost in the region of £7k. Cllr Jinks will follow up again for their response.
- c. Climate & Nature Action Group update: Cllr Townsend is meeting Richard Snow of the National Trust in May.
- d. South West Water Update. Cllr Townsend is currently awaiting a response, it was noted that the overflow has now stopped.
Signage should be in place by the start of May. Unfortunately, people have already been seen bathing in the lagoon. The South Hams District Council signage will show that it is inadvisable to bathe in the lagoon/streams and that the designated bathing is the sea. This will also be discussed with Richard Snow.

352 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

a) Receipts & Purchases Month 1

Accounts to pay: Burial Ground Maintenance £202.50, South Hams District Council £120, DALC Subs £154.20, Citizens Advice Bureau Donation £100, Namesco £23.99, South Hams District Council Election Recharge £148.70, ICO £35,

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:** The Internal Audit documentation has now been submitted.

353 MEETING ENDS 20.27 Hrs

354 FUTURE MEETINGS 2024: 27th May, 24th Jun, 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.