

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

Date: 27th February 2023		Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs
Present: Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Paul Booker (Chairman) Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Emma Halmshaw (part meeting) Cllr Nick Townsend	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long Part Meeting: Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/Guests Present: 2	Apologies: Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Graham Jinks It was resolved to accept the reasons provided for non-attendance.

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

220 WELCOME & APOLOGIES:

221 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest were received.

222 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 23rd January 2023 without alteration, they were then signed by the Chairman.

223 CLERKS REPORT:

a. Local Elections.

Nomination packs will be posted to the Parish Clerk on 6th March.

Nomination papers required candidates to include the electoral numbers of their proposer and seconder, this information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk if you do not already have those details. Please note that you will only receive the electoral numbers and NOT a copy of the electoral register.

Legislation allows candidates to have their home address excluded from the Statement of Persons Nominated and the ballot papers – there is a form to complete in the nomination pack if this is their wish. It should be noted that the person who witnesses the home address form MUST also be the person that signs their Consent to Nomination form.

Candidates must put their full name on the nomination paper but they can complete the ‘commonly used’ section if they are known by an abbreviated or different name. However, a candidate cannot use their first name as a commonly used name so that only their first name and surname appear on a ballot paper, thus excluding their middle name.

Nomination papers must be hand delivered between the hours of 10am and 4pm from Thursday, 23 March and Tuesday, 04 April (to the Civic Entrance, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE). They will be dealt with on a first come first served basis and will try to process them quickly and efficiently to save any long waits. Before formally accepting any papers, they will do an informal check – if there are any minor errors it is possible that these can be amended if the candidate is present, otherwise papers might need to be rejected and resubmitted (therefore, candidates please submit sooner rather than later!)

Please see the following link if you are considering standing as a parish councillor:

- <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/Overview%20Parish%20LGE.pdf>

b. Pothole Update:

W231579854 - 19/01/2023 – Currently with triage inspector but they will only repair one pothole, as only one pothole reference was generated.

W221559957 - 05/12/2022 - Was signed off as a duplicate of D223703077 below

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W221512576 - 19/05/2022 – This one generated D223703077 which was a large patch non-defect serviceability repair. It has been decided it requires some work but is not a defect, it will wait until a patching gang is in the area i.e., this could take some time.

W211469762 - 29/11/2021 – Generated D213668200, one pothole repair, which was completed on 6th Dec 21.

We encourage everyone to contact Devon County Council to report all defects on the roads including potholes, overgrowth, defective lights/signage etc. Unless issues are reported, they will not be viewed/fixed.

224 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):

Report received from Emma Reece, NT Ranger:

We will be holding an open drop-in session to raise awareness of the work both underway and planned, for the Bolt Head to Bolt Tail area to increase its value for wildlife and to improve access. We will be joined by the South Devon AONB team who are working on the Life on the Edge Heritage Lottery grant to provide more habitat for invertebrates that are under threat from extinction. Please come along and find out more about the project and share your views at Malborough Village Hall Annexe on Thursday 9th March between 4pm – 7pm.

1. Rockbox – a parishioner has had a meeting with SHDC, the details of which have been shared with South Milton Parish Council and included issues such as:

- They stayed on site for 31 days not 28.
- Other sales were taking place on site – i.e. wetsuits
- They operated until midnight and often ran over
- Parishioners unable to use their terraces because of the noise.
- Music commenced early morning and continued throughout the day.

Details have also been passed to Environmental Health who say they attend in person when complaints of this nature are received.

Any alcohol license applied for by the company will be advised to South Milton Parish Council for comments.

The Ward Councillors advised it is important that individuals complain on the South Hams District Council website if trade continues past their allotted serving time.

South Milton Parish Council were also asked to investigate if Cool Camping is able to take place for more than 28 days.

2. There has been a water leak at the driveway of The Old Chapel. South West Water have advised it will be repaired in five weeks.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

1. Road Closure 30th May – 5th June

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (WHITLOCKSWORTHY TO SUTTON CROSS, SOUTH MILTON) ORDER 2023

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023**
for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish **MONDAY 5 JUNE 2023**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -
WHITLOCKSWORTHY TO SUTTON CROSS, SOUTH MILTON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - WHITLOCKSWORTHY TO SUTTON CROSS, ROAD FROM A381 TO SUTTON CROSS, A381 OLDWAY TONGUE TO BURLEIGH LANE END, A381 OLDWAY TONGUE TO LANGWORTHYS BARN, ROAD FROM HEDDESWELL CROSS TO LANGWORTHYS BARN, ROAD FROM ELSTON CROSS TO HEDDESWELL CROSS, HUXTON CROSS TO B3197, WHITLEY CROSS TO HUXTON CROSS, KERSE CROSS TO WHITLEY CROSS, EDDYSTONE ROAD TO KERSE CROSS, EDDYSTONE ROAD TO ILBERT ROAD, ILBERT ROAD TO WHITLOCKSWORTHY CROSS, ILBERT ROAD TO WHITLOCKSWORTHY CROSS, WHITLOCKSWORTHY TO MIDDLE PARK TERRACE, WHITLOCKSWORTHY TO SUTTON CROSS

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
PROVIDE NEW WATER SERVICE

For additional information contact:
KIER ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST WATER
Telephone: **0344 346 2020**

Dated: TUESDAY 23 MAY 2023

The road closure is to have a water supply connected to a new build. It was initially understood that they would connect to 2 water taps at the end of the driveway, however, they have now advised they have to run a new pipe from the mains.

2. The Government is being heavily lobbied for 20mph speed restrictions, we await developments.
3. The Devon County Council portion of Council tax will increase by 4.99%, the same as the last two years.
4. The new Chief Executive is now in place, there is also a new head of department for Child Services.
5. Due to prolonged cold weather sandwiched between bouts of heavy rain there are now thousands of potholes awaiting repair. Over 600 new reports are being received daily.
6. Superfast Broadband is being connected at some of the more rural locations in the parish – this is a good example of ‘levelling up’, contractors have been installing the relevant connections across the area.

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/>

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Email Cllr Judy Pearce: cllr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk

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

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1. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: This is an allocation of government money in lieu of EU funds. Bids had to be made for carbon reducing initiatives. South Hams has been awarded just over £1m to be spent over the next three years on revenue projects. These will be based first on the marine economy: pilot projects for marine related activities and the development of a strategy to decarbonise those activities, including a feasibility study to decarbonise the Lower Dart Ferry and the Salcombe water taxis. Second, on Active Travel: a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will be commissioned along with a behaviour change study to identify ways of increasing active travel. Third on agricultural projects based on regenerative farming to transition towards a more sustainable (but still commercially viable) approach to farming, and finally on wider business support and consultancy.
2. Rural England Prosperity Fund: this is similar but capital grant money rather than revenue and we have received approx. £850k. The proposed project spend is designed to complement and enhance the UKSPF projects and the time frame is the same. All the projects will be included in the third year of the South Hams District Council Corporate Plan 'Better Lives for All.'
3. The Council Tax Reduction Scheme has been revised following a public consultation. This is designed to help low income households. Details are on the website. Alongside this there is a Council Tax Support Fund provided by government. For those already receiving council tax support, a further £25 will be deducted from the council tax bills going out in early March for 2023-24 for all eligible pensioners and working families.
4. There are discounts & premiums available in respect of business rates for selected hospitality businesses. This is available for one year only, full details are available on the South Hams District Council website.
5. Due to the Business Rates revaluation coming into force on 1 April 2023, the Government has announced a relief scheme for businesses which will cap bill increases at £600 per year for any business losing eligibility for some or all Small Business Rates Relief or Rural Rate Relief at the 2023 Valuation. If your business was receiving one of these reliefs, the limit in the increase in your Business Rates bill will be set at £600 per year whilst the scheme exists. You do not have to apply for this relief as it will automatically be applied to your Business Rates bill.
6. South Hams District Council will deliver section 249a of The Housing Act 2004 in order to issue civil penalties as alternative to prosecution. These provisions give the local housing authority the power to issue a financial penalty for certain Housing Act 2004 offences as an alternative to prosecution.
7. South Hams District Council have now officially adopted the Armed Forces covenant.
8. The Budget for 2023/24 was endorsed at Council on 16 Feb, this included all the town and parish precepts.

Precepting Authority	Band D 2023/24	£ Increase	% Increase
South Hams District Council	£185.42	£5.00	2.77%
Devon County Council & Adult Social Care	£1,419.21 £214.92	£46.62 £31.05	4.99%
Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner	£261.56	£15.00	6.08%
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue	£96.79	£5.00	5.45%
Average Parishes/Towns	£83.29	£3.22	4.02%
TOTAL:	£2,261.19	£105.89	4.91%

9. The Modbury Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum on 9th March.
10. We have allocated an extra £50k of discretionary discounts to help struggling residents. Grants are likely to be small, but please direct anyone experiencing financial difficulties to the Council website.

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11. Cllrs Brazil & Long proposed that public conveniences are no longer charged for across the South Hams, this was recently approved by the Executive and will be actioned in due course.
12. A schedule for street sweeping will be shared with the Parish Council once the final details have been agreed. New refuse routes are also being reviewed.
13. Waste bins across the South Hams are being reviewed.
14. The garden waste collection scheme commences 6th March. Those taking part in the scheme have been provided with the relevant stickers.
15. **Photo ID will be required for the May 4th Elections for anyone intending on voting at a polling station. No ID is required for postal votes. If a parishioner does not have the required ID they can either apply for a postal vote or to SHDC for a Voter Authority Certificate. More details can be found at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/voter-ID>**

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

<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...

225 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.

1. 4046/22/FUL, Development Site At Sx 698 428, Whitlocksworthy To Sutton Cross, new garage, 23/3 **Support.**
2. Neighbourhood Plan Update: There has been an exchange of emails with South Hams District Council, we currently await a response concerning GDPR requirements. Cllr Pearce will follow up with Planning.

b. **South Hams District Council Decisions:**

1. 3676/22/HHO, Hopeside, (8/12). **Conditional Approval.**
2. 3840/22/FUL, Higher Southdown Farm, (29/12) **No Decision Yet.**
3. 3947/22/TCA, Land at SX 697 429, Webbers, South Milton (11/12) **No Decision Yet.**
4. 4184/22/LBC, The Quillett, installation of EV charging point. **Conditional Approval.**
5. 4049/22/VAR, Tolcarne, removal of condition 10, privacy screen. **Conditional Approval.**
6. 3856/22/FUL, Terawhiti, new grain store, remove building & yard resurface. **Conditional Approval.**
7. 4250/22/HHO, Thorntons, South Milton, application for new garden room (9/2) **No Decision Yet.**
8. 3769/22/LBC, Hingstons Barn, South Milton, consent for alterations (26/1) **Conditional Approval.**

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.

226 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Police & Crime Commissioners Councillor Advocate Scheme. Cllr Jinks, deferred until March.
- b. Cemetery Shed Update: The shed will be removed. Cllr Berryman will ask the village hall committee about storage of the contents.
- c. Render Quote to Cemetery Wall: Deferred until March.

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- d. Defibrillator Contract Renewal, £1,000 plus VAT for a four-year contract subject to the same terms and conditions as previously agreed. Councillors resolved to renew the contract when it falls due on 27th January 2024.
- e. Climate & Nature Update: Thanks were given to our Ward Councillors for funding the Thermal Imaging Camera. It is being put to good use, we are already uncovering areas where insulation can be improved and energy savings can be made. The information coming to light is particularly helpful to those who have had their properties viewed. If you would like to have your property viewed please contact James Day at jamesfday@me.com or speak with a Parish Councillor.
The recent Energy Workshop was well received, initial findings of the thermal imaging were shared, South Dartmoor Community Energy attended and a lot of information was provided about available grants and support.
- f. Parking & Highways Taskforce Update: Signage and bollards are due to be ordered.

227 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a. **Accounts to pay Month 11** – Clerks Salary including HMRC, Burial Ground Maintenance £72, Monthly bank charge £8, Hall Hire February £20, Portable Appliance Safety Services Ltd £574.80.
- b. **Governance:**
 - a) It was confirmed that the precept request had been submitted to South Hams District Council, who in turn confirmed receipt.
 - b) To agree bank signatories. It was resolved that Councillors Paul Booker, Nick Townsend, Ann Berryman and Emma Halmshaw will be added as bank signatories. It was further resolved to remove Councillors Marion Brice, Graham Collyer and Tim Lewis as signatories from the two accounts.

228 MEETING ENDS 20.43 Hrs

229 DATES FOR THE DIARY: 27th Mar, 24th Apr, 22nd May, 26th Jun, 17th Jul, 25th Sept, 16th Oct, 27th Nov 2023, South Milton Village Hall, 19.30 hrs.

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

Cllrs Berryman, Booker, Brice, Collyer, Halmshaw, Jinks, Townsend

For Information: e-circulation to: County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, South Milton Parish Council Notice Board, National Trust, Riccardo Carrelli, Jenny Brown.

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21 February 2023 (2022 - 2023)

South Milton Parish Council Reserves Balance up to 31st Jan 2023 2022 - 2023

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
Capital					
Car Park Fund	9,000.00				9,000.00
Family Project Village Hall	1,275.00				1,275.00
Total Capital	10,275.00				10,275.00
TOTAL RESERVE	10,275.00				10,275.00
GENERAL FUND					10,180.27
TOTAL FUNDS					20,455.27