

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th JUNE 2019

OPS

- 2019 Obstacle Run Mr D Darke attended the meeting to give advance notice of the 2019 Obstacle Run event to take place on Sunday 22nd September at South Milton Sands. This is to raise funds for Bowel Cancer West and Mr Darke hopes for support from the village.
- Village Website The Clerk read out a message from GC regarding the situation with the village website. It was proving impossible to raise the £300 required for the upgrade. PB suggested advertisers with businesses in the village should be approached and he will liaise with GC over this idea.
- Dogs on Beaches An email from Mr Whalley had been circulated. In it he complained about dogs on South Milton Sands which were not being controlled by their owners and he asked that SMPC should review the policy. As part of their beach management plan, SHDC's byelaws include seasonal prohibition of dogs from some beaches and clean-up obligations on dog owners from all beaches at all times; however, the reality is that dogs can be a real nuisance. SMPC's Neighbourhood Plan, which is about to go to referendum, supports the current policy to allow dogs on South Milton Sands at any time but councillors agreed to make enquiries as to how the policy might be amended to include some seasonal restrictions. ML will find out the best way to proceed.

Police Report The Clerk read out a message from PCSO O'Dwyer in which he explained that manpower pressures meant that regular attendance at monthly meetings and the supply of crime reports would no longer be possible. We have a link to a website for the reports and we have been assured that we can still contact them for support and advice. Our local officers had recently called into the Hall for a Wednesday morning coffee break in order to chat to villagers and they hoped to be able to do this more regularly.

1. Present/Apologies: Cllrs M. Brice, T. Lewis, A. Berryman, D. Clift and P. Booker (SMPC) present. Also present Cllrs. J. Pearce and M. Long (SHDC) and Cllr R. Gilbert (DCC). Apologies from Cllrs. G. Collyer and R Luscombe (SMPC) and Emma Reece (NTrust).

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019 had previously been circulated and were taken as read. They were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman after the meeting.

3. Matters Arising not raised in agenda items below

- Lane End Skanska had carried out a thorough cut of the verges and had been thanked. Clerk will check if there is any chance of a further cut by the beginning of the summer holidays.
- Speeding Controls We will be contacting Highways to arrange the hand held assessment but it is understood that this could take some time to arrange.
- Parking at Milton Cross – As noted at the last meeting, Councillors agreed that the situation was not too bad at the moment but it will continue to be monitored.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary or Other Interests on agenda items None

5. Revised Standing Orders

A draft of the revised Standing Orders had been circulated to councillors; no questions and no objections were raised and councillors resolved unanimously to agree these as the correct Standing Orders for SMPC. These will be reviewed annually in May.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Update

TL was pleased to report that Referendum Day will be Thursday 25th July. Copies of the Plan are being printed and will be delivered to every household in the parish, including holiday/second homes. There will be a public meeting in the Hall on Thursday 11th July when members of the public can come along and talk to members of the Steering Group.

7. **Planning matters** – none.

8. **South Milton Sands/National Trust**

Emma Reece sent her apologies but advised that the logo for the café roof had been delivered and should therefore be in place very shortly. The next meeting of the Working Group will be on 3rd July.

9. **District Councillors' Reports**

- **JP** reported that they had held an Executive meeting when it was decided they would adopt Climate Change as an emergency in the same way that Devon County Council had done. DCC have funds and will do most of the work and everyone will work towards the 2050 target for carbon reduction. SHDC will be feeling their way and doing what they can. A study will be carried out to establish what our carbon footprint is currently and what SHDC and its partners can do about it. Report will take about six months.
- **ML** reported on a new initiative where 17 SHDC employees had received special training to tackle antisocial behaviour (noisiness, rowdiness, dog fouling, etc) under a Community Safety Accreditation Scheme. These special employees would have power to question suspects and to liaise closely with the police.

10. **County Councillor's Report**

- Despite all the problems, Gigaclear are continuing their work in the district.

11. **Finance**

- Payments to approve

B Baker (cemetery)	225.00
SMVH (rent)	30.00
P Field (plants)	40.00
Clerk's salary	210.00
- Bank Account Status After approval of the above cheques, balances at bank were £17,116.56 which include cemetery fees received.
- Cheque signatories to approve Councillors resolved to approve MB, PB, TL and GC as signatories for cheques.

12. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 22nd July 2019 at 7.30 pm.

OPS MB asked Mr Darke if he would organise the trimming back of hedges particularly around passing places.

Approved..... Date.....
(Chairman)