

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2019

OPS

- TL advised the vegetation on the left hand verge at Lane End needs cutting back again. Clerk will try to find out when DCC are due to carry out this work.
- Jenny Brown reported concerns about speeding through the village. Suggestion for the Parish Council to consider include solar energy signs like Marlborough, '20 mph' painted on the road and children's posters similar to those in West Alvington. Clerk to contact Highways to find out what is permissible. Noted that warning signs/notices should not be limited to the road through the centre: Horswell Lane could also benefit from signs indicating its multi-use by vehicles, pedestrians, farm traffic and horse riders.
- JB drew attention to the double sign at the bottom of Luggers Hill; RL undertook to organise the removal of one which is to be placed at the top of the hill.

1. Present/Apologies: Cllrs M. Brice, P. Davies, T. Lewis, R. Luscombe, G. Collyer and P. Booker (SMPC) present. Also present Cllr R. Gilbert (DCC). Apologies from Cllr E. Grant. Due to it being District Council election week, Cllrs S Wright and J Pearce did not attend but SW sent in his annual report after the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2019 had previously been circulated and were taken as read. They were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising not raised in agenda items below

- Milton Cross – MB had spoken to some residents which had improved the situation slightly and it was noted that the Easter weekend had not been too bad despite cars being parked alongside the new drain and on the opposite side. More effort needs to go into speaking to habitual parkers and the situation monitored.
- A laptop and printer have been purchased and are now in use.

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

5. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- TL advised we are waiting for a date to go to referendum and unfortunately we had received no response from SHDC to our suggestions for the way forward. Additionally, we cannot apply for funds at the moment; these funds are vital to cover the cost of printing copies of the Plan to be distributed to all residents.

6. South Milton Sands/National Trust

- Emma Reece reported that the Easter weekend had been extremely busy. New signage encouraging the public to leave the beach via South Huish, together with extra staff on hand, had helped with the congestion problem.
- Lack of DPB is causing great concern. Trust staff are doing extra clean ups and there are new signs at the end of both boardwalks reminding owners of their responsibilities. MB suggested the designation of the beach as dog-friendly at all times should be re-considered but TL advised that responses in the Neighbourhood Plan were an emphatic 'yes' to allowing dogs all year round. This is a big issue for the Trust as landowner; at Wembury for example there is a dog ban in place during the main season.
- SMPC were pleased to hear that there is a new paling fence to prevent people cutting across the dunes.
- Logo on café roof still not done.
- PD confirmed that a letter had been sent to David Ford of the Trust regarding the café lease which is up for renewal in 2020 when SMPC would hope a tenant more in sympathy with the Trust's aims might be found.

7. Planning matters

- 0233/19/HHO – Mill Mead re-advertisement: Councillors voted to SUPPORT the application.

8. Finance

- Phone/internet charges As part of the Clerk's claimable costs, it was recommended that a fixed amount of £120 p.a. should be paid to cover the cost of phone and internet services. Councillors voted to support this proposal. Clerk's salary will remain unchanged at £2,400 p.a.
- Payments to approve

B Baker (grass cutting)	£ 42.00
Actionwest (laptop)	£537.00
DALC subscription	£ 89.43
Clerk's salary/expenses	£210.00
M Dennis (internal auditor)	£ 50.00
- Bank Account Status After approval of the above cheques, balances at bank were £14,177.56.
- Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2018-19 Part 2. Since the Council's gross income for the year did not exceed £25,000, Councillors agreed to certify SMPC as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.
- Annual Governance Review A copy of the document had previously been circulated to Councillors who voted to agree the statements in the Review.
- Annual Financial Statements A copy of the financial statements had previously been circulated to Councillors who voted to agree the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the year 2018-19.

9. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30 pm (Annual Council Meeting)

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