

**SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

**OPS**

- TL reported the bus stop sign had been replaced but needed cleaning (TL/PD will sort). The vegetation on the left hand verge at Lane End needs cutting back; TL volunteered to do it.
- MB noted that the notice board had been tidied up, thanks had been sent to Maggie Ryder, Lynn Darch and Mark Anderton.

**Police** No report received.

**1. Present/Apologies:** Cllrs M. Brice, P. Davies, T. Lewis, R. Luscombe, E Grant, G. Collyer and P. Booker (SMPC) present. Also present Cllrs J. Pearce and S. Wright (SHDC). Apologies from Cllr R. Gilbert (DCC).

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 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**

- Purchase of Laptop – funding was now agreed, thanks to DCC and SHDC.
- Milton Cross – PD suggested ‘No Waiting’ cones could be placed on the corner opposite the new drain. Investigate cost and discuss with residents.

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

**5. Correspondence** None

**6. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

- TL advised the Examiner’s report had been received, unfortunately too late to go to referendum on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. When finalised, a copy of the Plan will be delivered to every household; this will be followed by a public meeting in the Village Hall and then the referendum. The Plymouth and West Devon Joint Local Plan was about to be adopted and much of our own Plan follows the principles of the JLP.

**7. Planning matters**

- 0427/19/CLE – Lawful development certificate for existing use of top field as overflow car park, Thurlestone Golf Club: during discussions, it was agreed that cars had not been parked every day for the past ten years; however, Councillors agreed that it was beneficial to the parish to have this additional parking area and they agreed to TGC’s continuing to make the field available for this purpose.
- 0426/19/FUL – Retrospective application for two pay and display machines, Thurlestone Golf Club: having agreed to allow the field to continue to be used as a car park, Councillors voted to SUPPORT the application.
- 0233/19/HHO – Mill Mead: Councillors voted to SUPPORT the application.

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

- The Working Group had met recently, attended by Richard Snow and Emma Reece (NTrust), Paul Davies and Paul Booker (SMPC) and Nick Townsend and Debbie Clift. PD reported it had been a constructive meeting.
- Toilets – SHDC is proposing that the Trust should pay 75% of the running costs over a two year trial.
- Outfall Pipe – considerably more work than originally envisaged will be required.
- Management Plan – an open forum in the Village Hall is planned when parishioners can ask questions and express their views on the future management of the beach.
- Congestion – the advisory one-way system will have new signs out of the car park
- Cafe Lease – 2020 will complete the second lease period of the current leaseholder. In 2015, the Trust rolled this over without putting it out to tender, SMPC regretted this decision and hope that an operator more in sympathy with the stated principles of the Trust will be found. SMPC will write to David Ford.
- Logo on cafe roof – still more delays.
- Dog poo bin – considerable discussion took place on the subject of its removal with many different views on whether it should be replaced or not. The Trust wished to make it clear that they had not requested its removal. Situation is that the bin was damaged and subsequently removed by SHDC, a normal bin with a brown bag (landfill) was put in its place. The Trust had requested the other rubbish bins should be removed as part of their national strategy to encourage the public to take their litter etc away with them, having also complained to SHDC that the bins were not

being emptied frequently enough. The cafe has its own commercial waste collection system in place but the waste collectors will not accept dog poo. As a result of the current lack of dedicated bin, full bags are being left all around the area. There have been many calls for SHDC to reinstate the bin, at least with a similar one if a larger one is not available. JP and SW explained that the Trust owns all the land up to the Ley and SHDC merely leases the piece of land upon which the toilet block is situated. It is not SHDC's policy to provide bins on private land, especially since it is not a statutory requirement, and they will not be providing a bin at that end of the beach. They provide two at the other end of the beach. They drew on the example of Bantham, a private beach, which had organised its own collection system for years.

Residents are anxious that a bin should be provided, particularly since the beach is designated 'dog-friendly' and they fear the public will not walk to the far end of the beach to deposit bags. Obviously it would take time to educate the public about the location of bins but the current situation is not acceptable.

At present the beach is dog friendly at all times but some restrictions could be introduced in the future. Suggestions included banning dogs altogether or limiting the times/months they would be allowed on the beach i.e. May to September and not between 10 am and 6 pm. Our Neighbourhood Plan states the beach is an asset which must be protected. South Milton Parish Council and the South Milton Sands Working Group, together with members of the public present, all wanted a bin provided and maintained by the Trust and SMPC will write to the Trust accordingly. Additionally, it is suggested that perhaps the bin should be located in the car park and not on the beach.

## 9. District Councillors' Report

### SW and JP

- 2019 Capital Strategy, investment strategy and Treasury Management Strategies approved. Capital strategy approved a Capital Programme for 2019-20.
- Council also plans to incur up to £60m of capital over the medium to longer term to fulfill the development and acquisitions
- Strategies also include £15.291 million to enable the immediate roll out of : • office development on a brown field site in Totnes • construction of seven chalet style beach huts at Beesands to include a new play park • single deck additional parking at Shadycombe Car Park Salcombe and construction of five employment units in Batson • £8.5 million for community housing
- Agreed to join the Devon Audit Partnership as a non voting member and Audit Committee size to be seven members
- Malborough, Stoke Fleming and Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plans adopted
- IESE award. Bronze award for IT transition demonstrated its success during storm Emma (beast from the east) which significantly reduced SHDC's carbon footprint by flexible working from home.

## 10. County Councillor's Report – none

## 11. Finance

The balances at bank totalled £15,431.64 after deducting the following payments which were approved:

• Fear of Mice (web maintenance)	£ 85.00
• T Hopley (road sweeping)	£ 110.00
• SHDC Payroll Service (bank transfer)	£ 120.00
• M Ryder (refurbishment of notice board)	£ 35.96
• Clerk's salary plus ink, stamps & phone rental	£ 290.30

## 12. Date of next meeting – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7 pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

## OPS

Approved.....  
(Chairman)

Date.....