

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

Date: 6 th December 2021		Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs
Present: Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair) Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Tim Lewis Cllr Nick Townsend	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/Guests Present: 5	Apologies: Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Graham Jinks NT Ranger, Emma Reece

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

106 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

107 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Townsend permissive paths

108 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 25th October were approved without alteration and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Berryman Seconded: Cllr Lewis and agreed unanimously

109 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. Defibrillator Training took place on 1st December, thank you to everyone who attended and to Kevin Bowyer of the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for being the trainer on the evening.
- b. Bench at Links Court, Cllr Mark Long has kindly agreed to fund a new bench.
- c. National Trust visitor numbers - NT Ranger Emma Reece has confirmed the following: This information has been gathered from the Pay & Display P&D machines on the site, so includes both members and non-members: 2021 from 1st Jan to 20th Oct: 30,486no.
Previous three years are all around 25, 000 with the peaks being at Easter, August and September.
With the lockdowns in 2020 numbers were lower through the first half of the year but then peaked once people were released into the countryside.
- d. Installation of Airband Equipment Cabinet: Prior notification has been received for the proposed installation under telecommunications code system operators of one equipment cabinet.
The cabinet is a Rainford outdoor enclosure, it is a 25U racked cabinet 1610mm wide x 550mm deep x 1517mm high in green, it is both lockable and IP rated, constructed from stainless steel and includes integral thermal management.
It is planned to install the on the on the grass verge, South Milton, South Hams, Devon, TQ7 3JQ (50.2708481, -3.8262939). No installation date has been provided.
- e. Temporary Traffic Notices:

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From **MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021**
for a maximum of 5 days

Until **FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 2021** (both dates inclusive)

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

Roads affected -
WATERLEARS CROSS TO BURLEIGH LANE END, SOUTH HUISH

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - WATERLEARS CROSS, GALMPTON CROSS, BURLEIGH LANE, A381, BURLEIGH LANE END

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
DEVON HIGHWAYS - DRAINAGE WORK

For additional information contact:
MILESTONE INFRASTRUCTURE
Telephone: **0330 105 2660**

Dated: MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give **NOTICE** that:

From **MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2021**
for a maximum of 5 days

Until **FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER 2021** (both dates inclusive)

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

Roads affected -
WATERLEARS CROSS TO BURLEIGH LANE END, SOUTH HUISH

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - WATERLEARS CROSS, GALMPTON CROSS, BURLEIGH LANE, A381, BURLEIGH LANE END

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Dated: MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2021

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give **NOTICE** that:

From **MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022**
for a maximum of 5 days

Until **WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022** (both dates inclusive)

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

Roads affected -
WATERLEARS CROSS TO BURLEIGH LANE END, SOUTH HUISH

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - WATERLEARS CROSS, GALMPTON CROSS, BURLEIGH LANE, A381, BURLEIGH LANE END, SMALLACOMBE

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
DEVON HIGHWAYS - PATCHING

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110 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):

a. Report Received from NT Ranger Emma Reece –

We will be getting the track regraded before Christmas and some other tidying up work carried out around the car park

The repairs to the outfall pipe have been assessed by an engineer, we are waiting on final plans which will then need approval from the MMO as its intertidal work. We will get the work underway as soon as this is approved but that probably won't be until the New Year now.

The boardwalk opposite the toilet block requires replacement which we are costing up, this will get underway as a priority.

b. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Covid: Confirmed cases continue to rise in Devon with the main risings in North Devon and Torridge. The highest figures remain with the 10-16 age group with young people, largely asymptomatic, passing on to parents/carers with the 40-50 age group the second highest. Hospital admissions also rising albeit at a much lower rate of rise – even so, presently there are 168 patients in our four hospitals with Covid, up from 111 early November. Deaths remain relatively low and flatlining over the past few weeks now.

Vaccinations – 94% of Devon's population have had at least one dose.

Booster or 3rd dose –

- age 80+ - 81% jabbed
- 75-79 – 88%
- 70-74 – 71%
- 65-69 – 50%
- 60-64 – 31%
- 55-59 – 25%
- 50-55 – 21%

Waste: Here are some 2020 statistics for the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Plymouth which processes some 65,000 tonnes of our waste each year from the South and West of the County.

- Overall Waste Processed 261,000 Tonnes.
- Electricity Generated 204,000 MWh.
- Steam Generated 57,000 MWh.
- Plant Availability 88.93% (target 91%);
- Co2 Savings 84,000 Tonnes.
- Landfill Diversion 99.9%
- Cash Savings (Vs Landfill) approx. £12million

Afghan Refugees: We now have about 150 refugees in the county temporarily housed in hotels in Exeter and Exmouth with a number of rescued cats and dogs from the well-publicised animal sanctuary in the Tiverton area. We should be paid back monetarily by the Home Office, but staff are becoming increasingly stretched by lack of resources.

- Lane End is still due to be repaired during this fiscal year.
- A complaint was made about mud on Mill Lane but the Highways Team couldn't find the site. Cllr Townsend will report a second time and provide both 'W' reference numbers to Cllr Gilbert.

CLLR GILBERT LEFT THE MEETING.

PLEASE report all highways issues ONLINE at:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Clerk on 07704 941150

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c. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

1. A query was raised regarding an agricultural planning application that the Parish Council were not consulted on. National Planning Policy enables farmers an element of permitted development and the District Council are not required to consult providing certain requirements are met. All future planning lists will be reviewed for any applications where there is no requirement to consult and this will be brought to the attention of the Parish Councillors.
2. SHDC are currently in the process of setting their annual budget, they will be applying for the maximum increase of £5 per year. It was noted that there is a £28,500 budget deficit this year.
3. A staff awards ceremony was held last week, with approximately 140 attendees (online)
4. The recent Executive meeting passed Part 3 of the Planning Service Improvement Plan. This element of the plan is in respect of case officers, more staff are being employed to speed up the processes including registration of applications, consultations and follow up on appeal dates. The Enforcement team are working through their lists and the numbers of enforcement cases are currently going down.
5. There is going to be a new Homelessness Strategy – the consultation for this will take place during March and April 2022. SHDC have Government money and will match fund this to purchase four properties to help get the homeless off the streets. They are also looking to try and buy a unit of accommodation for homeless families.
6. Existing community housing & status of projects: it has been confirmed that the St Annes Chapel project will proceed, this will deliver 8 affordable properties, the rent for which will not be more than the local housing allowance. The project also includes 3 open market properties and two building plots for the landowner.
7. Anyone in social housing who may be looking to downsize should get in touch with SHDC as they may be able to obtain a smaller property in the local area.
8. Cllr Townsend raised a query regarding signage and will send the requirements to Cllr Pearce.
9. Cllr Pearce has been investigating the situation with the beach steps. The options available include declaring the steps as a dangerous structure. An engineer is due to visit the site to assess the structure. If it is considered hazardous but not imminently dangerous the owner of the property will be required to remove/repair it, however, if the steps are declared immediately dangerous, the engineer will instruct a builder to remove the structure straight away at cost to the owner.

SHDC currently have Engineer Officers looking into replacement costs to ascertain the magnitude of the work, once known this information will be provided to the Clerk by Cllr Pearce.

It is thought (but not confirmed) that sections of the beach are owned by a number of different people, being the owners of property adjacent to the beach, ownership is to the high-water mark.

10. Recycling and Waste:

If you are having any problems with the refuse collection service, please ensure it is reported to South Hams District Council via this link: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/6185/Missed-Bin-or-Recycling>. It must be reported on every occasion and Cllr Pearce and Long be copied in.

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

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

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...

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111 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.

- 4178/21/FUL, Wakeham Farm, Demolition & Replacement with 4 dwellings. **SMPC Conditional Support See Appendix D for full response**
- 4194/21/VAR, The Old Chapel, Variation of Condition 4. **SMPC Support**
The Parish Council received representations from the applicant and a neighbour; Councillors present agreed the principle that a screen should be provided and had already approved the wooden screen; we were told that the District Council planners had suggested that a frosted glass screen was sufficient and the Parish Council unanimously support this.

Decisions:

- 2769/21/HHO, 7 Sunnyside, Single storey rear extension. **SHDC No Decision**
- 2664/21/FUL, Tolcarne, Demolition & construction of new building **SHDC No Decision**

- b. **Enforcement issues:** Continue to be dealt with.

Please will all parishioners provide the Clerk with full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported to Enforcement via www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach

112 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Sewage Treatment Plant Overflow Update. Cllr Townsend joined the Plant Team for a site visit, they were investigating how they are going to reduce the amount of phosphates that come from the treatment plant - they could discharge out by the South West Coast Path bridge or they could treat it on site. The other project they are undertaking is to increase size of the stormwater tank to reduce number of overflows. These proposals are in the current asset management plan and should be in place by 2025. Being SSSI land, Natural England are very supportive of getting the issues resolved. Cllr Townsend remains in dialogue with all parties.
 - b. Permissive Paths in South Milton Reserve. **See Appendices B & C** Cllr Townsend.
It was proposed to support and sign the agreement.
Proposed Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Collyer, approved unanimously.
 - c. Beach Steps in front of Sandbank, South Milton. Refer to Minute reference 110/C/9.
 - d. Proposal to update the Neighbourhood Plan including the incorporation of a S106 Principal Residence Clause on all newbuild properties that are not replacement dwellings. Other policies will also be reviewed, including, but not limited to, policies H1 and H4
Proposed Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Townsend, approved unanimously.
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113 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a. The accounts month 8/9 - **Appendix A**. A mandate sheet and transaction records were produced and signed in respect of the below payments:
Accounts to pay – Clerks Salary including HMRC £245.30, Jeremy Bell Cemetery Maintenance £120 (invoices to 11th November)
The payments were proposed by Cllr Townsend, seconded by Cllr Collyer, approved unanimously.
 - b. **Governance:** Budget Update. Prior to the meeting a budget document was provided to all Councillors in preparation for the Precept discussions at the January meeting. No questions were raised at this time.
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114 MEETING ENDS **21.11** Hrs

