

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

Date: 28th March 2022		Venue & Time: South Milton Village Hall, 19.30hrs
Present: Cllr Anne Berryman Cllr Graham Collyer Cllr Marion Brice Cllr Paul Booker (in the Chair) Cllr Graham Jinks Cllr Tim Lewis Cllr Nick Townsend	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk & Minute taker Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce Parishioners/Guests Present: 4	Apologies: County Cllr Rufus Gilbert

REF 2021/22 MINUTES

136 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

137 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No Declarations of Interest were received.

138 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 28th February without alteration, they were then signed by the Chairman.

139 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. 20mph signage: We await signage from the school, a request for a 20mph zone has been made to Devon County Council.
- b. Beach Steps Update: Originally DCC indicated that they would accept responsibility for the steps once they had been repaired. Based on this SHDC Cllr Pearce was working to resolve the situation, a quotation for repair had been received however, DCC made it clear at the last meeting that they were not keen to accept any further liabilities. Based on DCC advice the onus remains with the owners and this issue will be removed from further meetings unless new information is received.
- c. Bench Order: The benches are on order.
- d. British Telecom Fibre Broadband: British Telecom said they were surveying a property with a view to the installation of fibre broadband, another resident has been advised that they will be getting fibre laid. We have been unable to ascertain any confirmed information. Cllr Collyer will seek to establish the facts when he next speaks with the company.
- e. Fallen Trees & Branches: SMPC thank Peter Field for clearing the fallen tree in Sandheap Lane and also Cllr Townsend who kindly cleared the trees/branches that fell across that footpath that runs on the seaward side Gingers Field and over the stream to the North side of the village.
- f. Land End Flooding Update: This job is still part of a schedule awaiting action by Milestone, no date has been provided.

140 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. Lighting at School House & floodlighting of the church: When creating the Neighbourhood Plan it was clear that one of the requirements from the parish was to retain a dark skies parish and to reduce light pollution where possible. It was felt, particularly in the current environment that the lighting of properties, including the church, for long periods of darkness was not appropriate. Could the church be lit for special occasions only? A letter will be sent to the Church to ask for their response.
- b. A car has been dumped on the corner of Horswell lane for many months, it has recently moved further down the lane and is now a potential obstruction for Old Thatch. The owner, who has recently moved to a nearby parish, will be contacted and asked to move the vehicle.

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- c. It has been noted there are tractor loads of earth coming through the village although no one is entirely sure where it is coming from or if there is a license in place to move the earth. If more information comes to light SMPC will follow it up.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL NO REPORT RECEIVED:

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

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

1. All District, County, Torbay Unitary and Plymouth Councils have bid for one of the nine county deals for devolution. The powers that will devolve down include housing, transport and skills, additional funding will come into the area from the government once a final agreement has been reached. One of the aims is to have a Devon voice for housing in the hope that the Government may take notice of the severity of the problems we have in respect of this issue. The first meeting of the housing taskforce will take place in May. It is shocking to note that the multiplier of house prices to incomes in this area is currently just under that of London! Updates on the Devon deal will be provided at the next meeting, the final bid was submitted last Friday.
2. There is a revision to the Joint Local Plan section Dev 32 in respect of climate change. This will enable measures to be put in place to ensure properties have air source heat pumps, 7kw vehicle charging points, solar panels on at least 40% of the roof space, reduced window areas and more habitat green space etc – the aim is to have a ground breaking policy that applies to all applications. It is anticipated that this will be in place from approximately July 2022 onwards.
3. £285k will be received by SHDC for the Prop-tech engagement fund – this is in respect of a new Government planning initiative. Monies are for an interactive tool to explore how all aspects of community infrastructure are used by residents.
4. The garden waste service (brown bins) will be restarting this week. If you need to check when your next collection is, please use the link below. Simply enter your postcode to find your next collection day. Your brown bin will be picked up on alternate weeks to your black bin. <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/garden-waste-restart>

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...

141 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.

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- Neighbourhood Plan update including Principal Residence Policy: We are now mid-way through the consultation which will close on 18th April. Duncan Smith at SHDC has uploaded it to their website, it has also been uploaded to the SMPC website and has been circulated via email, newsletter, social media and copies are also available at the village hall. All present were asked to continue to promote the consultation.
- 4223/21/FUL, School House, South Milton, Proposed amendment of change of use to dwelling. Due to a number of concerns this application will require a site visit. In the meantime it was agreed that SHDC would be contacted in respect of some inaccuracies noted in the application and to raise concerns regarding a beech tree with TPO which is being damaged by a new bank that has been built against it.

Decisions:

- 0017/22/LBC & 0016/22/HHO, Greenaway, new garden room. **Withdrawn.**
- 4178/21/FUL, Wakeham Farm, Demolition & Replacement with 4 dwellings. **SHDC No Decision.**
- 4194/21/VAR, The Old Chapel, Variation of Condition 4. **SHDC No Decision.**
- 3748/21/FUL, South Milton Nursery & Flower Farm. **SHDC No Decision.**
- 0069/22/VAR, Tolcarne, South Milton, Variation of condition 10 2664/21/FUL. **SHDC Conditional Approval**

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

142 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) Village Sign in Milton Lane: Cllr Collyer has taken measurements and has received some potential illustrations for a new sign. The details will be provided to the clerk to obtain quotations.
 - b) Parish Sign Cleaning: It was agreed that a working party would be set up to clean the worst affected signs in the parish.
 - c) Platinum Jubilee: A beacon will be lit on the Thursday, there are also potential plans for a parish picnic with games.
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143 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE:

- a. The accounts month 12 - **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
It was unanimously resolved to accept the payment schedule.
 - b. **Governance:**
 - 1. Bank Review: A monthly bank charge of £8 is being made. Councillors resolved to investigate other banking options.
 - 2. NALC Pay Award April 2021, the pay award has finally been approved at 1.75% the councillors resolved to increase the Clerks salary by this amount from the date of the award.
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144 MEETING ENDS 20.36 Hrs

145 DATES FOR THE DIARY: 25th Apr, 30th May, 27th Jun, 18th Jul, 26th Sept, 17th Oct, 28th Nov, South Milton Village Hall, 19.30 hrs.

Signed as a true record: _____

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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, Jinks, Lewis, 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.

APPENDIX A: South Milton Parish Council Finance: Month 12

Category	Descriptor	Date	Month No. of Report to Council	banke d/Chq NO	Paid In	Paid Out	Cash Book Balance
Payment	Jerrys Gardening Svcs	01/03/2022	12	Y	-	72.00	17,443.46
Payment	RBL Poppy Appeal	01/03/2022	12	Y	-	18.50	17,424.96
Payment	Bank Charges to 27/2	21/03/2022	12	Y	-	8.00	17,416.96
Receipts	Gross Interest to 4/3	04/03/2022	12	Y	0.25		17,417.21
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TOTALS YTD Financial year 2021/22					£ 5,478.15	-£ 4,404.34	£ 17,417.21
RECONCILIATION CASH BOOK TO BANK							£
Cash book balance b/d					FY 2021/22 month	12	£ 17,515.41
					receipts	5,478.15	
					payments	- 4,404.34	
						£ 1,073.81	- 98.20
							Variance