

**SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2020**

**OPS**

Urgent Business: Scheme of Delegation: Due to the constantly-changing Government advice about social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic and the likelihood of all face to face meetings being banned, the Chairman called for a formal, legal framework within which the Council could operate in the new circumstances. The following resolution was presented:

*To consider delegating to the Proper Officer of the Council the following powers:*

- 1. The power to make essential decisions required for the running of the Council such as salary payments, payments of invoices, planning and consultation responses etc in email consultation with the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, these powers to be effective during such times as the Council is unable to hold meetings and to include August and December when no meetings are normally scheduled*

Those Councillors present unanimously resolved to support the resolution as presented.

**1. Present/Apologies:** Cllrs M. Brice, A. Berryman, P Booker (SMPC) present. Apologies were received from Cllrs G Collyer, T Lewis, D Clift and R Luscombe (SMPC); also Cllrs J Pearce and M Long (SHDC), Cllr R Gilbert (DCC) and J Tatton-Brown (Nat Trust).

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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**

- Ponding at Lane End: Further jetting had taken place, a blockage had been found in the outlet pipe approximately 30m from the road but it is hoped that enough clearing has been done to improve the situation. The damaged manholes have been assigned to the contractor so hopefully will be dealt with shortly.
- Speeding controls: The first poster is in place, thanks to Mr and Mrs Howey.
- Tree Warden: Mrs Rixon will study the Armada Tree site and make recommendations on a replacement tree.

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

**5. Review of Public Space Protection Orders (dogs on beaches)** – an email had been circulated to Councillors to advise that a public consultation was due to open and SMPC will be asked to respond. This matter will need to be fully discussed before a formal response can be given.

N.B. After the meeting, the Clerk was advised that this consultation is being postponed due to extra work created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

**6. Development at Wakeham Farm – nothing to report.**

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

- Jess Tatton-Brown sent her apologies for absence and sent in the minutes of the Working Group and some notes for SMPC by email. These were circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting
- Dogs: the Trust will continue to educate the public but will not be providing a specific bin.
- RNLI presence – funding arrangements fallen through so no lifeguards this year. Signs to be changed.
- SHDC own the toilets and the land they stand on but these would be handed to Nat Trust who are getting quotes for their refurbishment.
- Outfall pipe -work should be going ahead.
- AONB have started work on management plan; however open meetings will all have to be postponed.

**8. District Councillors' Reports – none available**

**9. County Councillor's Report – RG sent a report by email**

- Lane End. – see under Item 3
- RG surveyed Shute Lane and met with Mrs. Luscombe's son. Many potholes had been repaired excepting one at the farm entrance this will need filling at some point.
- Still no news on Edmeston lights but some road re surfacing nearby is at last taking place.

**10. Finance**

- Donations for the replacement defibrillator fund currently total £925 with more promised.

• <u>Payments to approve</u>	Fear of Mice (annual fee)	£ 85.00
	SHDC Election fee	£ 76.12
	LA March + expenses (ink)	£ 233.48

• <u>Bank Account Status</u>	Balances at 290220	Current	£ 6,924.71
		Reserve	<u>£ 9,473.32</u>
			£16,398.03
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**11. Date of next meeting** – Annual Parish Meeting due on Monday 220420 at 7.30 pm.to be advised.

**OPS**

- After nearly 20 years of looking after the grass in the cemetery, Mr Brian Baker has decided to retire. The Clerk will make some enquiries in the parish to find a new contractor.
- Due to new and more stringent regulations surrounding websites and the Council's ability to comply with requirements to make accessibility a priority, the Clerk will be investigating the setting up of a website of our own in the very near future.

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