

SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on
Tuesday July 23rd 2019 starting 6.45pm to transact the business below

SPC Present: Cllr Tim Biddlestone (TB) chairing this meeting; Cllr Tim O Donnell (TO) Cllr G Hobbs (GH) Cllr Chris Clarence (CC) Cllr D Westlake (DWest) Cllr A Burnham (AB) Cllr D Woodward

Karen Turner (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest –** None
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2019:** Approved (CC) & (DW)
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 25th June 2019:** None **(b) Letters and emails written:** None
5. **Correspondence:** No issues, relevant topics on this agenda.

6. **Devon County Councillors Report:** County Councillor's Parish Council Report 23rd July – Shaldon

Good evening.

Proposals to establish a Devon Carbon Plan have been endorsed by members of Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG), who have given their backing for a Net Zero Task Force to be appointed to develop the plan.

This Task Force will consist of 12 people with expertise in areas relevant to carbon reduction – drawing them from economic, environmental, health and academic organisations, and chaired by a leading climate expert.

A series of hearings will be delivered by the Task Force where experts will be invited to answer questions to determine the barriers and opportunities of tackling carbon dioxide emissions in specific areas such as transport, new development, waste, and agriculture. The hearings will identify if any additional research is necessary before putting forward potential policy options for inclusion in the Devon Carbon Plan.

Options drawn up by the Task Force will be tested and refined at a series of citizens' assembly meetings, which will be scheduled to take place next Spring in order to help inform the content of the plan.

A full public consultation will then be held on the draft plan, with the aim of the DCERG adopting the final plan by the end of 2020.

A new campaign has been launched to encourage landowners with ash trees on their property to inspect them for Ash dieback. The "My tree, my responsibility" campaign, supported by the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum, aims to inform owners of trees to look out for signs of the fungal tree disease and to take any appropriate action in order to maintain public safety.

More than 90% of Devon's native ash trees are expected to be lost due to Ash dieback in the next five to 15 years. Devon County Council surveys have estimated that it will potentially have to remove around 6,300 of its own ash trees from highway land across the county, which would cost the authority around £2.5 million to fell.

Across the county there are around 448,000 ash trees within falling distance of the highway that are owned by third parties or on unregistered land. The overall cost of felling all of these ash trees could be more than £70 million.

As Chair of Scrutiny at Devon County Council I thought that parishioners might be interested in exactly what we do. The three committees, Children; Health and Adults; and Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services are composed of back bench Councillors who act as a critical friend to the administration by offering overview, advice and recommendations to the Cabinet who actually make the decisions.

The Committees have undertaken ten reviews, more than twenty visits to frontline services, dealt with 104 reports from Officers, instigated 10 Reviews, published five Reports with 49 recommendations and held a national Conference chaired by Dr Sarah Wollaston MP all in the last twelve months.

Our reports have included Problem Gambling – as a result the Council now plays its part in raising awareness of the dangers of problem gambling; changes to Foster Carer Fees and Allowances – foster carers now have a guaranteed income, which has resulted in much better placement stability for children living with foster carers and we have also looked into the Service provided in winter by our Highways team.

Our latest Report, just published, is on Speed Limits across the county. There are many recommendations: all new housing development of over 50 houses should be designated as 20 mph; a default speed limit of 20 mph should be trialled in Newton Abbot and Kingskerswell; local communities should be enabled to create healthier streets and the Police's approach to Community Speed watch will be improved

7. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report: *Teignbridge District Councillors Report July 2019*

Following on from last month's report I am pleased that Shaldon Parish Council voted to top up the future wages of the gardener at the Botanical Gardens for the period 1st Nov 2019 till 1st April 2020. The sum in question is an extra £3000 which should provide for enough hours for the gardener to not let slip the state of the gardens which are in the best state ever during my lifetime following the lottery grant which enabled this to happen. Whilst on this subject the gardens were awarded for the first time ever a Green Flag award. There are only four Green Flag awards awarded to Teignbridge, so Shaldons Botanical Gardens is now elevated to stand along the other three sites being, Decoy Park Courtenay Park, both in Newton Abbot and the Den at Teignmouth. Well done again to Lisa Pash as retiring Chairman of the Friends who managed to get a spot on the local TV giving the gardens the publicity they deserved.

On speaking with the lead officer at Teignbridge we do face uncertain times ahead as the contract for maintenance of all Teignbridge gardens faces a retendering process in December 2020. So,

what will be needed in the way of extra finance provided by SPC is a little uncertain after 1st April 2020, suffice to say I hope SPC will continue to support what is needed in the way of top up finances for the gardener.

Finally I am trying to get reinstated the entire floodlighting of the Ness Headland, only two columns are there, hopefully they might function to night, with the third column completely down lying on its side, now without lights on at all, but looks like all made save?

Chris Clarence

8. Parish Councillor's Reports

(TB) I would like to report on the Air show firstly, to say thank you to the businesses that supported us with donations for our security company Itus and their staff for the road closures and barrier minding - The Ferry Boat, The Ness, The London Inn, The Village Fish and Chip Shop and the Ferryman. The feedback was that it was not a lot busier than a normal Saturday in July, but it is on the cards for next year. If the Red Arrows had attended, then that would no doubt make a difference. We would like to make an event of it in the village and take it on. Hopefully talks in a couple of months' time will confirm this. The feedback was it was successful and very beneficial to Teignmouth.

(TB) Seats – I have had to take one of the large seats away at the Green as it is dangerous – we have two on the Green and one in Albion Street, we want to preserve these seats and the ends will need shot blasting. The quote is £900 per bench. The Councillors voted unanimously for these to be repaired.

(TB) The village notice board needs replacing as it was damaged in a storm and now does not close properly. The quote from Taylors is £250 +Vat, the clerk had investigated a metal one which is guaranteed for 15 years but this is £1200. Cllrs unanimous that a new one could be sought from Taylors.

(CC) The flags will be put up this Friday – the flags have slogans – we do seem to have some reading dragon slayer, but these seem to be extra.

(GH) I have £50 from the Chip Shop for their donation towards the Air show, I was pleased to hear that they had had a good day and I am handing the envelope to the Clerk.

(TOD) Over cockling on the Salty, I think it is 10 kilos per day – cockles for some reason are not classed as a clam I will pursue this. The people are being bused in, although there is no evidence of commercial activity. Marine life will be affected. (CC) Harbour Commission put in a byelaw, need to discuss it with the Marine Conservation Authority.

(DWest) Excellent news that the botanical gardens have been awarded a green flag. They would like some Brown Signs six of them directing people to the gardens. Clerk to ask Toby Stephenson to speak with Lisa Pash.

9. Planning meeting: See separate minutes

10. Budget and accounts: (a) to approve and adopt the monthly accounts. unanimously approved.

11. **KGV mobile toilet facility** – It has become more difficult now that the Shipwrights is closed. Children are unable to walk to the toilets by the beach. (CC) I have priced through H&S a temporary toilet £1352 plus vat it does not need planning, but it does not cover vandalism. (GH) I see the problem, but this is like a builder’s toilet that will be cleaned once a week, it will be disgusting. (TB) I think we should ask (TOD) to look at a long-term solution under the umbrella of Chairman of the Ringmore and Shaldon Playpark.
12. **Floral maintenance plan and weeding the village -Sunny Patch:** (DW) who takes responsibility for the raised beds? Clerk to find out. Weeding the village, we have zoned the areas depending on footfall. we have had two quotes, and a company unable to quote as they do not have chapter eight allowing them to put out signs on the Highway. One of the quotes attended the meeting and currently works locally, he seemed to think one of his employees had chapter eight. (TB) This will be the deciding factor the Parish Council passed a motion to allow (DW) to take on the responsibility of instructing a company after finding out further information regarding what certification they hold.
- 13 **Beach Lease Update** -Looking through the beach lease we have been given the section right up to the bridge this may mean extra slots can be allocated therefore taking pressure off the waiting list. SPC will need to speak with the harbourmaster regarding the winter.
14. **Bonfire & Firework evening** -sky flyer could be considered for the Bonfire and Firework night this is a big expense and the Parish Council had asked the B&F Committee to find the funding. (CC) had confirmed that the funding had been found but the overall sign off had to come from the Chairman of the Bonfire and Firework night. (AB) Asked the Clerk to text him the details.
15. Date of next meeting 24th September 2019 6.45pm at the Methodist Hall.
16. **Public comment – none** (TB) Japanese knotweed – the only way to remove it is by stem injection, but it is down to the landowner.

Meeting Closed 8.20pm