

## SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on **Tuesday November 26th, 2019 starting 6.45pm** to transact the business below

**SPC Present:** Cllr Tim Biddlestone (TB) chairing this meeting; Cllr Tim O Donnell (TO) Cllr Geoff Hobbs (GH) Cllr Chris Clarence (CC) Cllr Andy Burnham (AB) Cllr Derek Woodward (DW) Cllr Danielle Westlake (DWest)

Councillor Alistair Dewhirst (DCC)  
Karen Turner (Clerk)  
Prayers Catherine Wagstaff

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Declaration of conflicts of interest –** None

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 22 October 2019:** Approved (AB) & (TOD)

**4. Matters arising from (a) minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019:** None **(b) Letters and emails written concerning actions from the minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019:** None

**5. Correspondence:**

- i} Request for a raffle prize towards the Tall Ship Experience at Shaldon School. **Clerk please arrange**
  - ii} Red phone boxes look out for removal notices – ask about adopt a phone box – Clerk has requested that Shaldon SPC adopt the phone box awaiting consultation period to end February 20.
  - iii} Riverside zebra crossing {DW} It is extremely difficult to cross the road between Riverside and Shoreside. It is used by a large amount of people and a lot of dog walkers many of whom are taking a chance in crossing after a frustrating wait due to the amount of traffic. People are prepared to sign a petition if a crossing is not forthcoming. (AD) Petitions do work I will support a letter to Head of Highways. **Clerk to write to Head of Highways to request a crossing.**
- 6. Clerk to update on Beach Lease, KGV Playground Footprint –** Beach Lease at our Solicitors today, he is currently away for several weeks. KGV Playground Footprint still in negotiations with TDC **Clerk will advise further at the January meeting.**

**6. Planning meeting: See separate minutes**

**7. Devon County Councillors Report**

County Councillor's Parish Council Report 26th November – Shaldon

Good evening.

Communities are being reminded to be vigilant over the winter months and be as prepared as possible for any severe weather-related emergencies. The County Council and other organisations continue to invest in new and improved flood defences to help protect those locations most at risk of flooding. But heavy and sustained rainfall or other severe weather events can result in unexpected problems almost anywhere in Devon. This means self-help is a vital approach to protecting homes, property and communities.

Practical advice and financial support is available to help local communities be better equipped to deal with an emergency, such as flooding. The Devon Community Resilience Forum offers two complementary grant schemes. Town and parish councils and community groups can bid up to £250 for this funding to help form their own Community Emergency Planning Group and produce Community Emergency Plans.

They can also bid for up to £1,500 to improve their own resilience with equipment or one-off small-scale work, which can range from the provision of sandbag stores, flood protection equipment, road signs, tools, and protective equipment.

For information and to download a simple application form go to <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/grant-funding-emergency-flood-resilience>

Flooding to roads or blocked drains should be reported via Devon County Council's Roads and Transport "report a problem" page. In the event of a flood, in particular the flooding of properties, people are being urged to record it online via the SWIM (Severe Weather Information Management) system. For information on who to contact in a flood event visit Devon County Council's Flood risk management webpages.

Plans for a new "Be Ready" Employer Service Hub have today been announced in support of Purple Tuesday, an international call to action aiming to change the customer experience for disabled people. The County Council is working in collaboration with Jobcentre Plus on this initiative as part of Devon's commitment to improving employment and customer experience opportunities for disabled people.

The free service, which is due to start in February, will provide a call-back service to answer specific questions; an online resource about all aspects of disability and employment to help employers attract, recruit and retain people with a disability or long-term health condition; training for large or smaller businesses and an opportunity to join the Disability Confident scheme to improve business reputation.

A number of focus groups for employers are being held in the coming weeks, asking employers for their ideas and feedback on what they need to enable them to recruit and employ more people with a disability or long-term health condition. You can find out how to take part at [www.readydevon.org.uk](http://www.readydevon.org.uk)

People across Devon are being asked for their views on 5G, as Devon County Council launches a "call for evidence" on the technology. The County Council's Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee is investigating 5G as part of a spotlight review.

Although the County Council has no current plans to make use of 5G in its ICT and is not involved with planning applications for mobile infrastructure, it is running an investigation in response to local concern and wants to hear from people to help inform its findings.

An online questionnaire is now available, inviting members of the public to express their views and asking what evidence or information people feel the County Council should consider in reviewing the technology. It also asks how informed people feel about the technology and if they feel enough awareness has been raised about the use of 5G.

As Chair of Scrutiny I want to hear from as many people as possible across Devon regarding 5G technology. The information shared will be used in our Councillor-led spotlight review. While Scrutiny can only make recommendations, this work is planned to help to inform Council policy on 5G technology. This is your opportunity to let our review know your thoughts and what you feel Devon County Council might do to address any concerns you have.

Anyone who fills in the questionnaire will have the opportunity to be invited to take part in a discussion with the scrutiny group at a later date. Feedback must be submitted by Monday 9 December.

Vital maintenance work on the Southbound Carriageway on the A380 outside Kingsteignton began on Monday, November 4 and lasts until the middle of December. The work will include resurfacing, drainage work, traffic signs work and the replacement of a safety restraint barrier.

This will mean that a 40mph speed limit will be in place on both the north and southbound carriageways. Only one lane will be open both directions – the outside lanes on both carriageways will be closed. This is causing delays.

Until the work is completed, from 6.30pm to 6am, the southbound carriageway at Kingsteignton, Eagle Farm to Ware Barton, will be closed to traffic with vehicles diverted through the town. Work on the northbound carriageway will start in the New Year, after the Christmas holidays. We apologise for any inconvenience.

(TOD) Asked Cllr Dewhirst regarding the pending playpark footprint transfer to SPC. (AD) Replied Teignbridge no different than any other Council, need to instruct outside surveyor to start with, then it goes to legal. It could take a few years. (TOD) I can't wait a few years.

The footpath from Coast View to the village will be at no cost to the taxpayer.

## **8. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report:**

### *Teignbridge District Councillors Report November 2019*

*I continue to follow up and chase many local issues that need addressing. A chance phone call with Josh Donald the proprietor of Coast View has, I am glad to say, has got back on track the soon to be work started on creating a footpath on TDCs Approach Golf Course. This path, is to serve mainly the residents of Coast View walking to Shaldon. Josh Donald is in the process of making a financial contribution to enable this to happen, with no expense to the tax payer. There will also be a future maintenance agreement of this path, which includes some netting to protect walkers against being hit by a golf ball. Following through on this, this work needs to be got on with asap, which wasn't yet happening because of shall I say, an internal glitch. The birding nesting season will soon be upon us again next spring, when the job cannot take place, so hopefully now some urgency will occur and the job done in this winter period.*

*Hopefully too, now that our principle solicitor at TDC has returned from a period of sickness our SPC lease on Shaldon Beach, terms all agreed will lead to it actually being drawn up and signed, a long overdue issue.*

*As for the Botanical Gardens our gardener is hard at work for two days a week, being paid for by Shaldon Parish Council over the period of six months which started on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, now that the Lottery Grant money has come to an end. It is my belief that SPC from May 2020 will want to keep*

*this going for an least another 6 months after this. However the TDC's gardens maintenance contract is up for renewal in Dec 2020. A firm called Inverde have the current contract and are continuing to do work in the gardens, but uncertainty prevails until around Dec 2020. Sadly water ingress into the Folly seems to be currently happening and TDC have been alerted to try and remedy this problem.*

*I have also being trying to persuade green spaces at TDC to remove SPC's bags of grit and weeds from adjacent to our half container in KG5 Car Park. SPC under the guidance and efforts by Cllr Derek Woodward in conjunction with our own SPC contractor have successfully weeded and swept our streets in Shaldon. Ringmore streets are next in line to be done. Whether TDC will play ball with us on this collection of bags, only the next few weeks will tell? In the drive and name of civic pride, SPC is in the vanguard and I have to report too that the total number of potholes fixed to date has now grown to 75. With further tarmac and spray arriving for the first time from DCC means the materials are there to do this, but will the weather allow for further work on potholes to be achieved in the depth of winter, again only time will tell as dry weather is important for a good fix.*

*Finally I am concerned about what appears to be an increased flood risks to Shaldon, this appears to emanate from the National Planning Policy Framework revision in 2018. This is affecting planning applications for Shaldon in the more low lying properties, meanwhile I await for two different officers at the E/A to respond to me.*

*Chris Clarence*

## **9. Parish Councillor's Reports**

(TOD) Looking to migrate emails by the end of the year.

(DWEST) Botanical Gardens Castle – the water ingest – TDC guaranteed the works. The rain is finding its way in, can there not be some sort of sealer. (AD) TDC are on the case the surveyor classed it as a garden foley not a watertight building so will await further instruction.

(DWEST) Witches Structure Botanical Gardens – unsightly- the Gardens have Green Flag awards we need a professional report.

(DWEST) Tree planting week at the Botanical Gardens we are planting 10 trees.

(DW) On top of the weeding, the concerns are the silt which takes addition time to remove.

(GH) State of the road at Marine Parade (AD) Storm damage DCC will repair it but not for a few months. (AD) Fore Street is earmarked for Feb20 for the work to be completed, the kerb stones will stay this is a request from the conservation officer.

(CC) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> drains on the bridge and gullies are due to be cleaned, pile works to be completed at a later date.

- 11. Budget and accounts:** (a) to approve and adopt the monthly accounts. (CC) proposed to Mr Chairman that they are paid (TOD) Seconded - unanimously approved.

## **12. Shaldon Homeyard Castle Building – See Cllrs reports**

- 13. Bonfire & Firework evening** – (AB) firstly I would like to thank everybody for making it possible to happen right up to lunchtime on the day the event was in question. Although we took a little less this year the weather played a massive part. I would personally like flowers

sent to Jo the Operations Manager as without her this event would not have happened. I rely on her so much. Clerk please arrange. (CC) Many thanks to everyone who helps it takes a lot of organising with many people bringing the whole event together. (AB)The B&F Committee have held a wash up event and are now arranging the 2020 event.

**14.** Date of next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 6.45pm at the Methodist Hall.

**15. Public comment – none**

**Meeting Closed 8.45 pm**