

## SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on  
**Tuesday January 27th, 2019 starting 6.45pm** to transact the business below

**SPC Present:** Cllr Tim Biddlestone (TB) chairing this meeting; Cllr Tim O Donnell (TO) 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:** Cllr Geoff Hobbs
- 2. Declaration of conflicts of interest –** None
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 22 October 2019:** Approved (AB) & (DW)
- 4. Matters arising from (a) minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019:** None **(b) Letters and emails written concerning actions from the minutes 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019:** None

(TB) Suspended standing orders to allow members of the Shaldon Football Club to discuss the Changing Rooms at KGV field. They have done a wonderful job looking after the changing rooms cleaning them and completing the internal decorations. They are the envy of many clubs in the area who enjoy playing at Shaldon because of the lovely changing rooms. It was felt that the exterior would need painting in the near future. The Football Club referred that the Parish Council had previously given an offer of assistance if required, they were wondering if this could be a set amount every year. The Council said they would help but would prefer if an invoice/quote could be produced and they would consider a donation toward this. They thanked the Parish Council for allowing them to have the building and the Clerk thanked them for all their hard work which is all voluntary.

- 5. Clerks Report/Correspondence:** Reply received from Meg Booth Head of Highways regarding SPC request for a controlled crossing at the junction with Riverside. The answer came back as our request would not be suitable for a controlled crossing. (AD) asked what we wanted to achieve, it was for the safety of pedestrians, it was feel more investigation work was required. (TOD) will contact the Land Registry and find out who owns the cobbled section.

Mrs Gilpin said thank you for the weeding of the village.

Jo Crumbley (Operations Manager of the Bonfire and Fireworks Committee) said thank you for the flowers.

- 6. Chairman to update on Beach Lease –** The Chairman had attended a meeting with Mr Setter our Solicitor from WBW accompanied by Cllr Derek Woodward. A few alterations had been recommended by the Solicitor which the Parish Council unanimously agreed with. Clerk please advise Mr Setter to include the amendments and liaise back to TDC.

- 7. Planning meeting: See separate minutes**

- 8. Devon County Councillors Report:** County Councillor's Report 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Shaldon

It is crucial that any declaration of a climate emergency is followed up with action, so I'm pleased to see that the Council has commissioned a full analysis of the carbon impacts of its waste management services from international environmental consultancy Eunomia Research & Consulting Ltd.

Eunomia's emissions modelling will establish the carbon footprint of DCC's waste management services, including the emissions from reuse, recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, residual energy recovery, landfill and transport. Carbon contributions from each of Devon's eight district waste collection as well as its recycling centres will be included in the analysis. The research will also factor in the need to meet a 65% recycling target by 2035.

Communities and residents across the County are being called on to vote for their 'People's Choice Hero' as part of the 7th annual Thank You Awards. A shortlist has been created from the nominations made by the public and can now be viewed and voted for on the Recycle Devon website. Votes will be open until 31 January 2020.

All the shortlisted candidates have been invited to attend an awards ceremony at County Hall in March. The Thank You Awards are organised by Recycle Devon and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green. There were over 40 nominations in seven different categories for this year's awards including School Recycling Hero, Collection Crew/Operative and Small Business Champion.

Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, Torbay Council and the eight District Councils.

The Brunel Road Recycling Centre will be closed to the public for a week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and for a week from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March for maintenance works.

The works are being undertaken in the quieter winter period to try and minimise disruption to the public as much as possible. Alternative facilities are available at Exton Road, Marsh Barton, Exeter and Babbage Rd, Totnes for those that need to recycle/dispose of material during the closure periods.

EU citizens with valid EU passports can apply for the EU Settlement Scheme. The scheme also extends to their non-EU citizen family members who have a biometric residence card issued by the UK. The deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme is the end of December 2020.

The application process can be completed online, but the identity verification part of the application, which is necessary, requires the person to have access to either an Android or some Apple mobile devices. Anyone in Devon who does not have access to such devices can make an appointment with the Devon Registration Service to have their identity officially verified for their application.

To book an appointment to have a biometric passport or biometric residence card scanned, one can telephone the Devon Registration Service on 0345 155 1002 for an appointment. The cost of the identity document scanning service is £14.

Finally, the Budget process has started in earnest. More than £43 million extra will be injected into vital services in Devon. Cabinet approved the target budget of £541 million for 2020/2021. That's an increase of 8.7 per cent

on this year. Consequently, there will be extra cash for social care and health, children's services, roads and drainage.

When the budget is agreed by full council next month, it will mean an extra £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children's services and £2.7 million for highways including £1 million to help deal with drainage issues on the road network.

Please don't think that austerity has ended, this is a one-year settlement for shire counties at the expense of others such as our neighbours Torbay who lose 8.03% and Plymouth who lose 11.58% and District Councils like Teignbridge.

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## **9. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report: Teignbridge District Councillors Report Jan 2020.**

*We are approaching our budgetary setting process at Teignbridge for the financial year 2020/21. The government has capped any increase over in effect 3% or over a £5 increase on a band D property. To propose a larger increase would take a referendum to do so. We are told in the lead up to the budget that we are pressed for money and more savings somehow have to be made. There is now no, what we used to call a government rate support grant, so we have to rely on council tax collection and what we can generate as a council to get income in. I suggest we are heading towards this minimum increase again, whilst again I suggest that Teignbridge looks to parish and town councils to take on more of their assets because of the fact that parish and town councils are not capped by the government in any further increases they have in mind to take over those assets Teignbridge have. Worth pointing out is that TDC in collecting council tax just keep now 9% of what is collected whilst town and parish council collect somewhere between 2% and 4%. In our case in Shaldon (SPC) we collected on the 2019/20 figures on a band D property £32.09 whilst Teignmouth (TTC) collects £95.60 to run its council. So, if you own a property in Shaldon rather than Teignmouth, if you're on the same council tax band you pay more overall to live in Teignmouth than you do in Shaldon! So any percentage rise on 2% charge does not overly impact too badly if it is over a 3% increase on a parish precept. SPC has been doing a lot more than in the past notably weeding of our streets and now part funding a gardener in the Botanical Gardens as prime examples of extra finance needed for such work.*

*So all the council's workings are looked at in the drive to save money. Unfortunately this means even our bowling green, one of eight such greens are in the spotlight for this. Indeed TDC are opening talks with our bowling club to see whether this green can become more self-financing than it is currently. I have been in talks with the club, other clubs too, over this difficult matter as especially our club does not even have a large club house with a bar to generate income so the issue is ongoing and very concerning as to the outcome as TDC have been and do look after the playing surface at a considerable cost which they are looking at making more cost effective.*

*There are many ongoing issues, some of which I have reported on recently and I still have my eye on the ball with those on-going issues. The path opposite Coast View, in TDCs approach golf course, the beach lease, the Folly, which is leaking badly in the Botanical gardens, the loss of a beach seaward end of Shaldon Foreshore, the Play Park, which SPC are heading towards taking over so that the local Shaldon Committee can obtain more funding for play equipment in an upgrade there, the campaign to try and save Teignmouth Hospital, waste bin provision for our beaches in summer time and the issue of too many cockles leaving Salty. However, two small successes to report, the third tripod to floodlight the Ness in summer has been reinstated and I continue to fix potholes notably the big one outside the chemists. Do bear with me on fixing potholes as my health has not allowed me to do so much recently and I know there are more to fix which I hope to do shortly.*

*Chris Clarence*

## 10. Parish Councillor's Reports

(TOD) I have had a meeting with Debbie Marshall regarding the repairs required to the KGV Playpark prior to SPC taking on the footprint Debbie was in receipt of the Annual Inspection. She has stated that she is hopeful any repairs will be completed before the footprint is transferred to SPC. I have a further meeting with her in due course.

(TOD) The projector and screen will be around £500 Rev Catherine Wagstaff said she did not know about the screen. T B is on the Church Council and said that was all in hand. The Clerk said who is going to take it home all the time and wouldn't it be best to have it ceiling mounted therefore this could increase booking for the Hall if a projector and screen were available for the Community to use. TB That's brings me onto broadband as there is non in the hall at the moment is SPC prepared to go 50/50 on the monthly costing and installation. **Voted Unanimous.**

(DWEST) Botanical Gardens Castle – the water has been pouring in, this has meant mold up the walls – flaking ceiling – nobody is going to hire the venue in the state it is in, it has bookings for weddings and an art exhibition I really don't know what can be done – someone surely should take responsibility it has gone into the electrics. It was understood that TDC facilitated the Lottery Funding – did the Lottery take back control? The village is well aware of who completed the roof works which took some considerable time to complete. (AD) The surveyors quote is a very large sum in excess of 50K with £600 for the electrics quoted – (CC) I assume that is to switch off the electricity. After further discussion on what was possible needed to get it back to a watertight position the Chairman asked (D West) and (CC) to work together to ask TDC for:-

1. What were the specifications of works to be done on the Folly and what materials were to be used in the contract?
2. Were these works to be overseen by TDC or the Heritage Lottery Fund?
3. Who was the Contractor and did that Contractor fulfill his obligations as per contract?
4. Who signed the job off?
5. Would it be possible please for my parish council, to see the latest TDCs surveyors report on the Folly, that I believe suggests that over £50K is needed to rectify the situation.
6. Has Teignbridge, as this is Teignbridges property, insured the building and if so what would be the insurance implications to make a claim to rectify defects? **The members voted unanimously for the questions to be asked.**

(DW) The whole of Shaldon has been cleared of weeds. Ringmore, we took a decision where there is a kerb it will be weeded as there is a lot of hedgerow in Ringmore. (DW) asked (AD) was it possible for the road sweeper to come to Shaldon as the weeds are already growing in the silt. (AD) said he would enquire (DW) I can contact Steve Gamage at TDC myself.

- 11. Budget and accounts:** (a) to approve and adopt the monthly accounts. Unanimous. The precept budget meeting was on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, the precept was agreed at £41027 this was a small increase due to the £6000 being paid to TDC for the continuation of the current gardener at the Homeyards and to have a provision for an additional body for the weeding, this has been currently met by Cllr Derek Woodward.
- 12. Methodist Hall – Broadband required please see item 10.**
- 13. VE day Celebrations –** It was felt a beach picnic would be difficult to mark out, therefore a street party would be best like CC organised for the Queens Birthday. (CC) to head up the Committee to make the necessary arrangements – meeting 11<sup>th</sup> Feb in the Methodist Hall at 7pm (confirmation to be obtained that the hall is free).
- 14. Bonfire & Firework evening –** (AB) The date for 2020 is the 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- 15. Actions taken away from tonight by Cllrs to report back please at the next meeting whether completed or not.**
  - Bridge Road Crossing (TOD)
  - Projector & Screen (TOD)
  - Road Sweeper (DW)
  - Folly (CC & DWEST)
  - Beach Lease (Clerk)
  - VE Day Party (CC)

We must not forget we have the waste bins pending for more bins in the summer and the beach sand levels.
- 16. Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 6.45pm at the Methodist Hall.**
- 17. Public comment – none**

**Meeting Closed 8.45 pm**

