

## **DRAFT SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)**

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parish Council

**Tuesday November 24th, 2020 starting 6.00pm** to transact the business below

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

Councillor Alistair Dewhirst (DCC)  
Karen Turner (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** PC Clarke Orchard
2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest** – (AB) Planning application (ii) (GH) Planning application (viii)
3. **Planning applications** – see separate agenda.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2020:** Unanimous
5. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020:** None  
**(b) Concerning actions from the minutes:** None
6. **Clerks Report/Correspondence/Police report from October** – PC Clarke Orchard is not allowed to attend Zoom meetings (only Teams) and gave his apologies. The October report was seen by the Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs agreed to Police and Community meetings to start in the new year more information will follow.
- 6.1 **Letter received from TDC regarding rural skip costing** – The Councillors voted not to continue with this service as it was felt that most people could access the Recycling Centre at Newton Abbot (6/7 voted no 1 to continue). It is extremely disappointing that this is another service disappearing from TDC.
- 6.2 **Request for traffic signage Brook Lane and Ringmore Road Junction and Peppery Lane and Brook Lane Junction** – We would be looking for at least two years to get double yellow lines agreed by HATOC, the parking of these car's on a junction are in dangerous positions, and it causes concern with emergency vehicles. SPC signage agreed unanimously to be put up in these areas.

7. Financials – Clerk

7.1 Monthly accounts – Agreed unanimous

8. **Devon County Councillors Report:** County Councillor's Report 24<sup>th</sup> November – Shaldon

The Leader of Devon County Council, John Hart, said: "None of us wanted another lockdown but I fear it had become inevitable. The support of the vast majority of people in our county and the wider South West has meant that we have seen some of the lowest incidence of cases throughout this crisis, even with millions of visitors in the summer. But we have seen spikes here – at Exeter University for example – and our numbers have begun to rise generally as well, in keeping with the rest of the country.

“We have obviously not been reaching the numbers that would have seen our area go into a local lockdown. But the figures that the Government produced show that our NHS services could have become overwhelmed. So I believe that this temporary measure was necessary even here. And I urge people to continue to follow the guidance and wear a face mask indoors, keep your distance and wash your hands.

“I very much welcome the extension of the furlough scheme but our economy relies massively on small and medium companies and the tourism and hospitality industries and it is vital that the Government also provides support for these sectors.

“It is also vital that the Government provides financial support for local government so we can continue the vital work we did during the first lockdown.”

From Thursday 5 November, everyone must stay at home, and may leave only for a limited set of reasons.

These include:

For education

For work, if you cannot work from home

For exercise and recreation outdoors, with your household, support bubble or on your own with one person from another household

For all medical reasons, appointments and to escape injury or harm

To shop for food and essentials

And to provide care for vulnerable people, or as a volunteer

Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues will be closed.

Click and collect services can continue and essential shops, including supermarkets, will remain open.

Pubs, bars, restaurants must close, except for takeaway and delivery services.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, known as the furlough scheme, will remain open until December, with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500.

[Further guidance on the new measures are available online.](#)

[Details of the extended furlough scheme and other economic support, can be found online.](#)

Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick confirmed that moving house will still be allowed during the restrictions, adding that removal firms, estate agents and tradespeople can continue to work but must follow Covid safety guidelines.

It's vital to continue:

↔ Making space

 Covering your face

 Washing your hands

It is not all bad news however! An online public consultation is being launched by the County Council on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November on proposals to complete a missing link of the Teign Estuary Trail between Newton Abbot and Teignmouth.

The County Council is seeking views on its plans for a 5km section of the multi-use trail next to the estuary, starting at the Passage House Inn in Newton Abbot and joining the A381 at La Roche Maurice Walk. From there, a shared use path would link to the junction near Morrisons supermarket, at the western edge of Teignmouth.

As part of the consultation, a webinar will be held from 6pm-8pm on Wednesday 25 November to cover the scheme proposals and provide people with the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback to the project team.

A further virtual 'drop-in' consultation event will be held at 5pm-7pm on Wednesday 9 December enabling people to dial in to talk to the project team. Those wishing to attend either event should email [transportplanning@devon.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@devon.gov.uk) for joining instructions.

The scheme aims to improve connectivity between existing strategic trails and promote safe and sustainable travel in the natural environment of the Teign Estuary.

More information on the proposals will be available [online](#) from Tuesday 17 November. The consultation continues until Friday 18 December, and the feedback form can be completed online. For those unable to access the internet, please contact the Transport Planning team at Transport Planning Team, Matford Offices, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD or please telephone 0345 155 1015, email [transportplanning@devon.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@devon.gov.uk) or write to the above address.

A pioneering new project that supports unpaid carers has been heralded nationally and is shortlisted for a prestigious care award. It involves dedicated staff from Devon Carers, working closely with hospital teams to identify situations where carers are involved, and where support for those carers is needed for patients to return home safely, or prevent hospital admissions.

First piloted at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, the Carers Hospital Service is now also running in Torbay Hospital.

There are an estimated 130,000 people in Devon who are looking after family members, neighbours or friends. Devon Carers, which is run by Exminster-based Westbank, support around 20,000 carers, (around 15 per cent). While support for carers is available, reaching them has always been difficult because people's caring roles are often not identified.

Sometimes people are unable to leave hospital because the person who is caring for them at home has become unable to cope. It might be because the patients' care needs have grown worse and the carer doesn't know what to do, or the carer could be unwell themselves, or simply exhausted from providing round the clock care.

Having identified where there are carers involved, the Carers Hospital Service team works with them to understand what is happening and to see where support would help them, which might avoid a hospital admission or help get the person home more quickly. If the carer's health is poor, or they have developed care needs themselves, the team refer the carer to health or social care services.

Between April 2019 and the end of October this year, 2,193 carers have been helped by the Carers Hospital Service, 1,740 of which were previously not known to Devon Carers.

Finally, the impact of the ongoing pandemic on people's mental health in Devon may currently be difficult to determine, but to help you look after your own wellbeing during the national lockdown, Learn Devon is launching its "Mindfulness Challenge".

The five-day challenge, which launches on Monday 16 November, features a series of short videos that provide an opportunity to take 20 minutes a day to ensure that mindfulness – training techniques for your mind and wellbeing – is part of your daily routine.

Each day will focus on different techniques to help with focus, concentration, relaxation, coping with anxiety, as well as stretches for desk workers and more.

Those who sign up for the challenge will receive an email each morning at 6am with a link to the day's video which they can watch on-demand, in their own time. The email will also include further tips to improve wellbeing in everyday life.

Learn Devon, Devon County Council's adult education service provider, hopes that everyone taking part will enhance their wellbeing, enabling them to better cope with life's stresses and the difficulties brought about by the pandemic and a second national lockdown.

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Covid-19 cases are currently running about 1000 per week compared to August = 10 per week. We are doing well, half the national average. We are looking after ourselves and being sensible. There is some pressure on the NHS with about 8% of hospital beds being used for Covid -19 . The areas with higher cases are Exeter, East Devon and North Devon. Ventilators are being used much less than last time, we have better treatments. This could rise to 15% of hospital beds by the end of the year for covid-19 admissions. Schools and construction and manufacturing are operating normally. We hope the Government will listen to us and hopefully we will be in the lowest tier. Vaccinations if given the go ahead will start this year but will take several months to complete, so we will have to still be vigilant for some time yet.

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

*In my last report in October I outlined the finances at Teignbridge going on to say that the consequences of Covid 19 meant the loss of the rural skip service saving Teignbridge overall the sum of £51k. However, I have obtained for Shaldon Parish Council the costings for Shaldon which were in total £2097.42 the last time the service came to Shaldon. Breaking these figures down the cost of the skip service amounted to £1883.63 with further disposal costs for 1.66 tonnes amounting to a further £213.79 have to be added giving that overall amount of £2097.42. However as said, maybe SPC or a sponsor would be able to pick up this service so we could continue with it? The charge for dumping might well vary a bit but any donation would be great to have should anyone feel they would like to help financially to keep this service going?*

*Teignbridge are prepared to help still in a small way, risk assessments and passing on to us the details of the current contractor who would be prepared to work with SPC to organise this event using the contractual staff as normal to handle what goes into the skips.*

*I say this because of my last report, two constituents have come kindly forward wanting to put back into the village something to benefit the village, so my sincere and grateful thanks go to them. The first benefactor is James Ashton who is kindly offering what he terms as a substantial sum so that the Ness Headland can be floodlit in future. So that end I have asked an officer at TDC to come up with costings for replacement of floodlights on the reinstated seaward pylon, plus maintenance costs for the other two columns and the actual electric for a season. I am of course in touch with James over this and hope a way forward can be found to achieve this.*

*The other benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, would like to see a tidy up, probably a new seat and the view cleared of overgrowth where the plinth is at the entrance of the lane off Pickett Head Hill which leads down the Hamiltons opposite the entrance to the allotments. Where the plinth is at Pickett Head Hill doesn't belong to TDC and with that in mind I have approached the probable land owner who also assures me of his co-operation to see this done, which is great news. So with that in mind I believe the probable land owner and the financial help offered will achieve this.*

*Teignbridge are indeed pressing the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA) to come up with a bye law to prevent commercial cocklers removing far too many from the Salty. This item came up at a Teignbridge Executive meeting, so hopefully this will occur before too long passes. I believe Alan Connett, our TDC leader, has much the same problem in his TDC ward on the Exe so I can see this issue being addressed and not forgotten. However the legislation needed in a bye law lies with IFCA to achieve.*

*Once again the part funding of a gardener in the Botanical Gardens is on the table*

*again for Shaldon Parish Council to decide whether they want to continue with doing this. My vote certainly is for doing just this.*

*Finally, I hope residents have noticed once again that potholes are being fixed, in Horse Lane Broadlands, Waveleigh Terrace, Dagmar Street and Combe Road.*

*Chris Clarence*

10. (CC) **To explain to SPC the anonymous donation approach regarding TDC managed structures.** Much of this is covered in my above report. I will go back to the anonymous benefactor regarding the bench, as the bench is not on TDC land, but we would like to get it tidied up. (TB) The flood lights at the Ness are a TDC responsibility (TOD) can we not maintain the lights and TDC deal with the electric. The Clerk is concerned that benefactors are coming forward and reminded the Councillors that we must follow the code of conduct which was acknowledged by the Chairman. (DWest) we have to be careful about taking on everything from TDC there is going to be more and more and we are not a bottomless pit. (AD) The work completed on the lights has strengthened them, there is no statutory agreement for TDC to turn them on. TDC cannot raise Council Tax in the same way as Town and Parish Council. The Parish Councillors asked for CC to find out the costing and bring it back to SPC in January and thanked him.

11. Parish Councillor's Reports relating to Shaldon to include actions from previous meetings - All
  - i. (TOD) to update on KGV Playpark footprint since the request for a break-clause. Break Clause agreed please put on the January Agenda
  - ii. (DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly to include questions raised with TDC regarding SPC contribution towards the gardener (SPC to vote on March - October 2021, November to March 2022 funding). We have just been awarded the Green Flag again, one of the items on securing this was the contribution from the Community. The Parish Council should be proud of this. The fact that we are in a Covid situation and that the gardener was furloughed for 3 months in the first lockdown the gardens are looking in great shape and the volunteers have really stepped up. Water ingest at the castle is again returning. Cllrs agreed that (TB) & (AB) would go and look at the situation and report back to the Parish Council on their findings as it was felt that no major funding was likely to come from TDC and it looks like the Friends are going to have to look to apply for a grant to complete the works. As a Parish Council we have to agree that we are happy to continue to fund the 2 days a week for the gardener for the next 12 months. Proposed and seconded voted agreed unanimous.
  - iii. (DW) to update on weeding programme and completed signage. Weeding completed in the village now time to get on with Ringmore. Tothill Court signage has been completed. Would you like me to complete the signage regarding item 6.2 Councillors confirmed yes.
  - vi.(TOD) Apply to the Land Registry to obtain the owners of the cobbles along Bridge Road any further progress? Ongoing
  - v. (DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan findings from previous Council. There are many items that could cause an emergency – from accidents to explosions. We could look to set up what's up groups for streets rather than leaflets. There is no set format – compile a 20-page document. (GH) agreed to assist.
  - vi. (TOD) Update on the progress on the new website and any requirements needed. Ongoing
  - vii.(CC) update on potholes and any Community Road Warden items. Out doing them on my own completed 6 today on the Green, Albion St and Carnation St. (TB) There are a lot of potholes I will come out and help you. CC it is the social distancing. (TB) Lets get a compactor for the day and we can both social distance.
  - viii.(TB) to update on Remembrance Sunday; the commencing of the Christmas Trees and extra decorations being put up for 2020; The damage to the war memorial garden plants during the construction of the railings. There were still quite a few people at the Remembrance Sunday but they kept to the social distancing rules and Dave Matthews completed the 2 minute silence. Christmas Tree is up in place and most of the trees on the business premises have been put up. There will be additional items on the Green this year which the Councillors agreed was a great idea. Re-instated the flower beds at the war memorial, all completed (CC) said it looks very nice.

#### 11.1 Action takeaways from this meeting

- (DW) Signage to be completed from item 6.2
- (TOD) KGV Playpark to be put on January Agenda - Clerk
- (TOD) Owners of cobbles along Bridge Road – Contact Land Registry
- (TOD) Website building to continue
- (DWEST) Emergency Plan to start to contact necessary buildings and keyholders for evacuation procedures (GH) to assist.
- (TB)(AB) Visit the castle at the Botanical Gardens to look at water ingrest.
- (TB)(CC) Potholes at Broadlands to be completed.

12. Public participation- none

13. Next full Parish Council meeting 26th January 2021 by Zoom if no change to the Covid -19 restrictions.

Meeting closed 8.16pm.