

## SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parish Council

**Tuesday January 26th, 2021 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 –** None
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 24th November 2020:** Proposed (DW) Seconded (GH)
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020:** None  
**(b) Concerning actions from the minutes:** None
5. **Clerks Report/Correspondence/Police report from December –  
Clerks Report 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Time Flies in Teignmouth will continue to carry out maintenance of the Village Clock if it goes wrong, as it is Electric there are no real servicing needs.

Police and Communities Together meeting has been postponed until March due to the Covid-19 GOV.UK legislation.

Beach Lease Head of Terms – Clerk has sent in amendments/corrections to the wording and is awaiting TDC to finalise. **TDC had replied the day of the meeting to state they were not happy to empty the bins on the beach. SPC were unanimous that they are not in a position to manage/ fund this we are run on volunteers, so will need to enlist the help of the Portfolio Holder for Recycling and again negotiate the Head of Terms from TDC. Clerk to put back on the February Report.**

The Dog Warden has been visiting Shaldon since she took over the role in October 2020. The Green has seen an increase of use, generally due to the dark nights and mornings the Dog Warden thought. The Clerk requested that the A Board be moved from KGV field to the Green, but SPC felt this was only needed short term as it could be detrimental to the look of that area of the village. Additional signage has been put up around the Green and at KGV Playing Fields by the Warden and the Clerk requests that the A Board be moved to the walkway and the amount of the fine needs re-painting as it should read £100, SPC to agree please. **(DWest) I will arrange this.**

TDC requested information from the Clerk as Shaldon Parish Council have left the Precept at the same level as last year.

The Clerk has requested 2 quotes for the KGV Playpark to be inspected prior to SPC

considering the Head of Terms from TDC – only one quote has been received can this be agreed by Council please to proceed as the lead time is 8 – 10 weeks (this is normal) £105.00 is the quote.  
**Chairman proposed (GH) seconded - Unanimous.**

As previously in the minutes, the Clerk is adding additional Policies to the existing Website, the Freedom of Information and Community Infrastructure Levy Payments have been added.

Subscriptions and Donations previously agreed at Annual meetings, as no meeting held in 2020 can the Clerk issue cheques in line with what was agreed in the Budget for 2020 – 2021? **Chairman proposed (GH) seconded - Unanimous.**

The Clerk has contacted the Devon Association of Local Council who confirmed that donations from Parishioners were allowed as long as they were included in the Accounts. (From November minutes).

Parishioner has raised concern over a purchased Memorial Bench painting, as it is not in line with the other benches. Clerk has spoken to TDC and it has been brought to the attention of the maintenance team who will look at it in the Spring, subject to Covid-19 GOV. UK Legislation.

6. Planning applications – see separate agenda.

7. Financials – Clerk

7.1 Monthly accounts – **Chairman proposed (GH) seconded Agreed Unanimous.**

8. **Devon County Councillors Report:** County Councillor's Report 26<sup>th</sup> January– Shaldon

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*As we adjust again to staying at home more, and minimising our contacts outside of the home, it's important that we remember to take care of our minds as well as our bodies.*

*It's perfectly normal to feel anxious or worried right now, whether that's about our own health or that of family members or friends. If you live alone, you may be feeling an even greater sense of isolation or loneliness. Staying at home is difficult, but you are helping to protect yourself and others by doing so.*

*Every Mind Matters has some helpful information online to support us through this time, whether that's regarding concerns you may have about your finances, or ensuring that you or others have the supplies or support you need, or staying connected with others. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>*

***It's even more vital to continue:***

↔ ***Making space***

 ***Covering your face***

 ***Washing your hands***

*Devon County Council is working with partners to ensure that rapid '30 minute' community testing for people without COVID-19 symptoms will soon be available across Devon. Approximately one in three people who have coronavirus do not display symptoms.*

*A positive or negative result will not remove the need to follow existing COVID-19 measures socially and in the workplace. Employers who have staff and workers who would be eligible for testing are encouraged to register their details. Further information and updates are available on the Devon County Council website.*

*Critical workers and those in high-risk occupations who still have to attend work, and people who are in contact with vulnerable individuals, such as carers, will be prioritised. Rapid 'lateral flow tests', which provide a result within thirty minutes, will be used.*

*The first testing site will open at County Hall in Exeter towards the end of January, with further sites to open across Devon through February and March. This will support existing testing arrangements and complement the national roll-out of lateral flow tests in some settings such as universities and schools.*

*Snow showers and freezing conditions swept across Devon in the early hours of Sunday morning. Devon County Council warned of a significant risk of ice on Devon's roads, particularly into Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.*

*Devon's fleet of gritters have been working around the clock to treat the County Council's salting network, but the authority is urging people to avoid all but essential travel.*

*Gritting will continue throughout Sunday ahead of an anticipated drop in road surface temperatures to as low as -8C across Devon overnight tonight. Conditions are expected to be hazardous for anyone travelling on Monday morning, and there is a severe risk of ice on untreated roads.*

*During operations, a Devon County Council gritter over-turned near Holne on Dartmoor, highlighting the treacherous conditions. The driver was shaken by the incident but was unharmed. The vehicle has been recovered and the road re-opened.*

*Devon County Council is also working closely with Highways England and Devon and Cornwall Police. Additional resources were deployed to Haldon/Telegraph Hill, and ploughing was carried out on the A380 before 4am to keep the road clear of snow.*

*Whether you keep just a few birds as pets or thousands, from 14<sup>th</sup> December onwards you are legally required to keep your birds indoors or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds.*

*Poultry and captive bird keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. They can help prevent bird flu (avian flu) by maintaining good biosecurity on their premises. Keepers are encouraged to register their birds with DEFRA so they can be contacted quickly if there is an outbreak in their area and action required. Owners of more than 50 birds are legally required to register their flock but those with fewer than this number are still encouraged to do so.*

*Poultry and captive bird keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77 (option 7), and keepers should report suspicion of disease to APHA on 03000 200 301. Keepers should familiarise themselves with DEFRA's avian flu advice. Public Health England advise the risk to public health is very low and that properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.*

*The Budget process starts in earnest today, Monday, with the Scrutiny of Children's Services £158 million budget, then Health and Adult services Budget on Tuesday - £282 million (49% of the total budget) and then my Corporate, Infrastructure and regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee pulling it all together to understand the full £578 million. Much more on this next month.*

*Finally, some good news! Three companies have been selected to roll-out full fibre broadband networks on behalf of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme, backed by Government funding.*

*Airband, Truespeed and Wessex Internet will be installing full fibre broadband across Devon and Somerset to more than 56,000 rural homes and businesses over the next four years. The combined public and private sector investment of around £80million will be in the vanguard of the Government's ambitions to build a Gigabit capable network across the UK.*

*The three companies all have experience of working in the region and, between them, have already delivered connections to nearly 41,000 premises in the CDS region.*

*In the new roll-out, Airband will be expanding its full fibre coverage into rural areas of Somerset, East Devon, as well as areas of Mid Devon, South Hams and Teignbridge (Dainton). Truespeed and Wessex Internet will deliver in rural communities in other parts of the South West.*

*Work is due to start this year for completion in 2024. As mentioned before Teignbridge Council is the only District Council who are involved in financing this roll out. It is third time lucky so let's hope it happens this time.*

*Alistair Dewhirst*

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## **9. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report: Teignbridge District Councillors Report Jan 2021.**

Many of my items are included in the Agenda. TDC budget likely to be around 60 million, which is an increase of around £5 on a Band D property. TDC offers good value for money with 9% of the bill, DCC 74% and the Police 11% with Town/Parish Councils around 2%. We will have to wait and see the outcome.

## **10. Village maintenance items to be discussed and actions required:- Cllrs**

10.1. (CC) Ness Viewpoint and the Viewing Platform – SPC to discuss contributing to maintenance works? also can we consider varnish/repairs to the noticeboards in this area (DWest). **SPC were split on what works should be completed. As it looked like some work had taken place recently. They felt the quotation from TDC needed more clarity before a decision was made. (CC) & (DWest) agreed to request a meeting with Mark Payne Green Spaces TDC to discuss actual planned works and the Chairman requested the item be put back on the Agenda for February.**

10.2. Discuss tree/foliage work requirements on SPC Land Asset DN252788 Torquay Road and Old Commons Road which backs onto Allotments – contribution offered by a Parishioner. **The Clerk has obtained information from TDC regarding which**

**trees belonged to them. It is not clear from the above Land Asset whether the large Oak Tree belongs to SPC. Further information will be required, (TOD) & Clerk to attempt to get further Land Registry information and the Clerk will request a meeting with the Parishioner after Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted to establish impeded views.**

10.3. **Patio repair required at Sunny Patch loose slabs. (DW) I will look into this.**

10.4. **Compass Seat and Embankment Flower Bed repairs required prior to spring planting (GH) what is annoying is clearly these items have been vandalised and the village has the right to know as we are using their budget to repair the items. (TB) & (AB) agreed to look at the items to see what repair is required and obtain a quote.**

## 11. Parish Councillor's Reports relating to Shaldon to include actions from previous meetings –

11.1. (TOD) to update on KGV Playpark Head Of Terms since the request for a break-clause and removal of recycling charges and for SPC to agree actions in response to pursuing these Head Of Terms with TDC. **It was agreed the Head Of Terms were not acceptable with SPC being asked to pay towards TDC (Landlords legal costs and Licence). Each party should be responsible for their own costs. The Chairman requested information from the Shaldon and Ringmore Playpark Committee how many members are presently active and when was the last meeting and could the Parish Council see sight of the minutes? (TOD) will arrange for this to happen he confirmed it was fulfilling its obligations as a registered charity and currently £10K had been raised. SPC (GH) Proposed and (TOD) seconded would SPC take on the Head Of Terms if the costs were amended to each party being responsible for their own part? It was agreed unanimously that this would be the case. (TOD to go back to TDC)**

11.2. (DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly and Gardens. **The Friends were incredibly pleased with the Britain in Bloom award. They are continuing to look at ways to improve, they have revamped the website with a QR code being made available for donations. Last year they had taken a hit with less visitors, limited events, and less donations. The Friends and volunteers have continued to work hard and have exposed a wall which will need structure work, this no doubt will be the next big project. (TB) to obtain quotes for the weather proofing of the folly. The Friends were pleased to hear that SPC were once again contributing towards the gardener's wages. (Dwest) explained that a job description had been produced for the gardener and an expected task list to record accountability. This would assist if the gardener changed in the future. TDC Mark Payne Green Spaces is due to visit to see if help can be provided from Groundsmen regarding further works and work from the bed's maintenance team.**

11.3. (DW) to update on weeding programme and completed signage. **All on top of the weeding. Signage at junction of Brook Lane and Platway Lane regarding no parking has come to a standstill as both landowners said no to the signs being attached to their property. (AD) to request permission from Highways regarding the signs being placed on two poles.**

11.4. (TOD) Apply to the Land Registry to obtain the owners of the cobbles along Bridge Road any further progress? **My next step it to contact Midas Home the landowner can I have agreement to do this. (DW) proposed (TB) Seconded agreed unanimously.**

- 11.5. (DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan and progress. **20 pages completed, please bear with me. I have contacted Devon Communities Resilience Group who deal with assisting with formats. TDC do not appear to publish documentation on their website (AD) to provide a contact. My next step is to call out via the Parish magazine for groups to be formed for the streets in Shaldon I will draft a letter for your approval.**
- 11.6. (TOD) Update on the progress on the new website and any requirements needed. **Still ongoing hopeful that I can bring an update for the February meeting.**
- 11.7.(CC) update on Community Road Warden items to include further storage of equipment. **We have plenty of pothole material and I will start again when the better weather arrives. The gritting was completed, but I am unsure how long the gritter will go on for it keeps seizing up and the salt is too wet. I think we will be looking at 2 years maximum. I have requested permission from TDC that we move our container over to accommodate a further shed as we have a lot more equipment especially if in the future we are taking on the Beach and KGV Playpark. (TB) We will also require work to be completed on the Ferry Shelter and on the wooden bins along Marine Parade this can be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Clerk suggested SPC looked into funding a new gritter from the same fund.**
- 11.1 Action takeaways from this meeting
- (TOD) Negotiate with TDC regarding costs relating to the Playpark Lease.
  - (DWEST & CC) Meet with Mark Payne TDC regarding quote for viewpoints.
  - (DW) Awaiting confirmation from DCC for siting of no parking signs.
  - (DW) Look at loose slabs at Sunny Patch.
  - (TOD) Write to Midas Homes regarding ownership of pebbles along bridge road to allow DCC to further consider pedestrian crossing
  - (DWEST) Draft a letter for SPC consideration for volunteers to assist during an Emergency.
  - (TOD) Website building to continue.
  - (CC) To obtain price for a new gritter.
  - (CC) Awaiting reply from TDC regarding further storage space alongside existing, in KGV Car Park
  - (TB & AB) Look at repairs required at the compass seat and embankment flower bed and arrange a quote.
  - (DWEST) Arrange for sticker on A Board to update fine cost of not picking up after your Dog now a £100.
  - (TOD) & Clerk to obtain further Land Registry map regarding mapping of ownership of land Torquay Road/Old Commons Road.
12. Public participation- none – **Additional item** The Chairman had been to visit the Zoo following the Spotlight Coverage it was extremely sad to think that a business in Shaldon was in such a difficult position. What was very encouraging was the amount of funds that had been received in such a short space of time with a go fund me page currently 23K. The Chairman had delivered some grain and was thrilled to see how many local people were delivering goods. Clerk to write to the Zoo to ask for an update on their current position and please put this on the Agenda for February.
13. Next full Parish Council meeting 23rd February 2021 by Zoom if no change to the Covid -19 restrictions.

Meeting closed 8.04pm.