

SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday February 23rd, 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** – (CC) 5.4 As a member of SCC I am able to speak on the matter but not participate in the vote (TOD) As a member of the Social side of SSC I will speak on the matter, but I will not vote 5.4.
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2021:** Proposed (TB) Seconded (DW) unanimous.
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 26th January 2021:** None
(b) Concerning actions from the minutes: None

5. Clerks Report/Correspondence/Police report from January meeting Clerks Report 23rd February 2021

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

Beach Lease Head of Terms – TDC still have come back to state the recycling is the stumbling block therefore the Chairman has spoken to the TDC Portfolio holder to see if this can be resolved. In the meantime, the beach will require maintenance to bring it back to where it needs to be for the season.
Chairman deferred talks until end of the meeting

The Dog Warden has increased her visits to Shaldon and is extremely disappointed that people are not picking up after their dogs on the Green even though there has been an increase in signage. **Please see item 10.6**

The Clerk has requested KGV Playpark to be inspected prior to SPC considering the Head of Terms from TDC. This has been booked and will be completed during March.

The Clerk has emailed the SVFC to request overhead costings, to consider assistance from our Business Rate Relief Grant. The football is keen to assist if a Defibrillator is going ahead on the KGV Changing Rooms and suggested signage and a lite external box are considered. **Defibrillators see item 12. SVFC deferred until March meeting.**

Coastal Fountain Grant – is this something we are interested in? costings, vandalism, and impact on local traders. **SPC are fully aware of single use plastics but felt that at this time water is available from two areas close to the ferry shelter where people can fill up bottles. A previous water**

fountain was closed due to complaints regarding cleanliness. (TB) proposed (CC) seconded It was voted 5 against/ 2. Maybe a different area could be considered, perhaps by the Ness Tunnel.

Outstanding, further land registry check/enquires on land off Torquay Road to confirm the ownership of the Oak Tree. **(TOD) had applied for the necessary land registry information just waiting for a reply.**

Expressions of interest needed for 100% funded scheme for On Street EV Chargepoints. **Unanimous, Clerk to register SPC interest at this stage.**

Police Report for Shaldon Parish Council – January 2021 **Reported crimes from 01/01/2021-31/01/2021**

Shaldon (2 Crimes)

- X1 Dog Crime
- X1 Driving Offence

5.1 Quotes regarding village planting (DW) Two quotes received extremely close, Company 1 £6123.00p Company 2 £5994.00p therefore it was proposed (TB) seconded (DWEST) and voted unanimously to remain with the existing contractor at this time from 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022. **Clerk to advise both parties.**

5.2 Discuss assistance following the Shaldon Zoo go fund me campaign – As the go fund me campaign was continuing, and the Government have a proposed opening date roadmap (subject to Covid-19 Gov.Uk restrictions). The Parish Council requested the Clerk to write to the Zoo to advise them if they need assistance in the future please contact the Parish Council.

5.3 Discuss provisionally setting a Bonfire & Firework night date for 2021 – October 30th due to the tide times.

5.4 Discuss letter from Shaldon Sailing Club regarding agreement of 40 spaces and collection of donations towards beach maintenance. It was acknowledged that this year was not a normal year regarding the amount of sailing boats that were kept on Shaldon Beach. The agreement of up to 40 placements remain with the sailing club collecting the donations (currently pay for what number are placed) and sending the money direct to the SPC Beach Account as a lump sum. Communication will be required between the Clerk and sailing club regarding the number of stickers required.

6. Planning applications – see separate agenda.

7. Financials – Clerk

7.1 Monthly accounts – proposed (TB) seconded (DWEST) Agreed Unanimously.

8. Devon County Councillors Report: County Councillor's Report 23rd February – Shaldon

The Local Restrictions Support Grant scheme for businesses severely impacted by the Tier 2 restrictions is now open for applications. Both rated and non-rated Teignbridge businesses (in any sector) can apply, including businesses that work from home or on a mobile basis. Those who applied for an LRSB for the November 2020 lockdown are welcome to apply for this scheme too.

Grants for the new lockdown period will go live in early February. TDC are also working on a new 'grant checker' that will allow businesses to work out which schemes they are eligible for. In the meantime, TDC are asking members and officers to signpost businesses to our grant summary table on the website under Business.

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/business-help-and-support-during-coronavirus/>
<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Case numbers are continuing to fall in Devon, but they are still around the same levels now as they were at the beginning of December. Cases are highest among the 20 to 39 year old age group.

Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon, said that while the fall in cases is good, we are still seeing the virus spreading in some workplaces, often attributed to car sharing. If car sharing is essential, please follow the recommended guidance about reducing risk to yourselves and fellow passengers.

Mr Brown also urged critical workers and people who care for others who are vulnerable to use the new Community Testing Centres opening in Devon.

Climate conscious Devon residents are being urged to reduce their carbon footprint by cutting down on the clothes they buy and instead get the most out of what they have. And if residents do have to buy new clothes, they are encouraged to buy better-quality, ethically sourced items, preferably from a local retailer.

The 'fast fashion' industry is the second highest carbon-creating industry in the world* and emissions from textile production outweigh the total carbon footprint of international flights and shipping combined. Producing the clothes we wear creates 1.2 billion tonnes of CO₂e each year, accounting for over 10 per cent of all global carbon emissions.

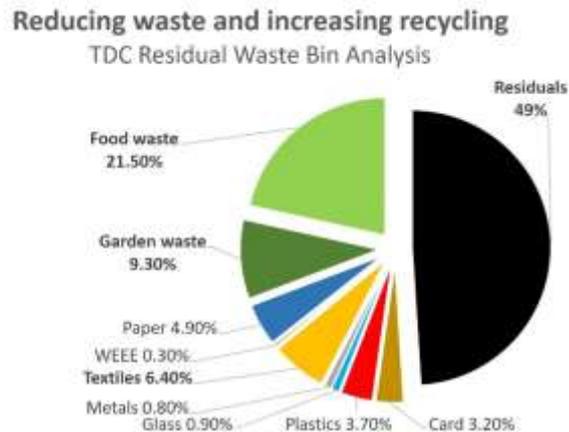
The production of a single t-shirt creates the same amount of emissions as driving from Exeter to Plymouth, and in Devon around 6,500 tonnes of textiles are still ending up in waste bins each year.

If re-used instead of binned, this would save 33,800 tonnes of CO₂.

Vice Chair of Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee, Councillor David Harvey, said: "Given that £30 billion of unworn clothing is sitting in UK wardrobes, do we really need to be buying even more?"

"The highest contributor to the carbon footprint of clothing is the production and processing of fibre, whether natural or synthetic. This can be reduced by making the most of the clothes we already have, buying second-hand items online or when charity shops are open, and swapping with friends and family. "If we do need to buy brand new clothes, buying good quality, long lasting garments from local retailers made from sustainably, and ethically sourced fibres will help to reduce our carbon footprints. If residents avoided buying new clothes for a whole year, it would save a staggering 132,860 tonnes of CO₂."

For more information about reducing and reusing clothing, please follow Recycle Devon on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or visit www.recycledevon.org.



Three weeks ago, saw the start of Devon's £578.5 million Budget process. Monday saw the Children's Scrutiny Committee looking at their £158.3 million budget. Members heard that this was a 7.8% increase on the year before, however even with this increase there was over £1/2 million of savings to be achieved in the disabled Children's service. What is really terrifying is the High Needs Block negative reserve will reach £78 million by the end of 2022 – at this rate it will consume the Council in a couple more years.

On Tuesday, the £282.5 million budget for Adult services had an 8.3% increase taking to nearly half the total budget. £26.2 million of this was to fund increases in demand and inflation. We heard that the Public Health budget had been held at last year's rates because we still have not received the Government grant for this part of the service.

Finally, on Thursday at a 7 ½ hour marathon session the CIRS Scrutiny Committee looked at £39.9 million Communities budget (a 0.2% increase), the £40.4 million Corporate budget (a 7.5% increase) and the Highways £57.5 million budget (a 0.5% decrease). We were staggered that there were to be cuts to winter operations and Highway Network management. We then brought the whole budget together including the Capital budget.

Following representations made by my Party and the recommendations made by Scrutiny the Leader announced an extra £600,000 would be added to the county council's roads budget under a new plan announced at Cabinet the Friday before last.

At Council last Thursday surprisingly, there was no amendment to the Budget from Labour who abstained from voting on the Budget or its proposed Amendments but spoke for the Conservative Budget!

The Lib Dem Budget amendment which comprised investing £3.4 million on fixing Devon's roads (filling potholes, routine maintenance, repainting white lines and investing in cycling and walking); £1/2 million on supporting communities who want 20 mph zones; £1/2 million on Green Devon schemes (Bee corridors, wildflower verges; £1 million supporting "Made in Devon" and "Bought in Devon" schemes and £3/4 million for mental health support for children.

This all to be paid for by a draw down from the £64.4 million Budget Management Reserve set up to support this very type of thing.

Finally, this amendment sought to end the tax loophole whereby second homeowners can switch from Council Tax to Business rates and then claiming small business exemptions.

You won't be surprised to know that many Conservative Councillors echoed the North Devon MP's call for Highway improvements but failed to vote for the amendment that would have actually given them those improvements!

After 4 hours of debate the Council voted for a 4.99% increase in Council tax which comes down to £1,511.28 per Council Tax band D property for 2021/22.

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9. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report: Teignbridge District Councillors Report Feb 2021.

Yesterday we had the main budget meeting at TDC, and the Council tax was approved. Rise was 2.85% which now means £180.17 on a band D property which is equivalent to a £5 rise. I think this is good value for money considering what TDC actually do and comparing with other Councils, but I will leave you to be the judge of that. The remainder of my items are covered on the agenda.

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

- 10.1. (CC) Ness Viewpoint and the Viewing Platform maintenance contribution to TDC – Update on meeting with Mark Payne TDC –** Photos were taken at the meeting and acknowledged that there is a limited view across to Teignmouth. TDC to come back to SPC with an updated quote for maintenance until then (CC) we will have to see how the foliage grows during the summer.
- 10.2. Patio repair required at Sunny Patch loose slabs.** (DW) Completed
- 10.3 A Board regarding not picking up poo fine amended to £100** (DWEST Completed) (DWest the A board needs bigger screws and for the plastic to be repaired which I will arrange and return it to the alleyway)
- 10.4. Compass Seat and Embankment Flower Bed repairs required prior to spring planting** (TB) will obtain the quote before the next meeting.
- 10.5 Post maintenance required by Ferry Shelter** (TB) due to the health and safety of the posts, work has been requested from a local company previously used by SPC.
- 10.6 (TB) Consider what further action needs to be considered to ensure people are picking up after their dogs on the Green.** This is extremely disappointing as it is obviously happening in the evening. Additional movable small signage may be an option. SPC concerned regarding trip hazard. (TB) proposed a time related light (TOD) seconded voted unanimously. (TB) to order.

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 removal of costs/ charges** The Councillors expressed their thanks to (TOD) for all his hard work and for getting costs reduced. Voted to except the new HOT. Unanimous.
- 11.2. (DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly and Gardens.**(TB) and (AB) will get a quote on the folly repairs before the next meeting. Friends of the Botanicals AGM is the 10th March by Zoom. Hopefully a grant can be applied for to assist with the crumbling wall. Further clearance along Torquay Road and the drainpipe needs replacing on the gardeners hut.
- 11.3. (DW) to update on weeding programme and completed signage.** (DW) On top of the weeding. Sign put opposite the shared drive in Brook Lane after agreement with the owner of the wall to assist with two residents who were having problems with vehicles parking opposite there share drive therefore delivery vans were obstructed.
- 11.4. (TOD) Apply to the Land Registry to obtain the owners of the cobbles along Bridge Road any further progress?** Midas home to be contacted - ongoing.

- 11.5. **(DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan and progress.** My next step is to call out via the Parish magazine for groups to be formed for the streets in Shaldon due to Covid-19 the magazine is not being produced. The letter will be presented for your approval in the meantime I have got a template from and seen site of Coombes Emergency Plan which also uses the template - Ongoing
- 11.6. **(TOD) Update on the progress on the new website and any requirements needed.** Still ongoing - Clerk suggested that we contact the existing website company for a costing to assist.
- 11.7. **(CC) update on Community Road Warden items to include further storage** -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. No reply received from TDC – it was suggested that this was moved just a few inches to accommodate the further storage. No further update on the gritter agreed to look at this at a later date.
- 11.8 Action takeaways from this meeting**
- (TOD) Contact TDC regarding finalising the KGV Playpark Lease.
 - (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 requesting for volunteers to assist during an Emergency, to be placed in the Parish News and media sites..
 - (TOD) Website building to continue.
 - (CC) To obtain price for a new gritter.
 - (TOD) To obtain further Land Registry map regarding mapping of ownership of land Torquay Road/Old Commons Road.
 - (TB) Quote regarding Compass Seat and Embankment flower bed for the March meeting
 - (TB) & (AB) Visit folly to obtain a quote regarding water ingress.
 - (TB) Purchase light for Green.
 - (TOD) Ringmore placing of Defibrillator – advise Clerk when agreed
12. **Request for consideration of a defibrillator at Ringmore** – It was mapped out the lack of this facility currently available in the Ringmore area. It was agreed that one could be sited on the Changing Rooms at KGV and if agreed one close to the little book shop/kiosk. Proposed (TOD) seconded (AB) Agree Unanimously. (AD) I have some Locality Budget left £855 Clerk please apply and I will assist. The remainder will come from the Community Infrastructure Levy. It was also agreed that a defibrillator would be sited at the KGV Changing rooms.
13. **Discuss the holding of a Christmas Fair for one day at Shaldon.** Excellent idea. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that if the Parish Council's insurance was required, a Councillor would need to be on the Committee and the fair would need to be called SPC Christmas Fair. Proposed (TB) Seconded (AB)
14. **Public participation** – 1 attended nothing further to add.
15. Next full Parish Council meeting 23rd March 2021 by Zoom if no change to the Covid -19 restrictions.
Meeting closed 8.15 pm.

Parish Council meeting's are supposed to be no longer than 2 hours it was therefore agreed to defer the Beach Lease and Clean to the March meeting.