

SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday March 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)
Councillor Alistair Dewhirst (DCC)
Karen Turner (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** PC Clarke Orchard, Cllr Andy Burnham (working)
2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest – None**
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2021:** Proposed (GH) Seconded (DW) unanimous.
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 23rd February 2021:** None
(b) Concerning actions from the minutes: None

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

The Clerk has received the KGV Playpark inspection, and this is on our Agenda. The Clerk did contact TDC the current owners due to a concern over the gate shutting.

The Clerk has emailed the SVFC to request overhead costings, to consider assistance from our Business Rate Relief Grant. **Agreed £429 unanimously toward affiliation fees, insurance and utility bills after careful consideration of figures.**

Off Street Parking Places Order received – Ness Long Stay & KGV Short Stay slight increases. Do the Parish Council wish to comment on Labrador Bay Car Park – 48 hour stay period? **SPC to write to TDC to suggest as there are no facilities in this Car Park stay period needs to be shortened.**

Beach Clean 27th March is on the SPC Facebook Page. Dinghy owners are being contacted requesting assisting the clean by unlocking of their padlocks. Risk Assessment completed. Dinghies to be put back in numerical order as per Clerk's list if some are totally in the wrong place.

Floodgates - SPC are looking for a new Co-Ordinator please contact spc.org@hotmail.com if you are interested in taking on this voluntary role.

SPC have been contacted regarding providing beach entertainment during the summer months 2021. SPC felt that 2022 would be the time to consider further development on the beach as currently it is still under TDC ownership.

Police Report for Shaldon Parish Council-February 2021

Reported crimes from 01/02/2021-28/02/2021

Shaldon (6 Crimes)

- **X1 Robbery**
- **X1 Miscellaneous Crime**
- **X4 COVID Breach related crimes.**

Other matters

Please report any suspicious persons/activities and record vehicle registration details if used. Please contact the police on 999 if the incident is happening there and then, or by 101 (emailing is quicker) if it is historic.

PACT meetings will hopefully resume soon, subject to Government lockdown guidance.

Again, this month we are looking to 'target' local poaching issues/rural wildlife crime in and around the area. If you see anything suspicious, please report as soon as possible. Any information would be greatly appreciated to assist with our plans moving forward.

On the 11th February 2021 Teignmouth Police conducted an operation to disrupt poaching in the local area. 16 officers in plain and marked vehicles were patrolling the area with the help of local landowners, all of whom have been recent victims of poaching/livestock theft on their land. Officers included, the force Rural Wildlife Crime Officer PC Martin Beck, Neighbourhood Inspector Andrew Tomlinson, PS Jon Ross, PC Clarke Orchard Rural Neighbourhood Beat Manager of whom was the OIC for the operation and PCSO Saul BUNCE. Members from Teignmouth and Chudleigh Neighbourhood teams linked up along with support from the Special Constabulary. Several local game keepers were also present, who with the permission of the landowners were deployed around the area covering Ashcombe Rural, Dawlish Haldon Ridge and Kenton to try to spot potential offenders/poachers.

On this occasion no arrests were made but considerable disruption was caused to any potential poaching in the area of which demonstrated an excellent example of the Police and the rural community working together.

Community Speed Watch is currently on hold due to the current lockdown. This will naturally resume when restrictions ease.

Kind Regards

PC Clarke Orchard

- 5.1 Quotes regarding Beach Clean – Costing for the works approx. £3.5k due to the Covid-19 restrictions SPC are unable to accept volunteers. It was proposed that half of the invoice's were to be funded from the Beach account and half from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Proposed (CC) Seconded (DW) Agreed unanimously.**
- 5.2 Councillors agreement sought to progress HOT for the Beach Lease following TDC recycling approval. Proposed (TB) Seconded (DWest) agreed unanimously. Clerk to advise TDC.**
- 5.3 Discuss email received regarding current condition of Sunny Patch – (DW) Completed Annual visual inspection form. Weeding/planted due to be completed in the next few weeks, felt quarterly maintenance was sufficient. The benches do need painting and it was agreed unanimously that this costing would come from our CIL. SPC wishes to thank the parishioner who offer to paint them, but to ensure Insurance liability is met a company would be contracted and they would remain green. It**

was agreed that a sign would be put up beside the rubbish bin requesting members of the public did not fill it with their own household waste. Clerk please advise the two Parishioners who made the enquiries.

5.4 Discuss email received regarding the siting of a dog bin in the lay-by at top of Deane Road Stokeinteignhead. It was commented that Dog Poo seemed to be getting worse in all areas. It came to light that (AD) was already in talks about the siting of a bin in this area with the DCC Engineer's but no decision had been made as of yet. (AD) is also the Portfolio Holder regarding Recycling in TDC therefore SPC left the matter in his hands. Clerk to advise.

6. Planning applications – see separate agenda.

7. Financials – Clerk

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

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

Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health, said that since the vaccination programme began, the numbers of people with coronavirus needing hospital treatment or dying have reduced significantly. The latest research shows that the vaccine gives about an 80 per cent protection against needing treatment in hospital, and an 85 per cent protection from dying from coronavirus.

Mr Brown was responding to a question about the effectiveness of the vaccine, following two outbreaks of coronavirus in East Devon care homes. Residents and staff in both homes had had their first dose vaccinations and are due their second doses very soon. "But no vaccine is one hundred per cent effective," he qualified.

"There will still be people who catch coronavirus, and particularly those most vulnerable – the elderly and those who have clinical risk – who will potentially get coronavirus and still become seriously ill."

Asked whether outbreaks like these can happen again, Steve Brown said: "We are going to continue to get small outbreaks in settings such as care homes, workplaces and schools. But whenever we get an outbreak, the response is quick and swift. Such measures are designed to protect and safeguard those people in that setting, and to try to reduce any onward transmission.

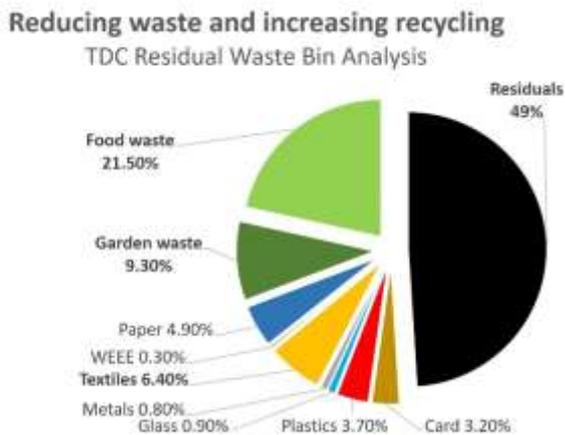
"Even when you've been vaccinated, it's still really important that you continue to adopt public health measures – stay at home. If you do need to go out, make sure that you keep social distancing, wear those face coverings when indoors in public spaces, and wash your hands regularly," he said.

Monday 1st March started the UK's first Food Waste Action Week and highlighted the link between food waste and climate change.

Devon residents can find practical tips and advice on how to reduce food waste and take part in a food waste challenge via Recycle Devon social media feeds on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and on its YouTube channel.

A survey by Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP) found that while most people acknowledge food waste is an issue, less than half of people (39%) make a strong link between wasted food and climate change.

The Food Waste Trends Survey 2019 estimates that, on average, almost one in four potatoes (22.8 per cent) are thrown away uneaten, compared to around a fifth of bread (21.5 per cent), chicken (20.5 per cent) and milk (18.4 per cent).



Finally, on the subject of waste, residents are invited to have their say on the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay.

The Public Consultation runs from Wednesday 3 March to Wednesday 14 April, and the responses will help shape how Local Authority Collected Waste is managed in Devon up to 2030.

The new document will present how the 10 councils responsible for waste collection or disposal in Devon, will continue to work with residents to try to reduce the amount of household waste created and continue to ensure that waste is managed in a sustainable and cost-efficient manner.

The consultation responses will then be reviewed, and an amended strategy will be presented for final approval to the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC) and individual councils this summer, with the intention to publish the final strategy at the end of the year. The consultation is here <https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/draft-resource-and-waste-management-strategy-for-devon-and-torbay/>

Around 56,000 homes and businesses will be provided with access to Gigabit capable broadband by internet providers Airband, Truespeed and Wessex Internet in the coming few years.

Airband is due to start construction of its first link for the new network in July – this will take place in Devon and will include Powderham, and Combefishacre. Survey work is underway in these areas. It's anticipated that these properties will be the first to be connected by this autumn.

Airband has already provided superfast access to 18,700 homes and businesses across Devon and Somerset and its latest full fibre programme will extend its network to a further 40,150 premises. They are mobilising staff, materials and equipment and are securing any sub-contractors needed to deliver the programme.

CDS is currently completing a refresh of its Open Market Review which was carried out before going out to tender in February last year. This has to be double checked after the contract is awarded to ensure

any areas earmarked by CDS for coverage are not in the plans of commercially funded programmes. This enables public funding to be spent where the need is greatest.

CDS, BDUK and the contractor carrying out the work can decide if the public money should be redeployed to another area in need of subsidised coverage. Some limited “overbuilding”, overlapping commercially built networks, can happen in some areas where it provides the most cost-effective route. Before construction can start, surveying, design and planning work also has to be undertaken. This involves examining the geography of the area, determining the build route and most efficient timescales.

As this critical work develops prior to construction, discussions have to be held with landowners and local councils to find the best and most cost-effective route for the new network. This requires securing landowner consent and access to highways.

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. What is really terrifying here is that we were told 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. Tuesday saw the £282.5 million budget for Adult services being scrutinized – it is nearly half the total budget.

A 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.

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.

At Council, surprisingly, there was no amendment to the Budget from Labour who abstained from voting on the Budget or its proposed Amendments but spoke in favour of 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 23rd March 2021

Since last writing all councils have set their budgets for the financial year 2021/22. In Teignbridges case, this has meant a council tax rise on a band D property, being £5 pa, or 2.85% increase, paying to Teignbridge £180.17pa. This equates to 9% of what you pay pa, once Devon County Council, the Police, the Fire Service and the Parish Council have had their share. Covid 19 has put a huge strain on the councils finances, thankfully the government have come up with grants to help cover the impact of loss of income.

Meanwhile, with all meetings on zoom at Teignbridge, with emails and Covid restrictions local council business has been very slow with the issues I would like to have seen progress on. However, it appears the footpath in TDCs Approach Golf Course will materialize after this summer season with the proprietor of Coast View accepting the terms TDC were demanding of him. As for the Castle in the Botanical Gardens, as a parish council we are looking at what needs to be done from a parish prospective, to try and get the Castle watertight. Sadly TDC have a large financial figure in mind, which simply isnt in any budget to put this to rights. As for the beach, where TDC is the freeholder, negotiations are finely balanced as to whether SPC and TDC can finally come together and should Shaldon PC take on the lease, the terms have to be acceptable for what is a tiny parish council to finally take on such a responsibility. Meanwhile the fight to retain Teignmouth Hospital remains finely balanced. Our MP secured a Westminster debate on the subject on the 9th March, to add weight to the informal referral made by DCC on the 26th Jan to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel. (IRP). With our MPs intervention, on the 9th, a formal referral has now been made by DCC on the 18th March, meaning the IRP, in making such a report, to the Health Minister, he will now make the decision. Thus the Devon NHS Clinical Commissioning Group would have to fall in line with that decision, whatever that decision might be.

Chris Clarence

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

- 10.1. **A Board regarding not picking up after your dog** – returned to Alleyway after repairs. SPC agreed to leave it in this spot for the time being but were extremely disappointed that they do not seem to be seeing an improvement of the amount of poo in the village. **Update on placing Sensor light?** (TB) Sensor light for the Green is still outstanding.
- 10.2. **Compass Seat and Embankment Flower Bed repairs required prior to spring planting** (TB) will chase (AB) to obtain the quote before the next meeting.
- 10.3 **Update Post maintenance required by the Ferry Shelter** – New ones have been made and are in final stages of completion.

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

- 11.1. **(TOD) to update on KGV Playpark Independent Annual Inspection** – This has been forwarded to TDC current owners to ensure a schedule of works is drawn up before the formal Lease is signed. Does this mean the HOT can be signed and returned? (TOD) will make the relevant enquires and report back to the Clerk.
- 11.2. **(DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly and Gardens-** AGM held and pleased to report that there is a good number of volunteers coming forward. The main works will be securing walls and buildings during 2021. Folly quote regarding ingress of water still outstanding (TB) & (AB) please visit. Concerns raised regarding cyclist's racing through the Botanical Gardens on what seems to be a village route. No cycle signage proposed on all of the entrances. (CC) Proposed and Seconded (DWest) to be placed on entrances. (DW) Agreed to arrange purchase of the signs and the fitting of them.
- 11.3. **(DW) to update on weeding programme and completed signage.** (DW) On top of the weeding. The village is looking good. No Parking sign to remain in Brook Lane after speaking to residents who own the wall where it is currently fixed.
- 11.4. **(TOD) Apply to the Land Registry to obtain the owners of the cobbles along Bridge Road any further progress?** Owners contacted and happy to support a Zebra crossing. (TOD) to contact DCC for next step. Unanimously agreed by SPC. Torquay Road/Old Commons Road foliage owners responsibility (TOD) contacted Bovis and they are putting a schedule of works together to include the oak tree.
- 11.5. **(DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan and progress-** Letter going into the April Parish News requesting volunteers - ongoing
- 11.6. **(TOD) Update on the progress on the new website and any requirements needed.** Still ongoing - Clerk suggested that we contact three web providers for a quote to complete – return to next meeting as an Agenda item. Agreed unanimously.
- 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 with the equipment required for the beach lease. (TB) I will look into costing for a new container so this can be achieved.
- 11.8. **(TOD) Update on defibrillator siting agreement at Ringmore** -carried over to April meeting regarding siting and use of electricity.

11.9 Action takeaways from this meeting

- (TOD) Contact TDC regarding proposed repair schedule and HOT agreement for signing.
- (DW) Obtain and fit no cycling signs for Botanical Gardens
- (CC) To obtain price for a new gritter.
- (TB) Costing for small container next to existing one in KGV car park.
- (TB) Quote regarding Compass Seat and Embankment flower bed for the April meeting
- (TB) (AB) Visit folly to obtain a quote regarding water ingress.
- (TB) Purchase sensor light for Green.
- (TB) Obtain quotes for painting of the benches at Sunny Patch.

12. Next full Parish Council meeting 27th April 2021 by Zoom if no change to the Covid -19 restrictions. Meeting closed 7.59 pm.

Parish Council meeting's are supposed to be no longer than 2 hours, it was therefore agreed to carry over item 11.8 until the next meeting.