

SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on
Tuesday June 25th 2019 starting 6.45pm to transact the business below

SPC Present: Cllr Tim Biddlestone (TB) chairing this meeting; Cllr Tim O Donnell (TO) Cllr G Hobbs (GH) Cllr Chris Clarence (CC)

Karen Turner (Clerk) Cllr Alistair Dewhirst (DCC)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Andy Burnham, Cllr Derek Woodward
2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest** – None
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2019:** Approved (GH) & (CC)
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 21st May 2019:** None **(b) Letters and emails written:** None
5. **Correspondence:** SPC have written to Meg Booth after last month's meeting regarding furniture in Arch Street and the Clerk had chased for a reply. Parishioner asked (AD) can we not insist something is done about it. DCC seem to be governed by budgets although safety on the highway is their responsibility. Cabinet need to be more forceful. The Parishioner was advised that legal action could be taken but that could be costly, it is the two benches that are bolted to the highway. I can move the bins. SPC asked do we know the addresses of the owners of these holiday cottages. Clerk to do some investigation and write to the owners.
Following on from last month's email regarding the future of Shaldon and blocking an entrance, (AD) It is an offence to block a vehicle in, but not an offence to park in front of a drive. (AD) reported that any further parking restrictions would now be considered for the year 2021, as 2020 had already been earmarked.

6. Devon County Councillors Report County Councillor's Parish Council Report 25th June – Shaldon

Good evening.

Earlier this month Teignbridge gave the go-ahead for the first phase of works on the A382, between Forches Cross and Newton Abbot, due to commence this autumn and to be delivered by the County Council.

The Teignbridge Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies the first phase of A382 improvements as a 'critical' priority and one that is required in order to deliver the strategic vision and objectives of the Local Plan. The project cost is estimated at £13m and the Council agreed to fund the gap of £5.1m.

A new strategic walking and cycling route will be provided alongside the widened 10 metre carriageway in order to facilitate connectivity between Newton Abbot, Heathfield, Bovey Tracey and beyond. The A382 is currently one of the worst performing A Roads in Devon with collision rates 55 per cent higher than the national average for this type of road.

A pilot project to help communities revitalize their roadside verges, and by doing so create a network of safe havens for wildflowers and endangered pollinators, has been so successful it has been launched across the county.

The Heritage Lottery Funded 'Life on the Verge – Biosphere' project has led to 40 North Devon verges being managed and monitored by communities over the last three years. Now communities all around Devon are being encouraged to follow suit and take pride in their verges, and by doing so, help the environment.

Roadside verges are an integral part of Devon's heritage and are sanctuaries for wildflowers, pollinating insects, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. They provide one of the few opportunities to see wildflowers daily, often on a commute, and have been shown to have had a positive impact on mental health.

The project also audits deciduous tree loss in the parish over the last 20 years and where possible they will be replaced to help to mitigate pollution and flash-flooding. Many of these trees will be planted along grass verges.

The Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference is on Saturday 6 July in Chagford and will inform community groups on how they can help. For more information, and to book a place, please see www.naturaldevon.org.uk.

Communities that are interested in helping to maintain verges in their community can download free step-by-step guidance documents which includes information on mandatory health and safety training, at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife/managing-verges-for-wildlife>

Last week saw the start of Carers' Week with events planned across the county.

The theme this year is 'Getting Carers Better Connected'; better connected to Support that's available to them, and to other professionals. And better connected to other carers who, like them, are voluntarily providing care to a loved one or friend.

The events have been arranged by Devon Carers, which provides a range of carers' support on behalf of Devon County Council and NHS Devon. The Carers Trust are also supporting the events. The full list can be seen on the Carers website.

Travellers in Labrador Bay, they can only be considered as trespassing after 48 hours lapses. DCC must consider social needs of traveller's bins/toilets facilities. TDC must follow procedures and at 10am on Thursday is when they need to have gone by. 10.01 if they remain they can be removed. TDC cannot charge them for parking as they do not have a fixed address so nowhere to post the fine. Most of them have been coming here for years and years. Many of them do not require a fixed space.

7. Update regarding the Teignmouth Air Show – donations and impact on Shaldon TB & GH
attended the Air Show meeting to find out our obligations even though the event is being organised by Teignmouth. We do have to manage pedestrians and traffic. Therefore, there will be a road closure the same as for the Bonfire and Firework night it has been included on the Teignmouth road closure. We are using ITUS for manning barriers and providing security which all comes at a cost of approx. £1600. Parishioner said can't we use volunteers (GH) but volunteers want to watch the display and they get abuse. We do not know how successful this event will be and we do not charge people. Our finances will run to this, but we have asked businesses to support us, as we are hoping they will benefit from the event. Cllrs voted to accept the quote from Itus. (AD) I can help with crowd management cost, (TB) asked (AD) about the 10K promised to the Air Show when the Conservatives were in charge at Teignbridge? (AD) regarding climate and air pollution this is an emergency – we have a responsibility.

8. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report: Teignbridge District Councillors Report June 2019

After a fairly full last months report I am pleased the way the three current main issues seem to be progressing, which are the lease on the beach, the future upkeep of the Botanical Gardens and the forthcoming footpath that will serve the Coast View Holiday Park.

The latest wording of the lease, from TDC to SPC, will be debated at tonights meeting and hopefully SPC will find the terms close to being acceptable for us to sign up too.

Only about six days ago I again spoke to a senior officer at TDC and he is still of the opinion that if SPC were to find up to about 6k pa we would be able to retain the services of Gary the gardener who would be able to go the extra mile so to speak to keep the gardens to the current extra standard attained following the grant money coming to an end and once again SPC will hopefully agree to putting up this extra money needed. An in principle decision to do that tonight, coming from the parish council would be good to do this for the future.

As for the Coast View walkway, I have again made contact with the proprietor of Coast View and all is set to go on creating this walkway, which the proprietor of Coast View will fund, once the bird nesting season comes to an end which will be at the end of September.

Meanwhile do please keep letting me or our clerk know of any nasty potholes appearing. The latest 38 th one was fixed by SPC in Topcliff Rd. DCC do still repair potholes should they meet the national criteria but often they don't meet that criteria, however quick attention and prevention of becoming worse is available from SPC under the road warden scheme.

Chris Clarence

9. Parish Councillor's Reports

(TOD) Playpark and temporary toilet facilities (TB) Please can we put on the next Agenda.

(TOD) Playpark footprint Lease, just finishing off the paperwork to send to Teignbridge Estates.

(TOD) Tech I am bringing us up to the 21st Century I have started moving us onto a GSuite system.

(CC) I have made some enquiries regarding a mobile toilet for the playpark, (TB) We will discuss at the next meeting.

(CC) We are not removing any parking spaces at Coombe Road just putting double yellow lines on the corner.

(TB) The Clerk had prepared a weeding schedule that the Chairman had looked at and removed many of the lanes which do not require weeding. Cllr Woodward oversees planting so the clerk suggested could we ask him to oversee the weeding (he is on holiday now so hope he agrees)

10. Planning meeting: See separate agenda

- 11. Budget and accounts:** (a) to approve and adopt the monthly accounts. unanimously approved. Annual Governance Section 1 discussed to ensure a sound system is in place for the Parish Council for year end 2020 signed by the Chairman. Annual Governance Section 2 signed by the Chairman for the external audit for 2019.
- 12. Update regarding Botanical Gardens maintenance from October 2019.** (DW) recapped from the last meeting that Gary was full-time 5 days a week and thought if he could do 2 days a week going forward, he could keep on top of the scheduled work, especially as in the winter there is not so much growth. Obviously, this would be supported by the mowing, hedge clipping and tree work. Gary works on the difficult area's and needs no supervision. (TOD) money due diligence, he is working for idiverdy. (CC) SPC are only being asked for 3K up until April we will be budgeting in December this year for 2020 so I am proposing 3K until April. Voted unanimously approved.
- 13. Beach Lease:** (TB) Thank you to the Commodore and his daughter for attending this evening's meeting. As you know at least 74 dinghies give us a donation The sailing club lease seems to be causing TDC a concern. Shaldon Parish Council would like to take over the sailing boat area, can I be sure that the sailing club will give us £25 per sailing boat. The Commodore confirmed he had already sent an email to the clerk agreeing to this, just need to sort the paperwork out.
(TB) We must decide do we want to take on the beach Lease tonight – I am undecided. The sad thing is the sailing club would fold if we did not take the lease as TDC as asking for an amount for each boat that is not feasible.
(TOD) Well we have a verbal agreement now with TDC, we really need to do an impact report in case we did not receive the donations.
(TB) We must consider all aspects signage; electric water quality sign is 3K. Is the wording acceptable on the plus side we can give notice and TDC would have to step in.
Clerk it is not just the beach, it boosts the footfall in the village, it is getting more and more difficult to get accommodation in Shaldon and it is the estuary and the boats and the Annual events that draw people to Shaldon this in turn helps businesses to stay in the village. It should also be there for residents and their children to enjoy.
(AD) TDC will be pleased to see SPC run it and are very keen to sort it out.
(TB) so we are proposing to say yes to the beach lease. (DW) (TOD) (CC) all yes.
(TB) so we will sign the Lease for 5 years with a break clause which would see it returned to TDC.

14. Date of next meeting 23rd July 2019 6.45pm at the Methodist Hall.

15. **Public comment – None, meeting Closed 9.02pm**