

## SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parish Council

**Tuesday April 27th, 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:** Cllr Andy Burnham (working) PC Clarke Orchard,
2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest – None**
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2021:** Proposed (GH) Seconded (DW) unanimous.
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 23rd March 2021:** None  
**(b) Concerning actions from the minutes:** None
5. **Clerks Report/Correspondence/Police report from March meeting**

### Clerks Report 27th April 2021

The Government has not agreed for an extension of virtual Parish Council meetings from the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the time of this report being prepared. Therefore, the AM has been called by Zoom on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the APM reports and contents delayed until after the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Times, dates and place to be agreed for the return of Parish Council Meetings face to face. **The Chairman felt this should continue by Zoom, but the upstairs of the Methodist Hall could be used, but limits the number of members and public attending.**

Internal Auditor has announced that her Company are no longer completed these, Clerk requires agreement for the use of Hania Lee Accountancy Kingsteignton. **Unanimously agreed.**

Payroll Company have given notice from March 2022 – Clerk requests permission to source a new company. **Unanimously agreed.**

Email received via Tourist Information Centre - *Many thanks to the Parish council for organising and funding the planting of the flower bed near the playing fields. It looks wonderful and is a great improvement to the area and village.*

Reply received from TDC regarding Labrador Bay Car Park stating all pay and display car parks offer 48hours stay period, but this could be looked at next year?

Outreach (TDC) help requested regarding homeless person currently in the Ferry Shelter.

Shaldon Villa FC - thank you email for financial assistance of £429. Full report on the club to follow.

## **Police Report for Shaldon Parish Council-March 2021**

Reported crimes from 01/04/2021-28/04/2021

Shaldon (1 crime)

- X1 Criminal Damage
- X2 Common Assault

**5.1 Quotes for new Website** – Decision delayed until next month. Clerk, please put on May's Agenda.

**5.2 Clerk requests agreement from Councillors regarding issuing the paperwork for the 2021 dinghy placements and amount of requested donation fee for 2021.** Chairman the paperwork is fine, the signing of the Beach Lease is imminent. We will be taking on a large financial responsibility not just the cleaning, but structures that are on the designated land, therefore it was felt the donations would remain £25 for 2021, with a requested donation increase to £40 from 2022. (Clerk please include in the 2021 letter to dinghy owners). Therefore, giving people time to consider their position. Currently Polly Steps charge a fee of £52, Dawlish £82 and Starcross £135. SPC realises that all the Community benefits from the beach and will consider further, costings when the budget is set later in 2021 for 2022.

**6.** Planning applications – see separate agenda.

**7.** Financials – Clerk

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

**8. Devon County Councillors Report:** County Councillor's Report 27<sup>th</sup> April – Shaldon

Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health, said that we are all going to have to learn to live safely with COVID-19 for the foreseeable future, and that a key part of that is for us to keep the infection rates as low as possible.

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. "No vaccine is one hundred per cent effective," he said.

"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 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.

The mobile testing unit is being hosted at the following locations:

Tuesday

11 am to 2:30 pm – Tesco, Newton Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3RN

3:30 pm to 7 pm – Buckland Centre, Gilbert Rd, Newton Abbot TQ12 4HS

Thursday

3:30 pm to 7 pm – Morrisons, 1 Newfoundland Rd, Teignmouth TQ14 9AE

Friday

11 am to 7 pm – Brunel Industrial Estate, Brunel Rd, Newton Abbot TQ12 4AD

Sunday

9 am to 12:30 pm – Tesco, Newton Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3RN

1:30 pm to 5 pm – Morrisons, 1 Newfoundland Rd, Teignmouth TQ14 9AE

The County Council Community Testing Service provides free, rapid lateral flow COVID-19 tests to any adult over the age of sixteen. You can also collect home-testing kits from the same locations for anyone over the age of eighteen.

The tests are for anyone without symptoms. If you test negative, you can carry on with your day while still adhering to the public health measures. If you test positive you must self-isolate for ten days.

The public is encouraged to take these tests twice a week as it helps identify those who maybe unwittingly carrying the virus. People with symptoms – a new and continuous cough, high temperature, or change to their usual sense of taste or smell – should immediately self-isolate and arrange a PCR test via the NHS.

Devon businesses and residents are being urged to take advantage of European Social Funding worth £3.5 million.

The funding will help Devon based small or medium-sized businesses and other organisations to identify skills gaps in their existing workforce and provide the skills training they need to become more resilient during this economic crisis and beyond. The SMART SKILLS project is also aimed at Devon adults who are employed and looking for training options, unemployed, recently made redundant or currently on furlough.

The SMART SKILLS partnership offers a range of quality training and skills providers across Devon including Devon County Council's adult education service Learn Devon, City College Plymouth, South Devon College, Petroc, Focus Training and University of Exeter.

Learn Devon is offering a selection of free practical work-related courses and workshops that learners can choose from. They can participate in the ones they believe would have the most impact on their employment.

The range of skills support includes all levels from introductory all the way through to leadership and management. Industry sectors will be demand led, but a particular focus will be on, Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering, Digital Technologies (including AI and Data Analysis), Marine, Composite, Environmental Futures, Clean Growth and Renewables, Construction & Hospitality and STEM industries.

To enquire about Learn Devon's offer email [smartskills@learndevon.co.uk](mailto:smartskills@learndevon.co.uk) or contact a SMART SKILLS HUB Adviser (07789 878751 / 07881 551970) who can guide you through the skills and training options available to you or your business and link you with the relevant training options.

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#### **9. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report:**

*Teignbridge District Councillors Report 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – No report Mr Chairman due to the Purdah Period.*

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

- 10.1 **Update on placing Sensor light on the Green to reduce Dog Fowling?** New street lights on the Green with led bulbs, therefore sensor light no longer required.
- 10.2. **Compass Seat and Embankment Flower Bed repairs** - Quote still required.
- 10.3 **Post maintenance by the Ferry Shelter** – all completed, (TOD) Post by Manor Slip needs replacing – proposed (GH) seconded (CC) Unanimous.

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

- 11.1. **(TOD) to update on KGV Playpark Schedule Of Works by TDC before Head Of Terms signed and sent to Solicitors.** The schedule from last year sees works still outstanding, SPC independent inspection has flagged further works therefore requested TDC to consider further, awaiting additional schedule from TDC before signing HOT.
- 11.2. **(DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly and Gardens, also to conclude on Cycle signage.** Apologies for the mix up regarding the No Cycling signage please can we have one fitted on the arched gate. (DW) We now have a few spare ones if required. (DWest) Volunteers and funding requests are back on track following the Covid-19 restrictions. Folly quote regarding ingress of water still outstanding (TB) & (AB) please visit as a matter of urgency.
- 11.3. **(DW) to update on weeding programme and to include signage update on Sunny Patch.** Checked the village no growth on weeding at this stage. Sign installed beside Sunny Patch bin. (TB) requested quotes for the painting of the Sunny Patch benches.

(DW) TDC seem to be cutting the grass at the Green, as the Parish Council pay for this service every quarter separately it was felt that we would only ask the Contractor to cut the Green if a need arises.

- 11.4. **(TOD) Following Land Registry reports of owners of the cobbles along Bridge Road any further progress regarding letter to DCC Highways with the view of obtaining permission for a crossing. Further information obtained regarding land on Torquay Road some foliage highlighted responsibility of DCC.** On both the above points we are awaiting replies from DCC.
- 11.5. **(DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan and progress including letter for Parish News requesting volunteers to assist during an emergency-** Three volunteers came forward from the Parish News which is a start, we really need medically trained personal.(TOD) I will make some enquires.
- 11.6. **(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) New container arriving 4<sup>th</sup> May, please can I ask for help on the 1<sup>st</sup> May to sort the contents of the existing container.
- 11.7. **(TOD) Update on defibrillator siting agreement at Ringmore** -carried over from March meeting, suitable placing still required with an electricity supply.

## 12. Action takeaways from this meeting

**(TOD)** Chase TDC regarding KGV Playpark proposed repair schedule and HOT agreement for signing. Chase DCC regarding items on 11.4 of minutes. Find suitable siting place for the defibrillator in Ringmore. Make further enquiries regarding costing of new Website item 5.1 against existing monthly fees and report back to the Parish Council in May.

**(TB)** Quotes required for painting of benches in Sunny Patch, Quote for Folly at the Botanical Gardens and repairs at the embankment planter. (TB & AB)

**13.** Next full Parish Council meeting 25th May 2021 at the Methodist Hall, (Upstairs) at 6.30pm Meeting closed 7.45pm.

Signed by Chairman..... Date.....