

SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Hall
Tuesday May 25th, 2021 starting 6.30pm 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)

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman presented Rev Annie Church with a gift to thank her for all her hard work in the Community of Shaldon and support she had given to the Parish Council. Both Paul and Annie have taken on roles, and they will be missed greatly. SPC wished them well for their new adventures.

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

Clerks Report 25th May 2021

First 19 dinghy boat paperwork has been sent out along with all the racks.

Beach Lease paperwork - chased TDC – advised of this meeting date.

Enforcement assistance refused as this enquiry is from an external company – the services mentioned are currently included in the TDC budget and our Council tax bills which provisions have been made for.

Bonfire & Firework Event 30th October 2021 1st meeting to be arranged (Volunteers will be required please contact spc.org@hotmail.co.uk if interested) **Due to absence of B&F Chairman date to be confirmed.**

Renew Business Insurance with BHIB. **Agreed £818.77 Unanimous.**

The Bowling Green is currently owned by TDC and leased – discuss supporting a letter for the Bowling Club to register it as a Village Green? What about our own Green? Further information can be found under Village Green Gov UK. **The Clerk has requested further information from TDC please put back on the Clerks report for June.**

SPC were given a clean bill of health from the Internal Auditor – External Auditor next.

Police Report for Shaldon Parish Council- April 2021

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

Shaldon

- X1 Criminal Damage
- X2 Common Assault

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.

5.1 Quotes for new Website – Councillors felt the Clerk was best placed to make this decision as it was the role of the Clerk to update the website. Proposed (TOD) Seconded (GH) The Clerk felt the Parish Council Websites Company were very well placed to assist and would make contact with them to proceed.

5.2 Letter received regarding installing a bike rack in the village: Cllrs agreed that this was a very good idea, although siting of it may be more tricky. SPC requested help from Cllr A Dewhirst regarding permission from Highways. Clerk, please put back on Junes Agenda for further action.

6. Planning applications – see separate agenda.

7. Financials and Audit Completion – Clerk

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

7.2 Audit 2020 – 2021 SPC are pleased to announce that the Annual Internal Audit Report Auditor signed the paperwork siting no issues found. This being the case it was agreed unanimously for Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 to be signed. Section 2 of the Annual Governance was signed by the Chairman and agreed that this has been completed and signed by the RFO, with the relevant checks being completed by the Internal Auditor, unanimously agreed. The Clerk advised it will now be sent to the External Auditor for the final checks and sign off.

8. Devon County Councillors Report: County Councillor's Report 25th May – Shaldon

After the results of the election on 6th May to the County Council I want to thank everyone who voted, and especially those who voted for me - it is great being back on the County Council and with an increased majority! I will be working for all in Shaldon as I have done for the last four years and you can be assured that every issue for the village will be made known to Officers and the Council.

As ever I can be contacted at alistair.dewhirst@devon.gov.uk or by text, WhatsApp or on the phone at 07836 704127 – or just Facebook PM me.

The results were:

Alistair Dewhirst 1822 votes

Conservative Party 1590 votes

Independent 928 votes

Green Party 183 votes

Labour 171 votes

There were 4,718 votes cast and 24 spoilt votes. The turnout was 44.9%.

Out of an electorate of 630,144 in Devon the Conservatives polled 108,702 votes to get 39 councillors (an average of 2,787 votes per councillor) and the Lib Dems polled 45,395 to get 9 councillors (an average of 5,043 votes per councillor). The Lib Dems are once again the official Opposition.

Obviously, nothing is agreed until the Annual Council on the 27th May but my name has been put forward once again as Chair of Scrutiny and I will be Chairing the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee. I will sit on HATOC and will return to the Farms Estate Committee and the Corporate Parenting Member Group. I hope to be a County Council representative on the Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (IFCA) and also sit on the Minerals and Waste Framework Plan Working Group. I have stepped down from the Public Rights of Way Committee.

The recent Covid warning from Devon's Director of Public Health should not be ignored. Along with, 'just because we can, doesn't mean we should', 'taking a cautious approach' to the latest easing of restrictions is the mantra from public health experts up and down the land. So, while the choice to hug our family and friends, or to choose not to just yet, is ours to take, Steve Brown, Director of Public Health advises caution.

Fourteen thousand randomly selected Devon households have been invited to enter a 'civic lottery' to determine who represents the county at this summer's Devon Climate Assembly. Invitations will drop through letterboxes giving households the chance to help shape and safeguard Devon's future.

It follows the recent public consultation of the Interim Devon Carbon Plan, the county's climate roadmap which outlines what every resident, business and organisation will have to do to reduce carbon emissions. The Interim Carbon Plan is being developed by the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG) – a partnership of Devon's councils, emergency services, voluntary organisations, and business groups.

The Involve Foundation and the Sortition Foundation have conducted Citizens' Assemblies on behalf of the UK Government and Scottish Parliament. Their approach in Devon will ensure that the make-up of the 70-strong Devon Climate Assembly is fair and representative of our population.

Households that receive an invitation have until the 24th May to respond. From those responses, 70 members will be hand-picked against a criterion that will reflect Devon's demographic profile. Age, gender, ethnicity, disability, geography, socio economic status, and people's own attitude towards climate change are all factors that will be used to produce a representative Assembly.

The Assembly itself will be conducted entirely online, and no prior knowledge of climate change or digital skills are needed. Members will meet over a series of weekday evenings and three weekends in June and July to hear from a range of expert speakers to discuss the issues and form recommendations decided on by a vote.

The Devon Climate Emergency partnership, which includes all Devon's Local Authorities, will respond to each of the Assembly's recommendations to complete the Devon Carbon Plan.

Finally, Teignbridge and Devon County serving the South West Exeter area have been forced to shelve an innovative district heating system designed to cut carbon emissions and reduce heating costs for future residents because most developers are unwilling to absorb any of the additional costs.

Although house prices have risen by £25,000 per plot in Teignbridge over the past year, the majority of housebuilders involved in the proposed development to the South West of Exeter were not prepared to contemplate an additional £2,000 a plot in potential development costs, despite the scheme benefits of a 70% cut in carbon emissions compared with natural gas fired boilers.

Annual carbon savings of 2,500 tonnes would have been secured by the scheme as well as lower energy costs for those who bought the new homes. The scheme was in line with the Government's commitment to ending the use of fossil fuel heating systems.

In addition to the £7.3m Council's contribution, Teignbridge was prepared to make a £50,000 advance payment for preliminary infrastructure.

Teignbridge will continue to apply its approved carbon reduction policies and will need to approve plans prepared by the developers, but the resulting emissions savings will not come close to the benefits of the district heating network.

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9. Teignbridge District Councillor's Report:

Teignbridge District Councillors Report May 2021

It seems that tonight the Ness Headland will be floodlit until the end of September. A trial on the 5th May proved useful for one night only and revealed that some adjustment to the angle of the ten new LED lights may well be needed. For this to happen darkness will be needed plus a scaffold tower from the beach to adjust three of them which sit out on a pole in front of the Ness Lawn and of course this is tide dependant as well to be able to facilitate this. Let see what the general comments are to what has been done to date. A final thanks to James Ashton who paid for all this work to be carried out and of course the new LED lights and two years worth of electricity. Certainly I am sure all in Shaldon will join me saying thank you as this headland is iconic and will attract locals and tourists alike to view at night this wonderful spectacle. The old electricity bill was around £320 pa, however the new LED lights it should be less and hopefully at the end of two years we will be able to find this sort of money to continue the illuminations.

In turn this leads onto the Tourist Information Office, who open this Saturday. This band of volunteers do a wonderful job from their cabin in the Ness car park. Fortunately I was contacted on this matter and TDC have agreed in principle to go ahead on the lease SPC has on the cabin, however the grant paid to TIC by TDC is lost, but the parking permit for a volunteer is being renewed.

So as we come out of the darkness, so to speak, if you will excuse the pun, hopefully putting Covid behind us, we look well set in Shaldon to welcome tourists and enjoy ourselves the summer, with better weather than we have had to date.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a successful and prosperous summer as we return hopefully to normal with a water carnival, a regatta and eventually a bonfire night, plus bowling matches, river Teign

Seine boat races, Shaldon sailing club races and 1785 days with Zebediah Hook plays on the Green again.

Chris Clarence

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

- 10.1. **Compass Seat and Embankment Flower Bed repairs** - Quote still required.
- 10.2. **Painting Quotes** – 1 received 2nd too busy to quote. Cllrs agreed unanimously to accept the quote £2300 to paint the Ferry Shelter, Varnish Bin's, and paint benches at Sunny Patch.
- 10.3. **Post maintenance by the Manor Slip** – (TB) Final stages of completion.
- 10.4. **Beach maintenance for 2021 to be discussed to include purchasing our own machinery.** (TB) The beach requires raking frequently especially during the height of the season and prior to events, levelling and stone removal following storms. By purchasing a small tractor with attachments this would address the above as well as having a salt spreader attachment for the winter. (The current salt machine has considerable age, and the Council has previously discussed replacing it) It would be registered road legal and would require separate insurance. As this benefits the Community the funds would come from CIL. Proposed purchase (CC) Seconded (GH) Unanimous.
- 10.5. **Agreement sought from Councillors to erect flags for summer 2021, discuss attachment, relevant contractor and DCC agreement.** (CC)The flags need to be put up for the whole of August Clerk please obtain agreement from DCC. (TB) requested that CC sought agreement in writing from property owners prior to attachment. The contractor must have the relevant insurances.

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.** SPC independent inspection has flagged further works TDC to consider adding further items to their maintenance list, awaiting finalisation from TDC before signing HOT. We are not taking on a perfect play park therefore if an item is not cost effective or dangerous, we will have to consider removal until sufficient funds allow for us to replace the equipment.
- 11.2. **(DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly and Gardens, also to conclude on Cycle signage.** They are currently crowd funding for a new seat, local artists have been asked to design and hopefully this will be completed by the end of the year. The Folly has been spring cleaned to allow events to take place. Folly quote regarding ingress of water is still outstanding (TB) & (AB) please visit as a matter of urgency. (TB) The gates by the allotments are in a poor state.
- 11.3. **(DW) to update on weeding programme and to include signage update.** Replaced the missing signage (pedestrians in the middle of the road) by the holiday camp in Ringmore. Weeded the central zone and cut the Green.
- 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 I am

chasing DCC, We cannot wait for an accident to happen before considering the crossing I will be suggesting further action. On a separate issue, there have been complaints regarding a member of the Football parking next to the changing rooms and blocking the entrance to the pump station, SPC have a responsibility to keep this area clear and have installed No Parking signage. Please can the Clerk write to SVFC to remind them of the above.

- 11.5. **(DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan** – I have to type up the inventory from the container inspection regarding supplies. Volunteer list is slow but ongoing.
- 11.6. **(CC) update on Community Road Warden items** – Thanks to Tim for organising the new Container, which is now in place, we just need to arrange sorting the contents. Reference potholes I can do some of the small potholes but the procedure remain the same for the larger ones – Go to the DCC website - report a problem – Potholes. The weeds were being stored by the container awaiting collection from TDC, this free service has now finished. (TB) Request Mr Bolsworth to pick up and dispose of with the Lorry as required. Agreed unanimously.
- 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 so electric can be obtained (It is to prevent the box from freezing in the winter).
- (TB)** Water ingress quote at the Folly, and a quote for repair works at the embankment planter.
- (CC)** Complete survey on attachment of village flags and obtain written consent prior to works.

- 12. Next full Parish Council meeting 22nd June 2021 at the Methodist Hall, (Upstairs) at 6.30pm
Meeting closed 8.35pm.

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