

## SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Hall  
Tuesday June 22nd, 2021 starting 6.30pm to transact the business below.

**SPC Present:** Cllr Tim Biddlestone (TB) chairing this meeting, Cllr Geoff Hobbs (GH), Cllr Chris Clarence (CC), Cllr Andy Burnham (AB) & Cllr Derek Woodward (DW)  
Councillor Alistair Dewhurst (DCC)  
Karen Turner (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Tim O Donnell & Cllr Danielle Westlake PC Clarke Orchard,
2. **Declaration of conflicts of interest –** None
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2021:** Proposed (GH) Seconded (DW) unanimous.
4. **Matters arising from (a) minutes of 25th May 2021:** None  
**(b) Concerning actions from the minutes:** None

**5. Clerks Report/Correspondence/Police report from May not completed due to attending G7 meeting.**

Clerks Report 22nd June 2021

All dinghy boat paperwork has been sent out, will chase non receipt after 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Beach Lease paperwork - TDC finished new schedule of equipment, can we agree post work and then I can sign HOT. **Unanimous that the rust must be removed and repainted when received in writing from TDC please sign HOT.**

Bonfire & Firework Event 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be arranged (Volunteers will be required please contact [spc.org@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:spc.org@hotmail.co.uk) if interested) **(AB) Clerk please arrange meeting.**

Tractor Insurance through BHIB. Risk assessment and training arranged for Councillors. (TB) signage ordered to alert members of the public when tractor in use.

SPC accounts have been sent to the External Auditor.

New website to commence.

Still awaiting further information regarding covenants on Bowling Green.

**5.1 Concerns raised regarding the tops of the bollards beside the Ferry Shelter–** (TB) Tops removed.

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

**7. Financials and Audit Completion –** Clerk

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

**7.2 Audit 2020 – 2021 -** sent to the External Auditor for final approval.

## **8. Devon County Councillors Report:** County Councillor's Report 22nd June – Shaldon

“Delaying this next lifting of restrictions, especially the guidance around social contact, is sensible because it means that more people will have been vaccinated by the time restrictions are lifted further,” says Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon.

The government has brought forward its target to offer all adults a first dose of a vaccine to Monday 19 July.

Younger age groups (20-39year olds)– where rates of infection are currently highest – will also be offered the vaccine, which will help protect them and help slow the spread of the virus.

In Devon, the number of positive cases of coronavirus is still below the national average, but we are seeing numbers increasing. The weekly case rate in Devon right now is 16 cases per 100,000. It was 7 per 100,000 just one week ago. In other parts of the country, infection rates are doubling every 10 days or so.

Delaying the lifting of restrictions could reduce the number of those cases ending up in hospital, by between a third and a half by the summer, according to the government.

“The more transmissible Delta strain is not yet the dominant variant in Devon just yet. But it is very likely to become so, just as it is already in many parts of the country.

The virus spreads through social contact. Keeping restrictions that limit social contact in place is the correct decision right now from the public health perspective. But we must all abide by it. We cannot rely on the vaccines alone to stop the spread of coronavirus. We all need to play our part in preventing the spread.

- Keep your social distance from people who you do not live with or who are not in your bubble
- Wear face coverings when in public spaces indoors
- Wash your hands regularly and properly
- If you show any symptoms – the high temperature, new and continuous cough, or change to your usual sense of taste or smell – self isolate immediately and arrange a PCR test.
- If you do not show symptoms, please take up regular rapid, Lateral Flow Device testing, twice a week and when you are meeting socially with others. You will know your result within half an hour
- If you test positive, or develop symptoms, or you are advised to self-isolate, do so for the full self-isolation period of ten days.
- If you are travelling to other parts of the UK, know what the restrictions are in those areas, and be particularly cautious if visiting people in areas known to have the Delta variant

New figures suggest that there are now more than 130,000 people in Devon who are carers, the figure having risen by half again because of the coronavirus pandemic. Worryingly though, just 21,000 of that number – roughly only one in every six – are accessing vital information and support that is available to them.

Last week was Carers Week, and Devon County Council, NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Devon Carers are shining a light on it to encourage people who are carers for friends and family to recognise themselves as unpaid carers, and to come forward for help.

Devon Carers recommended that people contact Devon County Council's Care Direct Plus, who can assess people's needs and provided them with equipment to make life easier.

But while the pandemic has meant even more people in Devon taking on caring responsibilities, Devon Carers saw a 50 per cent reduction in the number of people approaching them for support between April and June last year.

Devon Carers, which is commissioned by Devon County Council and NHS Devon, provides information, advice and support for people who care for others, whether they need help because they are ill, frail, disabled or have a mental health or a substance misuse problem and couldn't manage independently without their support.

The Council and NHS Devon CCG are urgently appealing to carers to get in touch.

Devon County Council has been supported by Teignbridge District Council in preparing the proposals to develop a 5km section of multi-use trail between Passage House Inn in Newton Abbot and the A381 at La Roche Maurice Walk, east of Bishopsteignton.

The Trail will also include a shared-use path connecting from the A381 to the junction near Morrisons supermarket, at the western edge of Teignmouth. However further design work is being undertaken on this link which does not require planning permission.

A consultation about the proposals at the end of last year attracted more than 3,000 responses, with 92% of those who responded supporting the proposed route for the latest section.

The Trail is an important development for safer cycling travel as well as for leisure pursuits and I hope that the planning process is completed swiftly so work can get underway once funding is secured. The Teign Estuary Trail is being developed in sections as funding opportunities become available. The initial section between Kingsteignton and Town Quay, in Newton Abbot, opened in 2013.

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

### Teignbridge District Councillors Report June 2021

In September 2012 Councillors proposed and passed a development plan for Teignbridge for the next 20 years. In May 2014, a planning inspector ratified the Plan as being sound after a few minor changes. However, TDC were charged with doing a five year review, which is out for consultation now till early August. The original plan was for 12400 houses to be built over a twenty year period. The Plan allowed for further development within the village envelope of Shaldon, not in the Undeveloped Coast

which surrounds our village. Only holiday development, in the Undeveloped Coast, was permitted in this plan.

I believe it is fair to say that having a Plan was far better than not having one, otherwise under the National Planning Policy Framework we were very vulnerable to having random development anywhere in the countryside should it be deemed sustainable.

In the five year review of the Plan a call went out to the whole of Teignbridge for further sites for development and some 300 people responded in 2017/18. Teignbridge are on target, having development at a rate of 620 houses pa. However the government have asked all local authorities to deliver more housing and a figure of 751 houses pa is the intended target. Indeed the intended target for housing nationally is for some 300,000 houses pa, a goal that all political parties would like to see built. So far only just above half that figure is being achieved. For villages like us, within Teignbridge, the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) throws up 899 potential new houses over a 20 year span and this is what villages like us are now being urged to respond to. Just two sites came forward for Shaldon, up to 20 houses behind Woodleigh Park and the field behind the Cartref Houses (which are a part of the Torquay Road). All these potential sites can be identified more fully on Teignbridges Web site for comment in the consultation.

To give you a flavour of the extent of the proposed housing Bishopsteignton has thrown up some potential housing amounting to a further 150 homes. Exminster at some 260 homes and Ipplepen at a figure of 120 homes. All other villages potential sites are well under the 100 figure.

I have grave reservations about any further development being promoted on us in this village. Already the main sewer is surcharged nearly every time there is a substantial downpour and all too often, despite Operation Clean Sweep in 1992/94 SWW continue to discharge into our River Teign when holding tanks can't cope. SWW have special permission to be able to do this, otherwise too many low lying properties would be flooded all the time in the village. Note the warning sign in our Ferry Shelter advising us not to bathe in the river immediately after a substantial downpour. What Operation Clean Sweep didn't do was to increase the size of the sewer, which was built way before any development occurred on our surrounding hillsides.

Then there is the wider issue of, who exactly are we building all these further houses for and will any be affordable for locals to buy? Certainly with Covid striking us things have become very different since 2012.

So now is the time for all to respond to the consultation.

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 **Flood Defence Co-Ordinator required** – This post is still vacant (CC) I am happy to remain as deputy please can we put on SPC Facebook page.
- 10.3 **Post maintenance by the Manor Slip** – (TB) Final stages of completion.

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

**11.1. (TOD) KGV Playpark Head Of Terms signed and sent to Solicitors. – Update in July**

**11.2. (DWEST) to update on the Botanical Folly and Gardens** - The Friends have been busy to get things up and running now that Covid restrictions are lifting.

1. Volunteers Spring cleaned the castle ready for volunteers opening it up on a regular basis from next week on Tuesday mornings. Several events /private bookings via TDC Green spaces are already in the calendar, about 6 between June and October so far.
2. Funding for a Ceramic mosaic decorated Octagonal seat to be positioned between the steps on the lawn in front of the castle - is in place from various sources - £6,500 - grants / donations etc it's being designed and decorated by two local artists and will involve interactive workshops for local youngsters to help make parts of the overall design ... this is expected to start early autumn time.
3. Continued Liaison with Mark Payne TDC about levels of input from the mowing team and ongoing maintenance. Brown signs Clerk please put on July agenda.
4. Structural parts of the gardens - The Castle water ingress, Stone wall along Torquay road side - need for renovations. State of witches Cave further discussions required.

**11.3. (DW) to update on weeding programme** – Shaldon and Ringmore treated awaiting die back. Container space agreed at the Botanical Gardens.

**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.** Update further in July.

**11.5. (DWEST) Update on Emergency Plan** –.Ongoing - still required medically trained volunteers to come forward please.

**11.6. (TOD) Update on defibrillator siting agreement at Ringmore** -carried over from March meeting, suitable placing still required with an electricity supply. **Update in July.**

**11.7. (CC) update on Community Road Warden items to include Annual flag siting** – 20 people have signed up allowing the flags to go from lamp post to lamppost and not going across the street. A cherry picker will be hired to put them up and take them down. The Methodist Church to the Chandery may not be able to have flags on this section due to the low levels, I will know more near the time.

**11.8. (DWEST) Cycle rack** – (AD) Sorry I have heard back from TDC and Belle Court would appear to be suitable, although SPC would need to find out if they need Planning Permission.

**12. Action takeaways from this meeting**

**(TB)(AB)** Water ingress quote at the Folly, and a quote for repair works at the embankment planter.

13. Next full Parish Council meeting 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at the Methodist Hall at 6.30pm  
Meeting closed 8.45pm.

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