

St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.
_____ on the January 12th 2022

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Present: Mrs L Herniman took the chair, Mr J Ayre, Cllr Chamings, Mr G Hookway Mr R Petherbridge
Mr P Middleton Mr N Hopkins, and Mrs A Snell (Clerk)
Apologies Mr B King Mrs G Hookway and Cllr R Lock (District Councillor) and PCSO Brown
In Attendance Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Clarke

Time for Public Participation

Declaration of Interests – Councillors are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. They are also reminded to consider whether in the light of recent activities any items within their Register of Interests should be updated.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December were agreed and signed.
2. Clerk's report i.
3. Chairman's report i. Seat in St Giles, the seat has been received a concrete plinth needs to be laid before the seat can be put in place, when the weather is favourable this will be undertaken Cllr Ayre kindly agreed to do this all-material costs will be paid for by the Parish Council, all in agreement.
ii. The pillars at the Deer Barn are not in evidence but are in the conditions to be built, Cllr Chamings is to contact the owners.
iii. Parishioners are commenting on the Enforcement conclusion for the property in Dodscott the fact that TDC did not work on the case during covid but included this time in the 4year rule, the District Councillors Cllr Lock and Cllr Clarke are to look into this on behalf of the parishioners.
4. Highways i. The road from Higher House towards Wooleigh Bridge is in a very poor state this will be reported along with this the road from High Bullen towards Torrington and from Higher House to South Lodge.

The street light by the Memorial is not working or the one on School path both will be reported.

5). County and District Councillors items.

Cllr Saywell reported that it is anticipated that the covid peak will be in the next couple of weeks, but the south west is below the national figures, the hospitalisation in North Devon over the last week has been 7 people, the booster programme is going well. Central Government has earmarked an extra £3 million for adult social care and more for the independent sector for Social Care.

DCC are working on the budget for the forthcoming year, the figures are going through the Scrutiny Committee with the final figures published in February or March. DCC are under going a realignment of the Senior team due to the retirement of many in senior posts, streamlining will be undertaken.

Cllr Clarke highlighted the availability of business grants, these are support grants aimed at business like hospitality and leisure from £250 up to £6000, but the criteria is that the business has to pay business rates the deadline for applications is the 18th February 2022.

Cllr Clarke is tomorrow attending a meeting regarding the housing of an Afgan refugee family that is coming to Appledore. Cllr Clarke is also involved with a working group to get rented accommodation for families the idea is to go back the Council house system. Grants are still available for residents to help them stay in their own homes.

Reminder the link to report potholes, blocked drains, fallen trees, etc. is here -<http://devon.cc/report-it>

7. Finance

I. Approve and sign the following cheques: -General Account.

564	Citizens Advice Bureau	£50.00
565	Torridge Transport	£50.00
566	St Giles Parish Hall	£180.00

- i. The extra defibrillator pads are not required until June, so they will be purchased then.
- ii. Set the Precept, it was proposed by Cllr Middleton and seconded by Cllr Hopkins to keep the precept at £6000 unchanged, all-in favour.

8. Planning P C recommendations TDC

1/0559/2021/LBC 1/0558/2021/FUL	Replacement windows to front of property, 19 The Village, St Giles In The Wood.	Refused
1/1033/2021/FUL	Proposed conversion of barn for holiday accommodation at Hill Farm	Withdrawn
1/1186/2021/FUL 1/1187/2021/LBC	Conversion of two storey store rooms into ancillary living accommodation and demolition of front conservatory and erection of a kitchen extension. – Barries Corner 5 The Village St Giles In The Wood	Being considered
1/1372/2021/OUT	Outline application with all matters reserved for permanent agricultural workers supervisory dwelling Beara Farm	No objections Cllr Hookway declared an interest
1/1318/2021/FUL	Extension to south elevation of existing engineering workshop and erection of monopitch office building. Alco Engineering Co (Manufacturing) Ltd, High Bullen,	No objections
1/1364/2021/FUL	Loft conversion and associated works - 2 Sunnyside St Giles In The Wood	No objections
1/1417/2021/FUL	Replacement of existing timber fence with block and render or brick walls. High Bullen Farmhouse, 6 - 7 High Bullen.	No objections
	Solar panels on a roof, Peagham	No objections

9. Police Report i. No report. PCSO Brown has just returned from insolation.

10. Recreation Field,

11. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter

ii. The Torridge and District Police and Crime report has been circulated.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to start Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in St Giles, the Parish Council have purchased a Copper Beech to commemorate the event.

A tree planting ceremony was undertaken on the 3rd January presided over by the chairman Cllr Lorna Herniman with Parish Councillors in attendance, the tree along with tree guard are positioned on the Recreation Field. A toast was made to commemorate the historic event.

Mr Colin House was in attendance along with some parishioners, Mr House kindly took some photos to commentate the occasion. Cllr Ayre was thanked for all his contributions to the project.

Date of next meeting—: **Wednesday 9th February 2022 8.00pm In the Parish Hall**

..... Chairman.....Date

Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 9th March 2022 Parish Council Meeting.