

# St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.  
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Present: Mr G Hookway took the chair, Mr N Hopkins Mr R Petherbridge Mr P Middleton, and Mrs A Snell (Clerk)

Apologies Mrs L Herniman Cllr Chamings Mr J Ayre Mr B King Mrs G Hookway Cllr R Lock

In Attendance Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Clarke (District Councillor) and PCSO Brown

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 22<sup>nd</sup> June were agreed and signed.

2. Clerk's report i.

i. The TFH kennels, Ms T Everett and Ms W King would like to say thank you to the parish and district councillors for the efforts and support they have provided. Ms Everett and Ms King have been contacted by Torridge with a view to installing some sound recording equipment. They have temporarily asked them to hold off on doing that for the time being. This is because they have got a reasonable communication going with Jack and Steve (kennel staff) at the moment whereby if the noise is too intrusive, they can message Jack and he has made a bit of an effort to deal with it. It's not perfect by any stretch, but better than it has been at the moment. They will see how it goes at the start of hunting looms, and if it gets out of hand again; they will deal with it. Cllr Lock reported she did speak to Todd Marshman and drove out three times to the kennels (did not hear any barking dogs on any of these visits and she drove right into the kennels) She also met Ms Everett and found her bungalow. But Cllr Lock does not know if the noise assessment has been commenced yet at the nearest properties?

Cllr Hookway reported there has been a Hunt Committee meeting where a new chairman has been elected Mr James Morrish, so it is hopeful more positive action will be taken.

3. Chairman's report i. The Jubilee cost were £1125.48 ii. The plaque to be placed on the Commemorative jubilee tree will be agreed at the next meeting, a thank you goes to Cllr Ayre and Mrs Ayre for watering the tree during the dry spell. A thank you also goes to Ms S Venner for sorting out the bunting, the bunting is now with Cllr Herniman

4. Highways i. A drain cover has collapsed at Park Hill and the visibility looking right out of Roborough Lane End is impaired due to overgrown vegetation, and at Bellevue all will be reported.

5). County and District Councillors items.

Cllr Saywell reported the Chief Executive Mr Phil Norrey is to retire at the end of August he has been in the post since 2006, the interim Chief Executive is to be Ms Jan Shadbolt a former County Solicitor she is in place for the next 6 months to sort out the current budget and set the next one. It is hoped to appoint the next Chief Executive by Christmas and for a start at the commencement of the next financial year. The current budget has a £30.5 million overspend and with inflation running at over 9% and a likely pay rise of between 4-5% when 2% was budgeted for this will increase the overspend, 1% on pay equates to £1.5m. The main reasons for the over spend are Children's and adults social care, so saving have got to come from these areas, fundamentally these have to be re-organised and

changes made. Cllr Saywell also tentatively put forward that the road from Wooleigh Lodge to Gaydons Hill has been put forward to be considered for repair in the next financial year but is competing with 18 others in Torrington Rural.

Cllr Clarke is on the Joint Housing Planning committee for ND and Torridge, plans are to be drawn up, ND has £1.3m and Torridge £1m from the levelling up fund for housing or business. Rural housing is still being looked at, a Housing partner that will build up to 10 houses to provide social housing for rent is on board. Future plans will come to the Parishes for consultation in the Autumn. Last year £80k was spent on emergency housing, this April, May and June £300k has been spent on 70 families. The meeting highlighted second homes and Air B&B.

## 6. Finance

i. Approve and sign the following cheques: -General Account,

578	Plandscape	£127.20
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ii. The internal auditor will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 7. Planning P C recommendations TDC

1/1372/2021/OUT	Outline application with all matters reserved for permanent agricultural workers supervisory dwelling Beara Farm	Passed
1/0578 /2022/FUL	Removal of condition 3 of planning approval 1/1190/2018/FUL (time restrictions) Shepherds View, St Giles in the Wood	
1/0525/2022/FUL	Proposed extension to an existing slurry store. Flavills Farm, Kingscott	No objections

8. Police Report i. There has been one crime, of criminal damage in the last 30day period there has also been 6 calls where logs where created, 1 crime not recorded, 2 public safety and 3 transport related. Speedwatch sessions have been carried out with the first 50mph recorded at High Bullen, this was on an early session starting at 6.45am, all those caught speeding will be sent a letter, for a second offence caught by any Speedwatch team, a further letter will be sent hand delivered by a PC, on the third occasion the offender will be put on the radar of traffic control and monitored. Camera vans will be deployed

9. Recreation Field, the committee has a building society account with the Nationwide which they have been asked to close, the options are to move to another account or it was suggested to move into the Parish Council account to be earmarked for play equipment only and ask for suggestions of what the money could be spent on, the amount is in the region of £2000.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter

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

iii. The North Devon and Torridge Settlement Sustainability Survey was completed.

Date of next meeting--:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 8.00pm in the Parish Hall** Parish Council meeting.

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

Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 start to be agreed