

St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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 7th September were agreed and signed.
2. Clerk's report i. The TFH kennels, it was noted that the hunting horn was being blown at an early hour but this was not hunt staff.
ii. The Wicksteed playground inspection has been ordered.
3. Chairman's report i. A brass plaque is to be organised for the Jubilee Copper beech tree a quote for £85 has been obtained it was proposed by Cllr King seconded by Cllr Ayre to accept the quote and use the wording of "St Giles in the Wood Parish Council planted in celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee June 2022", all in favour
4. Highways i. A drain cover has collapsed at Park Hill this has been repaired.
ii. This is the official response from highways to reporting the
Road from Hatchmoor Road to High Bullen, Great Torrington. The problem has been identified at the location you provided but does not meet the criteria for a safety problem and no action has been taken. Details of when we will take action are available on our website...However, we do not ignore the information that we receive. We will use this information to measure, benchmark and analyse our performance and to help plan our future works programmes and determine our priorities...The approach that we take to manage our highway network is detailed in our Highway Asset Management Plan which is available to view on our Website.
The white lines at the entrance to Deep Moor have faded this will be reported. Some of the pot holes have been filled at Beara, the missing layby out of High Bullen towards Cranford was mentioned again.
- 5). County and District Councillors items.
Cllr Saywell reported that he is pleased to confirm the current Stagecoach 5B service will be replaced by a new service as DCC have successfully retendered for this service. The new route number will be 315 and will be operated by Plymouth City Bus, who will be operating a new branded service (exact name TBC), starting at the end of October. More information, including the new timetable and changes to other bus services in Devon can be found online. All stagecoach routes have been tendered for following Stagecoaches withdrawal, but all local services will be retendered with similar times and services. Jan Shadbolt, former County Solicitor is now the interim Chief Executive of DCC following the retirement of Dr Phil Norrey. Jan will be in place until the end of February to oversee the stabilisation of this year's budget and setting a budget for the next financial year.

Recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive has now started with advertisements agreed and longlisting due to take place at the end of October, shortlisting early November and a final appointment towards the end of November, with a start date in March/April.

Budget situation – good progress has been made so far on stabilising the budget. The current overspend has been reduced from £40 million to £18 million. More work to be done but at the latest Budget Monitoring meeting this month it was reported for the first time that Children’s Services had started to reduce their overspend and had achieved a £3.5 million saving on Children in Care placements. This and further savings coming through will reduce the £18m down further...

The Councils Digital Transformation and Organisational Change Team are going to be embedded alongside Children’s Services and Adult’s Services to look at how we can deliver their services more efficiently and effectively by eliminating unnecessary processes, bureaucracy etc.

The DCC Councillor Locality grant is still available.

Cllr Lock reported anyone needing help should log onto the TDC website and go to “Cost of Living Support”.

6. Finance

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

588	Plandscape	£127.20
589	St Giles PCC both payments	£375.00

ii. The internal auditor Ms Fo Edmonds has very kindly agreed to audit the Parish Council accounts next year.

7. Planning

P C recommendations TDC

1/0578 /2022/FUL	Removal of condition 3 of planning approval 1/1190/2018/FUL (time restrictions) Shepherds View, St Giles in the Wood	
1/0829/2022/FUL	Part retrospective for a new highway access and internal vehicular access improvements, Rosemoor	
1/0828/2022/FUL	Single storey extension and erection of a new lobby Rosemoor	
1/0899/2022/FUL	Conversion of a barn to holiday accommodation (Resubmission of 1/1033/2021/FUL) barn at Hill Farm, St Giles in the Wood.	No objections

8. Police Report i. No report was received. Cllr Middleton is to attend a Community Speed Watch meeting at Westpoint on the 18th October, also the speeding is High Bullen was discussed.

9. Recreation Field, the committee had a building society account with the Nationwide this money has now been moved to the Parish Council account to hold the money it is to be earmarked for play equipment only, suggestions of what the money could be spent on are to be asked for, the amount is £2288.03.

The seat on the field has a bar missing Cllr King has kindly fixed this along with the step on the play equipment and re-bolted the swings, Cllr King was thanked for all his efforts.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter

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

The Coronation has been set for the 6th May; the Parish will celebrate in what manner will be agreed nearer the time.

A new friendly gathering group has been set up provided by the community for the community called “Souper Fridays” offering a warm welcome, in a warm space with hot soup and a bread roll, tea and coffee, free of charge, every Friday from November the 4th in the Chapel of St Giles Church, 12 noon to 2pm all are welcome. It will be discussed at the next meeting if a donation to the church is to be given.

The start time of meetings was discussed and agreed with one against to start at 7.30pm in the winter months.

Date of next meeting—:

Wednesday 9th November 2022 7.30pm in the Parish Hall Parish Council meeting.

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

Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 7th December 2022 7.30pm