

# St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.  
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Present: Mrs L Herniman took the chair, Mr J Ayre, Cllr Chamings, Mr G Hookway Mr B King Mr P Middleton Mr N Hopkins, and Mrs A Snell (Clerk)  
Apologies, Mrs G Hookway Mr R Petherbridge and PCSO Brown  
In Attendance Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Lock (District Councillors) 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 14<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed.
2. Clerk's report i. Parking at Aylestone, the situation has improved, the lines have been painted and the walkway is being adhered to.
3. Chairman's report i. Seat in St Giles, Mr James Morrish has kindly agreed to donate a seat to the parish in memory of his father, it will be situated on the grass area on the entrance to Sunnyside, TK Play have been contacted to supply a seat, Cllr Ayre advises that a concrete pad needs to be laid to secure the seat to.
  - ii. An email has been received from Wicksteed for the annual inspection this will be ordered.
4. Highways i. The Dodscott Wood property TDC Enforcement are aware of the situation, it was reported the property is definitely lived in. Cllr Lock is to make further enquires.

The second property is in a poor state of tidiness with vermin reported Environmental health will be informed, also there has been dumping of rubble in a field near Cranford, this will be investigated.

  - ii. School Path, Mr Birch is awaited.
  - iii. Cllr Ayre was thanked for all the spraying he has undertaken around the village; it is very much appreciated.

## 5). County and District Councillors items.

Cllr Saywell reported that it has been a quiet month, now being on the Cabinet a lot of decisions have to be made. This is a covid advanced response area with more community testing and greater use of mobile testing vans that can also be used to get a vaccine. Covid numbers are a lot higher than they were mainly in the 15–19-year-old age group, events like Boardmasters have created spikes. Last week there were 17 in North Devon hospital with covid, 23 this week. Infections are likely to continue with the return of children to school. The increase in social workers pay has just been approved this is to help improve the situation following a poor Ofsted report. A devolution bid has been submitted on behalf of the District and County Council if successful some of the emphasised topics would be more affordable housing for local workers, net zero carbon and investment in market towns to name but a few.

Cllr Lock reported that the covid testing van is in Torrington on a Tuesday, the new lateral flows test can be obtained. Cllr Lock reported that Torridge Councillors approved support for North Devon

Biosphere Nature Recovery Plan and Declaration but not Cllr Lock the email has been circulated with the information.

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Cllr Clarke reported on attending a housing crisis meeting, the conclusion was there are no houses being built, Cllr Clarke thinks developers should be contributing more affordable housing. The refugee crisis was reported on how some local people are willing to offer accommodation for a short period. Homelessness and the Armed forces are within Cllr Clarkes remit.

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.

550	Plandscape x2	£270.46
551	Community First	£357.50
552	Clerk's salary	£528.50
553	Tamar Trading	£18.31

ii. Cllr Clarkes grant of £300 has been received towards the tarmacing, for which thanks was given.

## 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.	Being considered
1/0673/2021/FUL	Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land to residential and erection of a storage shed and chicken house. Land at Moorlands, Pound Meadow High Bullen	Passed
1/0749/2021/FUL	Retrospective application for Calf Rearing Building with Hay/Straw, Machinery and Livestock Lorry Storage including access drive and new entrance. Land At Grid Reference 255492 119614, St Giles In The Wood	Passed

i. The issue of retrospective planning applications were discussed no conclusion was made as these have to be treated the same as applied for applications

9. Police Report i. In the last 30 days there has been no crimes and no phone calls logged.

10. Recreation Field, no report. Everything seems alright!

11. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter

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

The issue of the lack of white lines and a give way sign at the entrance to the dump was raised again this has been reported to the dump manager but will be reported again to Russell Hookway Highway superintendent.

The stopping of the school bus in High Bullen was raised as it seems to be blocking entrances, this will be investigated

Date of next meeting—: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** 8.00pm **IN THE PARISH HALL**

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

Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Parish Council Meeting.