

St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.
on the October 11th 2023

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

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.

A welcome was extended to both our District Councillors Cllr Thomas Elliott and Cllr Rose Lock.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September were agreed and signed.

2. Clerk's report i. Wicksteed playground inspection, the inspection is to be carried out in due course.
ii. Parking on the Village Green, this was discussed regarding what steps could be taken, also regarding insurance, overnight parking etc, it was agreed to get quotes for extra signs to be put up. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Chairman's report i. Coronation tree, the tree is in stock at Albion Plants a price the for the tree guard will be obtained. Proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr King all in favour
ii. The Unknown Tommys are to be erected for the Remembrance commemorations, poppies will be placed around the base of the statues.
iii. The Church is now open with the first service held last Sunday the 8th October; the church is open from 9am to 4pm daily.
iv. Cllr Herniman congratulated the Autumn Show committee on such an excellent show, with a very successful auction, it is hoped the show will be even bigger next year.

4. Highways, i. It was highlighted again regarding the lack of white lines at the entrance to Deep Moor, this has been reported on reference W231618923, but the work still not undertaken. This is of great concern as drivers are just driving out making the juncture very dangerous.
ii. The pot holes at the entrance to the Green were discussed, it was suggested to ask Mr Penfold to come and assess the holes, proposed by Cllr Middleton seconded by Cllr King to go ahead. So, a call will be made. When a quote is received, circulated and approved it is hoped to undertake the job when he is in the area.

5). County and District Councillors items.

Cllr Saywell reported on the **Potholes** Please remember to report potholes online on **devon.cc/report-it** or telephone 0345 155 1004.

Cllr Saywell reported the dragon patcher is out and about but due to the bad weather did not

complete as much as hoped, Beara Cross to Dodscott is being done at present, it is not effective in the winter, but is hoped to resume patching in April, the stretch from Wooleigh Bridge to the A3124 is not looking like being undertaken for work this year but will be at the top of the list for next year. The issue with speeding was discussed also the email from Mark James, a speed survey needs to be undertaken to gauge the problem it was suggested to have the speedwatch team do a session but that has to be with authority from the PCSO. Devolution talks are still ongoing. The budget was highlighted at present a £9 million projected over spend is predicted, but modernisation and restructuring are being undertaken throughout the council. The mobile library service verdict has been called in, so it is still under discussion with any suggestions for the service gratefully received. Cllr Lock said it has been a relatively quiet time at TDC, Cllr Elliott raised that TDC have purchased Sunny House to renovate into flats for the homeless in the area, also one bed pods have been purchased.

6. Finance

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

616	St Giles PCC	£187.50
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7. Planning

P C recommendations TDC

1/0723/2022/FUL	Proposed agricultural building Beara Farm, St Giles In The Wood	Being considered
1/0565/2023/FUL	Relocation of highway access, Land At Grid Reference 251845 116948, Torrington,	Refused
DBX/DCC/4357/2023	Extension of an Existing Green Waste Composting Site at Deep Moor Waste & Recycling Facility, Road from Belle View Cross to High Bullen, High Bullen, E	
1/0592/2023/FUL	Conversion of barn to 1no. dwelling - Barn At Grid Reference 253033 118145 Kingscott.	Passed

8. Police Report i. In the period from 1/9/23 to 30/9/23 there has been no crimes, with 5 incidents that have been logged, 2 highway disruptions, one road traffic collision and a sudden death

Speeding in the village, an email has been received from Mark James Highway Superintendent, "This issue is being looked into by another team within Highways. It was brought to our attention earlier this year and as far as I am aware, although there is no specific Traffic Order in place, because the area through St. Giles village has street lighting, it could be eligible for a 30MPH speed limit but some surveying of vehicle speed was required. I have asked for an update from the team in question about the status of this enquiry and as soon as I hear anything back from them, I will let you know." The question was raised to ask the High Bullen Speedwatch team to do a survey in St Giles Village but a site would have to be authorised by the police.

Speedwatch at High Bullen was carried out last Monday the 9th October a joint effort of the Speedwatch and a police surveillance van, a speed of 47mph was registered before the van was in place but 4 motorists were caught speeding by the van

9. Recreation Field, there has been a request from younger parents for a roundabout for the children on the field, a quote for £17,000 has been obtained further investigations are to be made and also to look at grants that can be applied for. It is hoped the grass on the field will be cut a little shorter in the future.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter ii. Torridge and District Police and Crime Report
iii. An email has been received from Citizens Advice asking for a donation this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting—: **Wednesday 8th November 2023 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

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Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 6th December for the Parish Council meeting 7.30pm