

St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on September 5th 2024

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Present: Mrs L Herniman took the chair, Mr G Hookway, Mr B King, Mr J Ayre, Mr S Dyer and Mrs A Snell (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr A Chamings Mrs G Hookway, Mr P Middleton Mr R Petherbridge

Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Lock (District Councillors) PCSO Brown

In Attendance: Cllr T Elliott

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 17th July were agreed and signed.

2. Clerk's report i. It was noted the minutes and agenda for meetings are sent the previous Wednesday, for a Wednesday meeting, one letter arrived on the Friday with the other two not arriving at their destination until the Tuesday, the day before the meeting, the statutory requirement is that the notices are posted on the website three clear days prior to the meeting, so apologies but the postal system is often unreliable.

3. Chairman's report i. Roundabout, TK Play have been contacted and are expecting delivery in late September.

ii. It was highlighted for reference when a notice board is purchased in the future, two doors would be easier for the person posting the notices especially in windy weather. Cllr King is to look at the High Bullen board to see if a small chain to hold the door would help.

4. Highways,

i. The contractor to do the tarmac has been contacted due to an equipment break down there has been a delay in undertaking the work.

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. **Family Hubs** – The Council has formally agreed to proceed with the Family Hub provision and change the way Children's Centres operate. As previously discussed this will move the service away from a limited and targeted approach to a universal offer. Discussions over the future use of the Children's Centre building in Torrington continue and from the discussions I have had with Officials I know they are keen to build links with the wider community as the new Family Hub model should provide more support for parents and families in Torrington Rural. One of the areas highlighted during the consultation has been childcare provision and the thinking has been that the existing building could be remodelled to provide a child care facility in the town, but those discussions are continuing and I will keep the Council updated once a definitive decision is made.

Local Highways Matters – Quite a lot of serviceability patching in St Giles in the Wood should have been taking place this summer. I know works were planned around Doddscott and Bera... if there any outstanding issues please let me know. *Dragon Patching* – Caddywell Lane through to Healand has been dragon patched and should now be a much more improved drive. *Resurfacing* – Timing TBC but we are looking to get the section of the B3227 outside High Bullen resurfaced this financial year.

Devolution – We are still awaiting news from the new Government as to how they wish the proceed with the Devolution Deal. My understanding is that the new Government have made it very clear to Plymouth that they have to choose a partner – either Cornwall or Devon – to work with and that they cannot have a separate devolution deal on their own... We will wait to see how these machinations play out. Again my understanding is that they want a decision this month. As all the legal documentation etc. is ready to go before Parliament, I would hope that even if Plymouth do not wish to rejoin with Devon, we can get the statutory instruments approved in Parliament and then work with the Government on any potential changes they want to make to the Combined Authority.

Summer Holiday Activities and Food – Holiday activities and food for children who receive free school meals were provided again over the summer holidays. Funded by the Department for Education, DCC teamed up with over 100 different activity providers across Devon to offer more than 30,000 places to children aged five to 16 years old, who receive benefit-related free school meals. Cllr Elliott reported on the Housing Strategic Workshop that was held in August, the out come will be presented to the full council in October or November, once passed it will be circulated to Parish Councils to have their say. Also, there is an array of grants for TDC residents with accessibility and mobility aids for homes.

6. Finance

Approve and sign the following cheques: -General Account,

637	Clerk's salary	£800.00
638	Community First	£357.56
639	Office expenses	£52.04

7. Planning

P C recommendations TDC

1/0350/2024/FULM	Retrospective change of use from agricultural to equestrian. Land At Grid Reference 255038 119724 St Giles In The Wood Devon	Approved
1/0555/2024/FUL	Demolition of 2 barns erection of 3 no. dwellings in lieu of Class Q approvals 1/0447/2023/AGMB (2 dwellings) and 1/0448/2023/AGMB (1 dwelling) and associated works. Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 255165 120289, St Giles In The Wood	Approved
1/1565/2024/FUL	Demolition of barn and erection of new dwelling and associated works in lieu of Class Q permission 1/0449/2022/AGM. Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 255531 120377, St Giles In The Wood	Approved
1/0704/2024/AGR	Erection of forestry building for storing tools, cutting and drying wood	Withdrawn
1/0686/2024/FUL	Erection of side extension, Kettle Cottage	No objections
1/0748/2024/FUL	Erection of stable building and change of use of land to equestrian. Land At Grid Reference 255065 119600 St Giles In The Wood	Cllr Lock is to be contacted for advice, as the comment from the Councilors

		they did not want this application in time being a residential property.
1/0716/2024/FUL	Conversion of redundant barn with small extension to form one dwelling and associated works (self build), Barn At Grid Reference 255179 117248, Roborough,	No objections

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- i. It has been raised to the Parish Council there has been a complaint regarding an activity at East Dodscott Farm, a lady from Torrington is carrying out dog agility classes numerous times a week, with no change of use, but the participants are parking in the gateways of neighbouring properties, this will be raised.

8. Police Report i no report

9. Recreation Field, the new roundabout has been minuted. There was a request from the last meeting for a disabled access sign to be purchased a quote of £43.04 including VAT, has been obtained.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter ii. The DALC conference is on the 2nd October at Exeter Racecourse.

Date of next meeting—: **Wednesday 9th October 2024 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

..... Chairman.....Date Forthcoming meetings:

Wednesday 13th November 2024 at **7.30pm**