

St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.
on the February 8th 2023

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Present: Mrs L Herniman took the chair, Mr G Hookway Cllr A Chamings Mrs G Hookway Mr R Petherbridge Mr N Hopkins Mr B King Mr J Ayre Mr P Middleton, and Mrs A Snell (Clerk)
Apologies Cllr R Lock (District Councillor)
In Attendance Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Clarke 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 11th January were agreed and signed.
2. Clerk's report i. There has been an official email from Plandscape saying they are no longer carrying out grounds maintenance works.
ii. Parish and District Council elections will take place on Thursday the 4th May, nomination papers will be circulated in due course, a photo ID is now required to cast a vote. Cllr Clarke is standing as an independent candidate.
iii. Parish Council representative for the Social Club is Cllr Petherbridge this is a long-standing representation, this will be minuted at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.
iv. Kings's Coronation Celebrations, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Middleton seconded by Cllr Chamings to grant the celebrations £1500 for the whole event, all in favour, this will include a BBQ followed by bonfire and fireworks, (donations will be asked towards the cost of the fireworks) on the Saturday, the Sports Club committee and Parish Councillors will organise this, a Parish tea will be organised on the Sunday by Church representatives.
3. Chairman's report i. The brass plaque has been mounted on a piece of oak by Cllr King, a fantastic job, thank you Cllr King.
ii. Unknown Tommy plaques, the cost is £350 for a pair, with "Lest we forget" at the base, Cllr Clarke's grant has been authorised so the order will be placed.
4. Highways, an email of forthcoming works has been circulated.
- 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.

Last week we reached 3,000 safety defect potholes awaiting repair. This is down to less than 2,500. The number of public reports has reduced in the last week which will help us get on top of the backlog. Milestone (the contractor) are operating with over 40 gangs at the moment and have been working weekends

Other Highways Matters Should you wish to hold a Coronation Street Party, please get your road closure applications in asap. **Budgets** Will report in detail next month but the situation is looking more positive than in the autumn with additional funding coming through from Central Government to help with social care services.

Other News – please see the news stories below regarding good reports for our Public Health Nursing service and our Adult social care services.

[Care watchdogs give Devon's Public Health Nursing service a glowing report following inspection - News](#)

[Devon's social care services for adults is among the highest performing nationally - News](#)

Cost of Living Lastly, there is support available for people, families and businesses struggling with the cost of living. Please see online here - [Cost of living | Help and advice for people in Devon | Devon County Council](#)

It is pot hole season but please keep reporting **The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it**

Cllr Clarke as reported is going to stand as an Independent at the forthcoming elections on the 4th May. Cllr Clarke is going to West Buckland school to talk to an assembly.

6. Finance

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

600	Royal British Legion	£350.00
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li A thank you email has been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the £75 grant that was granted to them.

7. Planning P C recommendations TDC

1/0723/2022/FUL	Proposed agricultural building Beara Farm, St Giles In The Wood	Being considered
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.	Passed
1/0085/2023/FUL	Installation of 50kW solar PV system part ground mounted and part on roof of existing building. Alco Engineering Co (Manufacturing) Ltd, High Bullen, Torrington.	Recommend approval

i. It was noted the pillars on the passed planning permission for the Deer Barn are square when the pillars originally a long time ago were round, this was raised but no action is to be taken.

8. Police Report i. In the last 30 days there has been one crime of a tractor taken without consent and 5 calls logged, 1 sus dic, 1 hunt reported, 1 road traffic collision and 1 concern of welfare. There has been reports of speeding cars, a Nisan and a Mercedes in the Winscott area, this will be reported to the PCSO.

9. Recreation Field, no report.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter ii. Torridge and District Police and Crime Report

iii. Buckingham Palace Garden Party nominations have been asked for Cllr Herniman and Cllr Chamings will have their names put forward.

Date of next meeting—: **Wednesday 8th March 2023 7.30pm** in the Sports Club

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Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 12th April 2023 7.30pm