

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, Mr G Hookway Mr N Hopkins Mr B King Mrs G Hookway Mr R Petherbridge Mr P Middleton, and Mrs A Snell (Clerk)
Apologies Cllr Chamings Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Clarke Cllr R Lock (District Councillor) and PCSO Brown
In Attendance 2 members of the public

Time for Public Participation

As raised at the March meeting the issue that has been ongoing since last May of the noisy dogs at the kennels in Stevenstone, causing a nuisance and problem to the neighbouring properties. Lots of conversations have been held with the Mr Marshman and Mr Craddick the Master of the Hunt. It appears to be the pet dogs not the hounds that are the problem. Following the last meeting Cllr Clarke has initiated a meeting with TDC Mandi Farinacci who deals with these issues, the meeting is booked for Friday the 8th April, Cllr Graham Hookway has also experienced the barking problem and identified it was the pet dogs not the hounds, he has forwarded his concerns to the Chairman of the hunt. It is hoped the meeting on Friday will move the issue forward. Hunt staff start employment from the first of May so it is hoped to resolve the issue before the 1st May. The members of the public thanked Cllr Clarke for the help given.

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 9th March were agreed and signed.
2. Clerk's report i. Seat in St Giles, still waiting for good weather.
3. Chairman's report i. Jubilee, 100 meters of bunting is to be purchased, the bouncy castle for the Sunday has been booked from 12 noon to 7pm.
4. Highways i. The street light by the Memorial and 2 others in the same vicinity are still not working this has been reported and again by phone. It seems photographic evidence is required; Sue Ayre is to be asked to undertake this. But the light along School path the bulb has been replaced with an LED light which appears to be very bright, the residents of school house are concerned at the brightness DCC have been contacted and a shield has been requested
- 5). County and District Councillors items.

Cllr Saywell reported on Ukraine DCC have updated their website to include all the latest information and support needed for those looking to sponsor/accommodate Ukrainian refugees. Please visit - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine/> The Council, alongside Team Devon colleagues and partners, have made considerable progress this last week contacting several hundred potential sponsors to conduct and complete required DBS checks. In addition, working with councils across Devon, we have developed and implemented a property and people appraisal process. District councils have started to check a range of sponsor properties using this, and this will accelerate the work this week. The County Council is working with partners to ensure we can make early payments

to sponsors and guests and alongside this, we are developing clear processes regarding school admissions, health registration and access to Universal Credit and other benefit entitlements. DCC are also considering launching a joint, Team Devon, single telephone number for enquires with organisations from the voluntary and community sector. Further, the Council is currently in negotiations with several organisations to provide a consistent and comprehensive offer of wrap-around support, across each locality in Devon. In the meantime, if you have key questions that you or constituents would like an answer to, DCC have a dedicated e-mail address health.ukraineresettlement-mailbox@devon.gov.uk.

We will be building on and further developing ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) provision in Devon for this community and how best we can link key organisations providing support to local speakers for translation, alongside large providers of telephone and internet-based translation options.

Covid The free universal testing service has now ended. We will likely see a gradual decline of local testing numbers as people use up the tests kits they have at home. While the local testing figures will play a less important role in understanding the current community infection level, we will still have the ONS national data which currently shows about 1 in 13 people have covid and in addition will have local hospitalisation rates. Testing will continue in health and care settings which will give an indication of local rates.

The key message is that if you feel unwell please stay at home and reducing your mixing with other people until you feel better. Without testing there is no certainty if it is covid or another respiratory virus, but in some respect it doesn't matter as you still have a virus and are infectious! Despite the end of free testing, there will be some surge testing capability should it need to be deployed to support an outbreak. Current rates are showing a gradual decline in all Districts with hospital rates at the start of the week showing 427 (7 in ICU) within Devon. 60 in North Devon (0 ICU). However, **it is important to point out that approximately 55% of covid patients in hospital were admitted for other reasons, so are in hospital with covid rather than because of covid.**

A386 Landslide Based on current progress on site and thanks to the requested increased resources and weekend working, the specialist contractor's latest programme of works indicates that Highways should be able to take the lane closure/traffic lights off by close of play on 14th April, just before the Easter weekend.

There has been a slight delay to the end of the works as more netting has been required than first thought, but so far the traffic lights have caused only minimal disruption and it is better that this work is done now, rather than risk a further landslide next winter.

New Neighbourhood Highways Officer Russell Hookway has moved onto a new position within the County Council and the new Neighbourhood Highways Officer is Mark James who has just started working for DCC. I will be meeting him soon to discuss local highways issues in the area but I will also ask that he makes contact with all Parish Clerks in the near future so that you can raise any immediate issues with him directly.

6. Finance

I. Approve and sign the following cheques: -General Account,

570	DALC subscription	£136.80
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- i. The extra defibrillator pads are not required until June, so they will be purchased then.
- ii. The internal Auditor Mr B Ward is to be contacted.

8. Planning P C recommendations TDC

1/1372/2021/OUT	Outline application with all matters reserved for permanent agricultural workers supervisory dwelling Beara Farm	
1/1318/2021/FUL	Extension to south elevation of existing engineering workshop and erection of monopitch office building. Alco Engineering Co (Manufacturing) Ltd, High Bullen,	

1/1417/2021/FUL	Replacement of existing timber fence with block and render or brick walls. High Bullen Farmhouse, 6 - 7 High Bullen.	688
1/0133/2022/FUL	Rear extension, erection of a new orangery, removal of rear entrance porch with replacement small extension and addition of bay window extension. Herons Lake, High Bullen, Torrington,	Passed
1/0263/2022/CPE	Certificate of lawful development for no 3 Kennels, Shepherds View, St Giles in the Wood.	No objections

9. Police Report i. In the last 30 days there has been one crime of Criminal damage, and one phone call logged, one of public safety. Speedwatch training is being awaited, the system has changed, this has to be taken into consideration but if enough time is given when the speedwatch is taking place a police motor cycle or police van will attend.

10. Recreation Field, the field has been cut. The bottom step of the climbing frame is broken, Cllr King kindly agreed to look at it.

11. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletter

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

It was discussed the fact that a motor home is parked on the Village Green there has been complaints, so Cllr Ayre has kindly agreed to speak to the owners in the hope this will resolve the situation further steps will be taken if unsuccessful.

Date of next meeting-:

Wednesday 11th May 2022 7.30pm in the Parish Hall This meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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

Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 8th June 2022 start at 7.30pm.