

# St GILES IN THE WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.  
on the March 15th 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

In Attendance Cllr A Saywell (County Councillor) Cllr R Lock (District Councillor) Cllr R Clarke PCSO Brown and one member of the public

Time for Public Participation

It was raised from the floor the length of time the planning at Beara for an agricultural building has been in consultation it was submitted in July validated in early September; the length of consultation is due to Natural England asking questions regarding the combination assessment that is required for air pollution. Cllr Lock said she would look into this application on behalf of the applicant.

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 8<sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed.

2. Clerk's report i. Parish and District Council elections will take place on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> May, nomination papers were circulated at the meeting, a photo ID is now required to cast a vote.

11. King's Coronation Celebrations, it was agreed to put out a flyer again to inform people of the forthcoming celebrations, 250 will be printed, 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 Church Service followed by a Parish tea will be organised on the Sunday by Church representatives. Cllr Middleton is to look at getting a grant from Awards for All. It was noted no bunting can be put up at all in the hall which is to be used as a polling station prior to the election on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

3. Chairman's report i. The Unknown Tommy plaques have been received.

4. Highways, an email of forthcoming works has been circulated. The road past Worden's Cottage is to be reported for the very bad pot holes.

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 he has spent half a day driving around the area to assess the pot holes, since January 14304 pot holes have been filled, approximately 300 per working day, 40 gangs are out around the county but patching repairs which are properly repaired by cutting out a section are getting behind. The safety inspector has been around the county which has resulted in an extra 600 additional pot holes being repaired. The Dragon Patcher where the pot hole is sprayed with material, the flame thrower applied then tar and chipping to fill is being used. The village to High Bullen has planned surface dressing work likewise work in Kingscott and Higher House to Wooleigh Bridge, the area further on towards the junction with the A3124 has some planned patching work in the future. It is pot hole season so please keep reporting **The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it**

DCC has £9000 Capital funding from Central Government agreed for highways work.

DCC budget funding is up but Council Tax is also up by 4.99%, 2% some £26 million is to go towards Social Care. It is hoped the problems of the 2022 budget are not repeated as inflation has been taken into account in the 2023 budget. Mr Stuart Brocklehurst from the University of Exeter has spoken to John Hart and Cllr Saywell on how best the university can engage with the community.

Cllr Lock thanked everyone for their support and said she is standing at the forthcoming election as a Conservative candidate.

Cllr Clarke as reported is going to stand as an Independent at the forthcoming elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, also thanking everyone for their support.

#### 6. Finance

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

601	Clerks Salary	£700.00
602	Office expenses	£46.17

#### 7. Planning

P C recommendations TDC

1/0723/2022/FUL	Proposed agricultural building Beara Farm, St Giles In The Wood	Being considered
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.	Passed
1/0143/2023/FUL	Erection of 1 no. dwelling South View Cottage, St Giles In The Wood.	Cllr Gail Hookway declared a prejudicial interest. The same response will be sent to this amended application as sent previously, proposed by Cllr Hopkins seconded by Cllr Chamings, all in favour.

8. Police Report i. In the last 30 days there has been no crimes reported with 1 call logged a concern of welfare. No feedback has been received regarding the reports of speeding car. The Police are now setting up virtual meetings for Parish Councillors to join to interact with the police. Dates and times will be sent to the clerk for forwarding.

9. Recreation Field, the grass has been cut.

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

iii. Hedgehog survey email was distributed to councillors iv. Dolton's 20's Plenty Campaign, this campaign to get a 20mph speed limit in the village was highlighted, Cllr Lock reported only so many applications will be approved by DCC.

It was reported on the amount of rubbish that is on the road near the Deep Moor site it appears to be mostly from the recycling lorries, Mr Lee Stroud-Eastwood from Devon Waste Management will be contacted.

Date of next meeting—: **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall

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

Forthcoming meetings: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May for the Annual Parish Council meeting