

NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2015 at St James Church, Avonwick

OPEN FORUM: There were no members of the public present.

PRESENT: Councillors Bell, Gabriel, Grevatt, Luscombe, Seager-Berry and District and Parish Councillor Steer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Hunt and County Councillor Vint

It was proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded Cllr Seager-Berry that the **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 2nd June 2015 should be confirmed and signed. Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Councillor Gabriel reported that the three Councils concerned were looking at the best way to use the TAP funding that had been allocated for the funding of a lengthsman. Councillor Bell reported on discussions that he had had with Diptford Parochial Church Council concerning the inclusion of the Parish Council minutes in the Diptford and North Huish Magazine. Clerk to follow this up. Councillor Gabriel reported on a survey that he had carried out in North Huish concerning the proposed placement of a seat within the village. The survey resulted in an overwhelming rejection of the proposal. Councillors agreed that this proposal should, therefore, be rejected.

REPORTS: County Councillor Vint reported on the breakdown of negotiations for the contract for the provision of superfast broadband. Parishioners wishing to follow this up could gain further information from "Connecting Devon and Somerset" at <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/decision-for-the-second-stage-roll-out-of-the-cds-programme/>

District Councillor Steer reported on the progress of the reorganisation of South Hams District Council. New members of the planning department had been appointed. The newly appointed directors were working hard to bring about an updating of work practices within the Council.

Councillor Grevatt reported that there had been a relatively low turnout for the "Big Lunch" organised by the Village Hall group. He brought suggestions from the group for improved access to the Parish open space. These were discussed by the Council. It was felt that no immediate changes were necessary. Greater security for the access gate is to be investigated.

PLANNING: It was noticed that a planning application for a property within the parish had not been sent to the Council for its consideration. Councillor Steer to investigate.

Specific items of **CORRESPONDENCE** were noted as follows:

The Council had received an email from Pentland Estate Management stating that, due to the costs involved, they had given up on their quest to provide a waste bin at the bottom of the permissive path in Avonwick. It had been noticed that since the resurfacing of the path had taken place, the "doggy" problem was not as bad as it had been.

The Council had been informed by SHDC that it has no responsibility for children playing without supervision in the play park – this is the responsibility of their parents.

The Council was informed by Linden Homes that it has carried out its obligation regarding the cutting of the play park grass and would not be arranging any future cuts.

The Council agreed to invite both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of South Hams District Council to a future meeting.

Councillors Steer and Bell agreed to attend a “Parish and Town Council event” at Follaton House on Monday 27th July.

It was proposed by Councillor Seager-Berry, seconded Councillor Steer and agreed by the Council that further Policy updates should be accepted. These were then signed by the Chairman.

FINANCE:

Balance c/f	£ 8,923.31
Income (interest)	£ 0.28
Exp. (Ins)	£ 403.14

Balance c/f	<u>£ 8520.45</u>
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This balance is made up as follows:

P3 money	£ 149.40
Council funds	<u>£8371.05</u>

Total	<u>£ 8520.45</u>
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It was agreed that the Chairman would seek quotations for the cutting of the Play Park grass

HIGHWAYS: Complaints had been received from North Huish parishioners concerning the speed of Yodel delivery vans through the village. Clerk to follow up. Concern had also been raised over the state of the road surface from Bickham Bridge to Clunkamoor.

It was noted that the Avonwick traffic calming work had been completed. Some concern over the changes had been raised by parishioners.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7.30pm at St James Church, Avonwick.