

NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at St James Church, Avonwick

OPEN FORUM: There was one member of the public present. The Council was updated on the work of the Flood Group. The continued success of the group was noted as was the recent appointment of Brian Dent as Chairman and Lyn Dent as Secretary. The presence of an old freezer at the side of the road in Avonwick continued to generate annoyance on the part of many parishioners. The clerk was asked to seek the assistance of the District Council in dealing with this. It was stated that visibility on the Ugborough road above the garage in Avonwick was being compromised by the parking of a coach. Action clerk.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Steer declared an interest in matters concerning planning.

PRESENT: Councillors Childs, Hunt, Luscombe, Seager-Berry and District and Parish Councillor Steer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor Vint (attending other meetings), Councillors Cooper (attending an emergency group meeting) and Pearse

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 3rd June 2014 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: Action has now been taken concerning the Knotweed. Nothing has yet been done to repair the road near the Woodpecker. Action clerk.

Councillor Childs reported that the play park was now ready for use and would be opened as soon as SHDC put in place the necessary insurance. The bench would be put in place in the week following this meeting.

The Council was made aware of concern raised by parishioners living in North Huish over the proposed location of the new seat. It was decided that this should be investigated further.

REPORTS: District Councillor Steer reported on a number of site meetings that he had attended. These included a proposed site for forty new homes at Sparkwell where 50% of them would be "affordable". Councillor Steer expressed the grave concern of SHDC over the lack of affordable homes within the District.

PLANNING: The Council gave its support to the request for the demolition of a dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling at Higher Colmer, Modbury.

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

- 1) Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity –noted.
- 2) SHDC - The Play Area Agreement – accepted.
- 3) Letter from The Village Hall Group. – Council agreed to support the group in its wish to hold a BBQ on the play area site subject to the following conditions:- The Group arranges insurance to cover the event, no glass (bottles or glasses etc should be brought on site, the question of smoking on site should be addressed, thought should be given to the closing time of the event so as not to cause concern to neighbours and the Council would expect the site to be "left as found" by the Hall Group committee.
- 4) Letter from SHDC concerning Code of Conduct and Registers. Noted. Action clerk

FINANCE:

Balance c/f	£ 7,447.91	This balance is made up as follows:	
Income (106 money)	£ 30,983.19		
Income (interest)	£ 0.72	P3 money	£ 149.40
Exp. (Insurance)	£ 397.18	Council funds	£ 36,535.24_
Exp (p park)	£ <u>1,350.00</u>	Total	£ <u>36,684.64</u>
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HIGHWAYS: The Council was informed that some buddle holes had recently been cleared. It was felt that given the time on site even more could have been achieved. There has been no movement forward concerning the collapsing culvert at Black Hall, Avonwick

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.30pm at St James Church, Avonwick.

Parishioners wishing to bring any matter before the Council should either attend an Open Forum (held at the start of all Council Meetings) or ask a Councillor to represent them.