

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 6th March, 2022 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present Cllrs. P. Evans, T. Hirst, B. Perrett, S. Manzi, P. Sandover, P. Wotton
J.Milne in the chair. Cllr. J. Brazil.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, The Parish Council unanimously declared their support for the country and people of Ukraine in their invasion of Russia on their country.

1. Apologies – Nil.

2. Declarations of Interest – Nil.

3. Public Participation – Tree Planting – the Tree /warden suggested we plant a tree for the Queen’s Jubilee – unanimously agreed.

Farnacombe Lane – it was reported two trees have fallen across the lane in the recent storms – Chair to report to Highways.

Community Composting – Match funding is available for this project, to set up community composting in South Pool a site would be needed, there are none in the centre of the village, the PC does not own any land, it was felt most gardens had the room do their own composting and most did so.

South Pool Village Signs – Signs at Broken Pound and Gullet Corner are in need of painting, Clerk to ask Richard Jolly to carry out the work before the Jubilee celebrations.

4. Cllr. Brazil’s Report -SHDC are to resume the brown bin rubbish collections 7th April in this parish.

Both **SHDC and DCC** have held their budget meetings, the council tax will rise by approximately £65 for the year 2022/23.

Questions were asked re planning and the Statement of Compliance, Cllr. Brazil said the Statement is to make it easier for both applicant and planners. He assured the meeting councillors do have an oversight in planning applications. The Supplementary Planning document is out for consultation at present.

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5. Minutes – Minutes of meeting 07.02.22 were approved and signed.

6. Chairman's Report – Pot hole on the road to Wilton needs repairing again, Cllr. Evans to take photograph and chairman will then report to Highways.

DCC signs – Chairman will contact Highways asking for removal of signs left in the village for several months.

Millbrook Inn – the wall on the road edge has now been rendered. Concern shown as to the whereabouts of the specially commissioned Millbrook Inn hanging sign.

7. Finance/Clerk's Report – Current Acc. - £1531.17. Bus. Acc.- £12,914.42

Sign cheques – Janet Green - £1080.12 - ½ yr. Salary & Yr. expenses.

It was unanimously agreed to sign the AGAR form for Audit for year 2021/22.

Clerk's Salary – the clerk had noted the hours worked over 1 month. It was proposed by Cllr.Wooton, seconded by Cllr. Milne the salary be increased to £2500.00 for 15 hours per month, passed unanimously.

8. Housing Crisis- Housing Needs Survey – Cllr. Sandover has made alterations following Cllrs. Suggestions, he will forward a final version to all councillors before the next meeting for approval at that meeting.

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration – Beacon – Cllr. Wotton has spoken to the owners of the access field to the Jubilee Plantation and field, there are problems, the parishioners would have to view from the village. Cllr. Evans offered the use of his field at the top of hill which can be viewed from the village or from his field, this was accepted with thanks from all present.

It was agreed to call a meeting of parishioners interested in taking this project further, the date is **23rd. March in the Church village Hall at 5.30pm.** Cllr.Manzi to put on the Events page, Cllr. Hirst will chair the meeting

10. Public Seat – Update – Cllr. Wotton has ordered the new seat for Pitching Stones, it will come flat packed, he will assemble this to save money, Chairman suggested treating wood before it is put in place. Cllr. Wotton will contact Adrian Wotton to make the concrete plinth.

Date of next meeting – Monday 4th April at 6.30pm.

Chairman.

