

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 5th December, 2022 at 6.30pm. in the Church Village Hall.

Present – Cllrs.P. Evans, B. Perrett, P.Sandover, P.Wotton and J. Milne in the chair, Cllr. J Brazil and Gail Alexander.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies – Cllr. T. Hirst and S. Manzi.

2. Declarations – Nil.

Devon Resilience Innovation Project.

The Chairman introduced Gail Alexander Project Officer from the Flood Resilience Project (DRIP). Gail told the meeting South Pool has been selected for a pilot scheme. There is £6 -£7 million available between 19 projects. South Pool which is in a rapid response area has been selected, the project would be looking to form natural flood management further back up the valley to slow the flow of water off the fields and roads in the catchment area. She explained the various forms this could take. The project would contact the local landowners and involve the local community. When the project is complete it would be handed over to the Parish, legal responsibilities would need to be in place. The next stage is Gail will contact the local landowners she will attend our AGM on April 3rd. 2023 to talk to our Parishioners. The Chairman thanked Gail for her informative talk.

3. Public Participation – Nil.

4. Cllr. Brazil's Report –Council Tax 2023. -SHDC will increase by 2% and DCC 5% **SHDC** is to make changes to their reception area at Follaton House. The refuse collection is going through the transition period, brown bin collection need to be registered for by January for first collections in early March. The free port scheme with Plymouth is ongoing. **DCC** – Children's Services is still in Special Measures, Finances are still a problem , the Levelling-up Bill will see Council Tax for second homes doubling in 2024.

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Chairman's Report - Footpath from Herring Street to the church, Paul McFadden has contacted the Chairman, all landowners are in agreement to the styles being replaced by kissing gates, the style furthest up the hill will be replaced by a gate. Permission has been given for storage of equipment while work in progress, the work will commence next week.

Planning Application - 1152/22/HHO - Rivendell has been Refused. Main reason, the development would have an overbearing impact on the neighbouring dwelling and result in a harmful impact on neighbour's amenity.

Community Support - warm hub - the Hall Committee is proposing to open one night per week as a warm hub, they will need to apply for the grant towards heating and electricity charges, if the committee is not able to apply for the grant Chairman asked for the PC's support for him to apply, this was agreed. The grant has to be applied for by 16th December.

7. Finance/Clerk's Report/Budget/Precept-

Current Acc. - £1,153.08. Business Acc. - £15,831.77.

Budget/Precept - The budget was circulated and discussed, with the cost of living so high at this time it was proposed by Cllr. Milne, seconded by Cllr. Perrett we precept for £6650.00 the same as for year 2021/22, passed unanimously.

Auditors - The External Auditors for the years 2022/23 to 2026/27 will be PK Littlejohn who have been our auditors for the last five years.

Bank Mandate - Cllrs. Signed the mandate.

Dog bin at the pontoon - SHDC have sent costings for replacing this bin with a dual -purpose bin, it was agreed the Clerk to contact SHDC to proceed with this project to be in place for Easter 2023.

8. Jubilee Tree - Chairman to contact Martin Luckes.

9. Village Marquee and Hall generator - the PCC have offered the large marquee to the Hall committee and the Parish Council; it was agreed not to accept this offer. The generator sited at the hall is part of the Emergency Plan to provide electricity to the hall in times of emergency. Cllr. Wotton has started the generator on November 22nd; it ran for 45 minutes and provided good light to the hall.

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10. Housing Survey – Cllr. Sandover has compiled and circulated a report to date, the final replies have to be completed by the end of this year, when final numbers are added the report and findings will be forwarded to SHDC.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Sandover for his work on this project.

11. Emergency Plan – Chairman is working on this plan, some co-ordinators need to be replaced, work is ongoing.

12. Cyber Security – are unable to attend our AGM in April, it was agreed to invite them to our March meeting.

13. Planning Application – 1095/22/HHO. – Garage conversion to form residential accommodation. Porch extension, demolition of conservatory, new wheel chair accessible balconies & associated alterations.

The Coach House, Halwell, South Pool. TQ7 2RX.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to SUPPORT this application.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 9th January, 2023 at 6.30pm.

Chairman.

