

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish meeting was held on Monday 8th April, 2024 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Clee, P. Evans, S. Manzi, P. Wotton and J. Milne in the chair. Members of Public – A. Lamb, B. Perrett, L. Luckes, E. Jones, D. Wooton, P. Sandover and P. Bieneman.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Annabel Beasley and Gail Alexander from DRIP – Flood Resilience.

1. Apologies – Cllr. T. Hirst and D. Lovett. Cllr. J. Brazil.

2. Presentation by Annabel Beasley - Annabel explained how DRIP was funded, how they were working in partnership with 19 working partners in Rapid Response Catchment areas of Devon.

DRIP is setting up a pilot scheme for an early warning system to alert people to surface water flooding caused by heavy rain in South Pool and other areas. This will be a system not covered by the Environment Agency or other organizations, it would give vulnerable parishioners time to set up their flood protection and help prevent flooding. This system will be trialed with 9 different communities in Devon, starting with a small number of volunteers in 2024. 8 – 12 volunteers are needed to receive these alerts, there will be a workshop on line in September. Parishioners present were asked for their contact details if they wished to take part. A questions and answer session then took place, among the questions put to Annabel was is Tidal Flooding going to be included, at the time of this meeting South Pool was experiencing the highest tide of the year and was flooded. This will be another consideration to take into account for coastal parishes. Funding for this project runs from 2021 to 2027.

Gail Alexander addressed the meeting on the work she has carried out with the local farmers to help prevent flooding from surface water helping communities in Devon. 3 of our local landowners are interested in slowing down the flow of surface water. Gail also answered questions.

The Chairman thanked Annabel and Gail for their interesting presentation.

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4. Finance/Clerk's Report Contd:-

A Councillor had been asked by a parishioner why we needed to raise the precept each year. The Clerk explained the precept had not been increased for at least two years. The monies in the Business account are there for use in emergencies and for parish projects.

The Clerk thanked the Chairman and the Vice Chairman for their work and commitment throughout the year.

5. Public Participation – A Parishioner suggested Peter Hinchcliffe from Natural Landscapes Partnership be invited to attend a future meeting, it was agreed an invitation would be sent for later in the year.

This meeting ended and was followed by a Planning Meeting.

6. Planning Application – 4013/23/HHO – New ground floor windows, 2 Velox Rooflights. Repair/replacement porch. **Old Mill House, S. Pool. TQ7 2RP.**

Concern was shown with the change of roof of the porch, the application is for a flat roof to replace a ridged roof. After discussion a vote was taken.

It was agreed by a vote of 4 to 1 to recommend REFUSAL of this application.

Reasons being the porch roof replacement was out of character in S.Pool. The Old Mill House is in a Conservation Area and AONB.

7. Parish Council Insurance – The documents have been checked by Clerk and Chairman, this is the 3rd; year of 3 for a long - term agreement, the cost is £249.94. It was proposed by Cllr. Manzi, seconded by Cllr. Wotton we accept the policy for the year 2024/25. Passed unanimously.

This Chairman thanked everyone for the attendance and support.

Date of the next meeting Monday 13th, May 2024 at 6.30pm.

Chairman.

