

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 2nd September, 2024 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Clee, D. Lovett, S. Manzi, P. Wotton and J. Milne in the chair. Mr. & Mrs. Ventura and Cllr. J. Brazil.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies – Cllrs. P. Evans and T. Hirst.

2. Declarations of Interest. – Cllr. Wotton – Agenda Item 9. Planning.

3. Public Participation – Emma and Simon Ventura gave a presentation of work to be carried out at The Old Rectory, South Pool. Item 10 on the agenda. This includes lowering the level of the garden room roof line and larger windows, most of the work will be internal. Councillor's questions were then answered. The Chairman thanked Emma and Simon for their presentation.

Cllr. Wotton gave a presentation on the flooding problems at Coombe and other concerns the residents of Lower Coombe have in respect of the planning application for Middle Coombe. Item 9 on the agenda.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wotton for his presentation.

4. Cllr. Brazil Report – SHDC – He acknowledge there had been a problem with the dog bin at The Pontoon which has been resolved. Chairman stated he has only had to report the overflowing bins three times this summer.

Council Tax - second homes will be paying 2x council tax this next year, SHDC had planned to ring fund this money for housing but DCC has now decided it will go into the core budget to mend potholes etc.

Devolution – this did not take place due to the General Election. Further decisions have yet to be made.

South Hams Festival – This is an event SHDC are putting on in June 2025. They would like all parishes to be involved and a variety of events to be held across the area. The funding will be obtained via Parish Councils and a grant from the Arts Council. A Representative from SHDC is available to visit and give a presentation. There is currently an Events Directory which parish organizations can post forthcoming events for 2025.

Cllr. Manzi asked about the current position of the Saltstone Neighborhood Plan – Cllr. Brazil replied this plan will now be included in the SHDC Neighborhood Plan.

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5. Minutes – Minutes of meeting 01.07.24. were approved and signed.

6. Chairman's Report – Tree at The Bridge – The tree overhanging the stream has a broken branch which is in danger of falling into the stream. Cllr. Brazil has contacted the Harbour Office re the removal of the branch but it is above the area of their responsibility. The property owner is aware of the situation. Cllr. Brazil confirmed the Chairman's advice to the PC is to firstly contact Highways, if they do not remove then contact the property owner requesting, he removes it by end of October. If he fails to remove by the deadline PC will have it removed and forward the bill to the property owner.

Dog Bins – Chairman reported there had been a misunderstanding with SHDC and parishioners about the reporting of the overflowing dog bins, a letter has been sent clarifying the situation.

Sign Posts – the fallen footpath sign at the stepping stones has not been repaired and the sign to Gunstile Lane at Broken Pound has fallen. Chairman will report.

Yellow Canoe – this is abandoned as no owner can be found, Cllr. Wotton will remove.

7. Clerk's Report – Business Acc.- £18,741.38. Current Acc.- £852.84.

July 24. EDF - £32.79. Direct Debit.

Sign cheque 02.09.24. – J. Green £1250.00 – ½ yr salary.

Reminder there will be a road closure from Barnfield to the village October 31st. for erection of new pole.

8. Projects – Update – chairman has contacted Emma re the art work on an information board and Richard Jolly will help with the board. He has also costed the price of paint for white line painting on The Square.

9. Planning Application – 2163/24/FUL – Construction of extension & change of use of garage into one bedroom holiday let. – Middle Coombe. S.Pool.

Cllr. Wotton had declared an interest and took no part in Item 9 on the agenda.

A discussion was held on concerns over flooding, light pollution, overdevelopment, no transport plan, lack of information, It was a unanimously agreed vote to Object to this application for the following reasons-

1. – Flooding. 2. Roof light – Light Pollution. 3. Application will change footprint of the garage - over development. 4. No Transport Plan. – Concern re lack of information with this application.

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10. Planning Application – 2575/24/HHO & 2576/24/LBC – Alterations & extensions to reinstate historic layout – The Old Rectory, S.Pool.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to SUPPORT this application.

11. Defibrillator – A person is needed to replace Meg Warren as a backup for Peter Sandover who carries out the regular checks on the Defibrillator.

Cllr. Clee agreed to take on this responsibility.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 7th October 2024 at 6.30pm.

There will be a speaker at this meeting from The National Landscape Partners - Peter Hinchliffe.

Chairman.