

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of The Parish Council was held on Monday 3rd February, 2025 in The Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

**Present – Cllrs. P. Evans, D. Lovett, P. Wotton and J. Milne in the chair.
Cllr. J. Brazil, Mr. Hugo Wareham, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Shopland.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

2. Declarations of Interest – Nil.

3. Casual Vacancy – Hugo Wareham has applied to fill the casual vacancy, Chairman invited Hugo to address the meeting.

Cllr. Milne proposed Hugo Wareham to be a member of South Pool Parish Council, seconded by Cllr. Wotton, passed unanimously.

4. Public Participation – Community Composting – Chairman invited Mike Shopland to address the meeting on his planned composting business. The composting business will be on land at Great Lea near Ford. He will be able to collect compostable waste, free of charge, the compost will be for his own use to grow produce for sale. It was agreed to invite Mike to address the Annual Parish meeting in April when more parishioners will be in attendance. Chairman thanked Mike for his interesting address.

5. Cllr. Brazil's Report – Devolution – Cllr. Brazil had been to a meeting with Chief Executives and Leaders earlier in the day debating devolution and the forming of a new unitary. This would be South Hams, Torbay, Plymouth and Exeter at his time, but ideally it would include Cornwall (who are not in agreement at this time). The government states 500,000 population for each unitary, there is a timescale and preliminary views are needed by March. DCC are waiting for a decision for calling off the May elections. SHDC will be setting the budget for the coming year on February 13th. There will be an increase in council tax and the planned two - tier carparking charges will be going ahead.

6. Minutes – Minutes of meeting 06.01.25. were approved and signed.

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7. Chairman's Report - Buddle Holes – Chairman reported the blocked buddle holes around the Broken Pound area on January 16th, Highways have inspected and reported back that the contractor will carry out the work when they are in the area It has been reported that water came down through the bank between Pool Bank House and The Cider House during last week's heavy rain. Chairman has walked parts of the village today, the **Grit bin** at Gullet Cross is full of water and rubbish, He will go and empty the water from it.

Potholes – the road from Gullet Corner to Devonshire Bridge are very bad and the road is collapsing in places, Orchard Lane to Cross Lanes is also in a bad condition and Herring Street. Chairman has taken photographs and will report to Highways. It was suggested that we hire a contractor to carry out repairs, Chairman will investigate and make enquiries.

8. Finance/Clerk's Report – Current Acc. - £289.48. Business Acc.- £19,598.41. Sign cheque – P. Sandover – 69.60. – Defibrillator new cover.

9. Defibrillator – Peter Sandover reported a new case is needed. It was proposed by Cllr. Milne, seconded by Cllr. Wotton, Peter Sandover to purchase the new cover, passed unanimously.

10. Devolution – Chairman had attended an online meeting held by DALC re the devolution. Views and concerns from parish councils are needed by March, Chairman will contact Councillors for their views.

11. Planning – Permission has been granted to Pool Bank House for Tree Works. 3711/24/TCA.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 3rd. March, 2025 at 6.30pm.

8a A discussion was held re: potholes as part of our projects for 2025.

Chairman.