

## SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of The Parish Council was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>; of March 2025 in The Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllr. P.Clee, P. Evans, D. Lovett, H. Wareham, P. Wotton, and J.Milne in the chair. Cllr. J. Brazil.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. T. Hirst.

2. **Declarations of Interest** - Nil.

3. **Public Participation** – Cllr. Evans reported some of the potholes on Wilton Hill have been repaired but none on the road from Gullet Cross to Wilton. Chairman will report again.

4. **Cllr. Brazil's Report – DCC & SHDC** have both held their budget meetings, Council Tax will rise, DCC will be by the maximum allowed.

**SHDC** - Car parking charges will be increased, Kingsbridge Fore Street car park will now become a short stay car park with a maximum of 4 hours parking, discount parking will be available on line.

**DCC** – The Special Educational needs funding from the government is insufficient so there will be an overspend again this year.

Devolution – meetings have been held between the four authorities SHDC, DCC, Plymouth and Torbay, the least worst option available from The Government will be the 541 – forming a Unitary Authority working together with a slimmed down leader scheme. Savings could also be made by a joint waste scheme and integrating other services. The DCC elections will be held in May 2025.

5. **Minutes** – Minutes of meeting 03.02.25 were amended, approved and signed.

6. **Chairman's Report – Buddle holes** – These have not yet been cleared but Chairman has reported them to Highways.

7. **Finance/Clerk's Report** - Current Acc.- £2169.88. Business Acc. - £17,665.59 Lloyds Bank will be reducing Interest Rates from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. By 0.09% to 1.71%.

Councillors discussed Clerk's salary, Cllr. Evans proposed, seconded Cllr.Milne Clerk's salary be increased to £3,000.00 per annum. Passed unanimously.

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### **7. Finance/Clerk's Report continued -**

**Sign Cheques-** J. Green ½ yr. Salary 1250.00 + Yr. expenses - £118.28 = 1368.28.

South Pool CV Hall – hirings - £200.00.

P. Sandover – postage defib cover. - £4.99.

South Pool Church yard maintenance – It was proposed by Cllr. P. Evans, seconded by Cllr. D. Lovett to donate £250.00, passed unanimously.

Coleridge Bus – It was proposed by Cllr. P. Evans, seconded by Cllr. D. Lovett to donate £200.00. passed unanimously.

**8. Emergency Plan** – Chairman has been in contact with Rod Birtles at Devon Communities Together who oversee Emergency Plans. Chairman explained South Pool Emergency Plan to new councillors. The Plan relies on co-operation with the Hall committee, Cllr. Wotton keeps the generator running tests up to date. The whole plan needs rethinking as many persons are no longer within the parish. Clerk suggested inclusion of the snow plan within The Emergency Plan. Rod Birtles suggested alternative ways of running emergency plans, he has offered to come to a meeting and discuss with us. Chairman will invite him to the Annual Parish meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Projects/Highway/Seats – Potholes project** discussed at last meeting, The Parish Council cannot proceed with this project because highways are not the property of The Parish Council and can only be filled by DCC Highways unless by a trained person.

**Seats** – Clerk suggested we ask Richard Jolly for a quote to varnish/oil the seats, it was unanimously agreed Chairman to contact Richard Jolly.

**10. Planning Application – 3534/24/FUL – Erection of Agricultural Building. Land at Sx 774 389. East Portlemouth.**

It was unanimously agreed to OBJECT to this application for the following reason – The Agricultural Building is disproportionate to the size of the field and agricultural need.

**Date of next meeting The Annual Parish meeting 07.04.25. at 6.30pm.**

**Chairman.**