

**Virtual Meeting Tuesday 19 Jan 2021 at 7.00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

**Present** Cllr David Vincent, (DV) (Outgoing Chair), Cllr Richard Baker, (RB)(Incoming Chair), Cllr Mike Campbell, (MC), Cllr Andi King, (AK), Cllr John Reynolds, (JR), Cllr Mary Swan, (MS), Cllr Rufus Gilbert, (RG)(DCC), Cllr Bernard Taylor, (BT)(SHDC)  
**In attendance** Sally Smale, (Clerk)

1 member of the public was in attendance

**2021 01            Resignation and election of Chairman**  
Cllr Vincent submitted his resignation as Chair. Proposed by JR, seconded by MC and all in favour that RB take the Chair. RB accepted the role on condition that a new Chair steps up for 2022. Clerk to send declaration of acceptance of office for RB to sign.

**RB took the Chair.**

**2021 02            Apologies were received from Cllr Wood**

**Vanessa Woods (Community Engagement Manager – Plymouth and South Hams)** gave a brief presentation on the digital census 2021, the importance of up-to-date data capture which influences funding and provision of services for the next 10 years, and the role of the Council in supporting the community to fully engage with the process.

- **MS to write copy for Newsletter**
- RB expressed concern at the timing of the process and that some members of the public would feel threatened by door step visits during the pandemic
- Vanessa reassured the council that every effort had been made to make the process as accessible as possible, work safely and recruit as many support organisations as possible to assist people. (eg. Carers)
- **RB confirmed that RPC would fully support the process**

**County Councillor's Report (RG)**

- DfE are providing devices (laptops and tablets) for disadvantaged children who: Have no digital devices in the home, only have a smart phone, only a single device in the home.
- Recycling centres are to remain open through this lockdown.
- Highways have a lot of flooding damage and pot holes to clear after recent heavy rains.
- Edmeston A 379 works have I understand finally started. There are to be some night closures.
- Contracts have now been signed for rollout of Fibre to the premise broadband across Devon and Somerset for completion by 2024.
- DCC and Police & Crime Commissioner elections on May 6<sup>th</sup> may be delayed
- Car journeys in Devon are down by 33% during latest lockdown
- Cockle Lane work to start February 4<sup>th</sup>

**JR requested grant funding for the new permissive footpath at Nodden Mill.** RG is unable to fund projects in the lead up to the election but expressed support for the project to the value of £1,500 should he be elected back into office.

**RG confirmed that the stats for road use are taken from sources all over Devon**

**RG confirmed that the fibre broadband supplier would be Airband**

MC asked if there could be a litter pick along the A38. **BT to pursue**  
RB expressed disappointment at the siting of mass vaccination centres in the South West which are not accessible to many in Devon and Cornwall. RG emphasised that everyone was working flat out to provide the service and he was reluctant to follow this up.

**RG left at 7.35pm**

**District councillor's report (BT)**

- Electric car charging point – SHDC are rolling out the programme and Modbury and Kingsbridge are due to have one installed – further info. to follow
- The new kerb side waste collection service due to begin 8<sup>th</sup> March will now be staggered. Households will receive their new containers 2 weeks prior to the new collection starting.
- New Business Grant support for Retail hospitality and Leisure industries: The one-off top-ups will be granted to closed businesses as follows:  
£4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under  
£6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000  
£9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/46-billion-in-new-lockdown-grants-to-support-businesses-and-protect-jobs>
- Council tax increase of 3.75% for 2021-2022
- BT has no grant money available this year but will support the permissive path project to the value of £800 if he has a fund in 21-22.

**BT left 7.45pm**

**2021 03            There were no declarations of interest from councillors**

**2021 04            It was determined that, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), no items would be taken with the public excluded**

**2021 05            It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record. The minutes will be signed by the Chair.**

**2021 06            The following update about the progress of resolutions from the last meeting was received:**

- Litter picking. The group pick was cancelled due to COVID but individuals are doing patches and this has improved the problem. **JR to check there are bags in the NT skip on the beach for individuals to use.**
- Waste – **JR asked BT to thank the waste team for responding to the numerous complaints and for the improved service now being provided.**
- Newsletter - Well supported and could increase size. **Agreed that size increase would be costed for consideration at a later date.**
- Siting of bench – **agreed to site the new bench on the Bowling Green**

**2021 07            The storage container licence renewal contract with The National Trust for a further 2 years was agreed and the clerk was authorised to sign the agreement.**

**2021 08            Installation of an electric car charging point in the Parish**

It was agreed that Ringmore would wait and see how the SHDC project panned out before considering this again.

**2021 09            The following planning applications were considered:**

- a) **3788/20/LBC** Mr C Marshall Listed Building Consent for new flat roof and alterations to existing door and window on rear extension Rose Cottage Ringmore TQ7 4HL  
**Support**
- b) **The decision of no objection to this application made during December was ratified** 684/20/HHO Mr Jeremy David Barnes Householder application for ground floor kitchen/diner extension South Langston Kingston

**2021 10            Finance**

1. The payments and receipts listed in Appendix 1 were approved and noted.

2. The financial statement as at 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 was received

Current Account (10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021)	4746.99	<b>RESERVES</b>	
MINUS Unpresented cheques	0	P3 Footpaths	347.48
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	Neighbourhood Plan	1417.35
Current Account	4746.99	Night landing site	3176.33
Savings Accounts	5283.50	COVID-19 grant	345.78
TOTAL FUNDS	10,030.49	TOTAL	5286.94
<b>Total uncommitted funds</b>		<b>£4743.55</b>	

3. It was agreed that the clerk's salary increase to SCP 11 on completion of the CiLCA qualification (anticipated Jan / Feb 2021) and a further increase in April to SCP 12 for the year 2021 – 2022 pending a satisfactory appraisal. (As per contract of employment)

4. The budget and precept demand

Proposed by DV, seconded by JR and all in favour that the final budget for 2021-2022 (App.2) be approved and the precept demand of £ 6350 for 2021-2022 be approved.

The Band D parish rate will be: £52.27

This is an increase of: £5.40 or 11.53%

(in comparison to 2020/21)

**2021 11            The Neighbourhood Plan update was received**

Public consultation on The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan ended on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with contributions from statutory bodies and local residents.

The Steering Group will meet late in January to consider these comments and make any necessary adjustments. The plan will then officially enter Regulation 15 which is the submission to SHDC for approval. The Steering Group

has been taking advice from an SHDC officer during the Regulation 14 stage and so it is hoped that there will be no major problems with its adoption by the full council of SHDC at this stage.

After Regulation 15, the following stage is submission to a Government Planning Inspector who may ask for further changes.

Each stage of the process requires at least six weeks consultation plus the time for amendments etc. The process cannot be completed with a parish referendum before May, due to Covid Restrictions on elections etc. but it is hoped we will be ready around that time to finalise the document and for it to pass into planning law. This may depend on how much of a queue of similar plans from other parishes are requiring attention at that time.

**2021 12            Environmental matters**

- a) The flooding problem in Smugglers Lane still persists due to soil running down the lane – it is exacerbated by parking on the Bowling Green and opposite Church House.

**It was agreed that BT would check if signs can be put up**

**2021 13            Parish Paths Partnership update**

- a) **It was agreed that JR would go ahead with work on the proposed new footpath – Noddon Mill to Footpath 9 Near Lower Manor Farm in anticipation of receiving the grant funding from DCC and SHDC.**
- b) **The NT is unable to take on the coastpath work on the Challaborough steps ParkDean agreed to fund and JR to suggest to Parkdean that they erect a handrail rather than work on the steps**

**2021 14            The following correspondence received was noted:**

- Natural England Survey on The Countryside Code
- RG - Connecting Devon and Somerset programme update 26<sup>th</sup> December
- RG – Traffic flow during lock down figures
- RG – Various COVID-19 updates
- Have you say on Housing Priorities consultation (SHDC)
- <https://southhams.gov.uk/article/7453/Have-Your-Say-on-Housing-Priorities>
- National Trust comments regarding Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan

**2021 15            Matters for discussion at next meeting**

**Grass verge wild flower planting**

**Meeting closed at 9pm**

**Next Parish Council meeting –**

16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	16 <sup>th</sup> March	20 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> June
20 <sup>th</sup> July	No meeting in August	21 <sup>st</sup> September	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov
No meeting in December				