

**Virtual Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 7.00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

**Present** Cllr Richard Baker, (RB)(Chair), Cllr Mike Campbell, (MC), Cllr Andi King, (AK),  
Cllr John Reynolds, (JR), Cllr Mary Swan, (MS), Cllr David Vincent, (DV), Cllr  
Michael Wood, (MW), Cllr Bernard Taylor, (BT)(SHDC)

**In attendance** Sally Smale Clerk

**No members of the public were in attendance**

**2021 16 Apologies were received from Cllr Gilbert (DCC)**

**County Councillor's report had been distributed earlier:**

**DCC Finances:**

- DCC Council tax share now makes up 80% of its income.
- DCC employees 2010/11 = 6,600 & in 2020 = 4500 increasing a little for Covid
- Covid funding from Govt = £80 Million which basically covers DCC Covid expenditure.
- Budget for DCC 2020/21 = £541M with Adult social care £260M and children's services £146M
- Budget proposed for DCC 2021/22 = £578M = £11M/week or £1.5M/day
- DCC earmarked reserves = £120M (March 2020) being in middle of UK upper tier authorities.

**Recycling depot:**

Privately registered vehicles (now) permitted free of charge & without a permit: Cars, Pick ups, Camper vans fully fitted, Minibuses fully fitted, People carriers, Hired vans to a private household, Motability type vans/vehicles.

Any *privately registered panel van* will require a permit giving up to twelve visits a year free of charge. You can apply online.

**Elections:**

Police commissioner and County Council elections are now set for May 6<sup>th</sup> Anyone feeling comfortable going to a supermarket or post office should feel confident to attend a polling station in May.

**A 379 Edmeston road works** have started with some night closures from 19.00 hours.

**ROAD REPAIRS:**

After so much rain and Covid-19 staff safety/absenteeism, I'm sure you'll understand any delays in repairs. Repairing pot holes full of water or ice is not best practice and leads to complaints. Cockle Lane: Due to the weather and pandemic this work is now temporarily delayed.

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

- SHDC recruiting 4 extra Locality Officers (April – end Sept.) for the summer season to check beaches, car parks etc  
(They will not have authority to enforce illegal parking but they will be able to enforce littering laws)
- New charges for car parking public consultation begins Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

- SHDC investing £9m in a new building to support the regeneration of Ivybridge. It will be leased out to Aldi for 25 years. Opening July 2023 anticipated.
- Advised that he is pushing for litter clearing on the A38 Marley Head to Plympton
- JR requested increased litter bin collections over the summer as this is a major cause of the litter problem. BT confirmed SHDC will attempt alternate day collections and emphasised that the aim of the extra Locality Officers is to try and persuade people to take their litter home.
- BT advised clerk to request stickers for bins indicating they could now be used for dog waste
- BT confirmed that more info. Will be available about the new waste recycling service from 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. and there would be frequent communication in various formats to reach different audiences.

**2021 17            There were no declarations of interest from councillors**

**2021 18            In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), the Council determined there were no items that should be taken with the public excluded**

**2021 19            It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record. The minutes will be signed by the Chair**

**Updates to resolutions from previous meetings:**

- a) The on-going issue of **flooding of the gully outside Smuggler's Cottage** (MIN 2021 12a) was discussed and it was agreed that as per the last meeting it is due to soil running down the lane – it is exacerbated by parking on the Bowling Green and opposite Church House. Councillors will visit the site and bring proposals for solutions to the March meeting.
- b) The clerk raised a query from a Ringmore property owner about the Bigbury consultation on parking in Challaborough. It was agreed that the statement on the consultation paper that RPC was proposing a new traffic order extending parking restrictions on a seasonal basis was incorrect (although it had been agreed that this might be an option at a future date) and the resolution made in October remains:  
***2020/124 It was resolved that RPC support the option to correct the yellow parking lines at Challaborough to the existing order.***  
The clerk will contact Bigbury PC and request that the statement be corrected.

**2021 20            It was resolved to defer agreeing dates for the Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting pending further guidance from the Government regarding return to face to face meetings**

**2021 21            The following planning application was considered:**

- a) **0197/21/TCA** T1 & T2: Sycamore - Crown height reduction by 3m The Old School House Ringmore TQ7 4HJ  
**All agreed to support the application**

**2021 22            The following planning decisions made by SHDC were noted:**

- a) 4178/20/PTF The Barn at SX 651 456 Ringmore Kingsbridge TQ7 4HR Mr & Mrs G  
 Case Notification of proposed change of use of agricultural building to B1 Business Use

**DECISION: Prior Approval Not required**

Standing orders were dropped for BT to explain the decision:

Change to B1 use is equivalent to a permitted development and approval by the planning officer was a government directive. However the permission only applies to the building and no works can be done beyond the boundaries of the building. **It was agreed that this development would be monitored.**

- b) 3684/20/HHO South Langston Kingston Devon TQ7 4ES Mr Jeremy David Barnes  
 Householder application for ground floor kitchen/diner extension

**DECISION: Conditional Approval**

**2021 23 Finance**

**1. The following payments were approved:**

HMRC	2020 50	Clerk's tax	0.60
S Smale	2020 51	Clerk's Pay	110.60
S Smale	2020 52	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating )	9.00
EDF		Nightlanding site	12.00

**2. The financial statement as at 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021 was received**

Current Account (5 Feb 2021)	4613.47	<b>RESERVES</b>	
MINUS Unpresented cheques	0	P3 Footpaths	72.48
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	Neighbourhood Plan	1417.35
Current Account	4613.47	Night landing site	3164.33
Savings Accounts	5271.55	COVID-19 grant	345.78
TOTAL FUNDS	9885.02	TOTAL	4999.94
<b>Total uncommitted funds</b>		<b>£4885.08</b>	

**2021 24 The Neighbourhood Plan update was received:**

The Steering Group met at the end of January to consider the comments made by the Consultees to the Regulation 14 process at the end of last year. Shortly afterwards the Steering Group met Duncan Smith of SHDC, in a zoom call, to discuss specific topics which he had raised.

As a result of these two meetings the Steering Group is updating the Neighbourhood Plan in the areas that have been highlighted.

All Consultees will be written to, to explain any changes made in the section they have referred to or to justify why no change is needed, in the opinion of the RNPSG. All points raised by this process are carried forward for the Examiner to scrutinise.

There are also a significant number of other documents that need to be finalised and presented at the same time to enter Regulation 15.

The Regulation 15 process may require further changes to the document.

**2021 25            Environmental matters:**

- a) The proposal for introducing grass verge wild flower planting in Ringmore was discussed and it was agreed that JR would work with the group to devise a project plan detailing what is involved, where it will happen, when it will happen, how much funding is required and how the project will be managed. It is anticipated that this will be an on-going community project and all parishioners will be welcome and encouraged to become involved. The plan will incorporate siting of the new bench and liaison with the National Trust.

**This will be considered at the March meeting.**

**2021 26            The Parish Paths Partnership update was received:**

The annual returns have been submitted. Funding for next year will be for signage for the new footpath Nodden Valley to footpath 9.

The NT are progressing the new footpath project

It was agreed that the culvert blockage on Footpath 9 was now an annual event but that remedial work would be very expensive.

**2021 27            Correspondence received:**

- a) Parish Rooms boundary – This matter had been noted at the Sept. meeting (020/113) It had been established then that neither the Diocese or The Parochial Council wished to pursue the matter and RPC confirmed that their position remained the same – that it was not a parish council matter.

**2021 28            Matters for discussion at next meeting**

- Smugglers Lane flooding
- Wild flower verge planting
- Dates for AGM and Annual Parish Meeting

**Meeting closed at 8.35pm**

**Next Parish Council meeting –**

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		