

# **SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Annual General Meeting of South Pool Parish Council was held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.**

**Present Cllrs. J. Milne, P. Evans, T. Hirst, B. Perrett, M. Warren, P. Wotton and F. Green, Cllr. J. Brazil, Tree Warden S. Hirst and 2 Members of Public.**

**1. All Councillors signed the Declarations of Office and Interest Forms were distributed to be completed and returned to SHDC.**

**2. Election of Chairman – Cllr. F. Green**

Proposed by Cllr. Wotton, Seconded by Cllr. Milne.

There were no other nominations.

Passed unanimously. – Councillor Green then took the chair.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman - Cllr. J. Milne**

Proposed by Cllr. Perrett, Seconded by Cllr. Wotton.

There were no other nominations.

Passed unanimously.

**4. Apologies – Nil.**

**5. Cllr. Brazil's Report -** The Chairman congratulated Cllr. Brazil on his success at the recent District Parish Election.

SHD Councillors are holding planning training sessions at this time. Committee Members, Chairpersons and the Leader of the Council will be decided this next week.

DCC will also be selecting their Committee Members and Chairpersons.

The Harbour Authority will be holding interviews for members.

The position with the Harbour and the Public toilet management remains static at present.

Chairman asked questions regarding planning consent & conditions not being adhered to especially sewage, when the Enforcement Office had been notified of irregularities.

Cllr. Hirst asked why dog poo bins had been removed from Parishes, Cllr. Brazil stated SHDC had not removed bins.

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- 6. D & C Police Report – Via Email Clerk reported only one crime has** been recorded this year, the theft of a tractor from a field this is still under investigation..

Kingsbridge are short staffed at present PCSO Palmer has moved to Torquay, not being replaced and Jane Gerrard is due to retire in September no news of a replacement as yet, we will be kept informed.
- 7. Public Participation –** A member of public asked for an update on the fallen tree in The Creek at Cliffend.

Chairman replied he had reported to the Estuary Conservation Officer He stated their Policy was to leave the tree in situ to attract wildlife and underwater wildlife. He also spoke with the Harbour Master He said if the tree does not interfere with navigation they do not have to take the matter further.

The tree is blocking the way under- cliff and not allowing parishioners to access their boats and moorings.

As this is only accessed by foot it was agreed between Parishioners and Councillors to speak to the owner re cutting a way through the tree to allow access to the boats and moorings.
- 8. Minutes –** The Annual Parish Minutes 01.04.19 were approved & signed.
- 9. Chairman’s Report – War Memorial –** Clerk has applied for approval to apply for a grant from War Memorials Trust, should know the result in about 8 weeks.

**Under Grounding Power Cables –** South Pool will be considered by AONB when they make a decision on this project.

**Seat at Cliff End –** Chairman has sourced a plaque for the seat with the wording chosen by the Clee & Jones families, this just has to be fixed to the seat. He thanked Adrian Allen for making and erecting the safety posts and Cllr. Wotton for fixing the reflectors.

**AONB –** An invitation to their Management Plan Launch on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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## **10. Presentation of Accounts/Finance/Clerk's Report –**

**Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting.  
The Accounts had been inspected at the Internal Audit  
and passed by our Internal Auditor.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Milne, seconded by Cllr. Warren

The Accounts be accepted, passed unanimously.

Lloyds Bank Reconciliation -

31.03.19. Current Acc – 492.90

Business Acc – 7928.19 - Total 8421.

Sign Cheques - A. Munday – Plaque for seat - 72.60

Well Medical - Defib pads - 81.42

DALC - Annual Subscription - 60.43

Community First – Insurance - 282.98

## **11. Audit – Governance Statement – Certificate of Exemption –**

**Governance Statement** – The Councillors completed the Governance Statement, signed by The Chairman and The Clerk.

**Audit – Certificate of Exemption from External Audit –**

SPPC has a turn over of less than 25,000.00 so can be exempt from External Audit.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hirst, seconded by Cllr. Perrett to apply for Exemption AGR -2018/19, passed unanimously.

**12. Insurance 2019/2020.** – The quotation from Community First for the next year had been received. There were two figures as it is time to renew our 3 year commitment to Zurich via Community First.  
3 years – 282.98. 1 year – 297.87.

This Insurance Policy covers Public Liability 10,000,000.00, Libel, Office contents, Councillors carrying out duties on behalf of The PC. PC assets cover for the 9 seats, we have increased this year as cost of new seats has increased. Other assets were discussed but it was agreed to leave as stated this year.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wotton, Seconded by Cllr. Perrett to accept This policy and to accept the 3 year commitment,  
Passed unanimously.

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**13. First Responder's Lift Chair** – An email had been received from Prawle Fair following a demonstration given to them by SW Ambulance Service of the Lifting Chair for First Responders. Prawle Fair are considering making a donation after this year's event, they are asking Parish Councils to consider sharing the cost of a chair for the Responders in our area. It was decided to invite SW Ambulance to attend our next meeting and ask Parishioners to attend if they wish to support this project. Clerk to arrange.

**14. Tree Planting** – It was suggested by Cllr. Warren the Parish Council research where we could plant more trees in South Pool to help the environment.

Our Tree Warden Shelia Hirst then gave a presentation on the importance of tree planting, Ash dieback will account for 90% of Ash trees in the next few years, she has to record the Ash trees in the Parish. Devon still has Great Horseshoe Bats, they need trees and hedges for navigation.

The Woodland Trust has up to 420 free trees available for planting, If a suitable piece of land is found public access must be available as a condition.

A discussion was held, Cllr. Wotton has already planted trees on his land successfully. This would have to be a Community Wood similar to the one in Chillington. The Jubilee Field was suggested as a possible site.

Action to be taken – The Trustees of The Jubilee Field will look into this matter. Shelia Hirst will research more information and Clerk will include Tree Planting on the next agenda.

**Date of the next meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.30pm.**

**Chairman.**