

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of The Parish Council was held on Monday 3rd July, 2017 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Evans, B. Perrett, M. Warren, P. Wotton and F. Green in the chair, Cllr. J. Brazil and 16 members of Public.

- 1. Apologies – Cllrs. J. Mine and T. Hirst, D & C Police.**
- 2. Declarations of Interest – Nil.**
- 3. Cllr. Brazil's Report – SHDC** are looking at the possibility of merging with West Devon District Council, also still looking to invest in commercial properties.
Planning application – Cllr. Brazil has appointed Cllr. Foss to represent SHDC at a future planning meeting for South Pool, as he has been compromised by an email which has been widely circulated.
DCC – Halwell Cross road resurfacing has now been completed, the road between Halwell and Mounts will be repaired at a later date.
Cllr. Brazil now sits on the Children's Scrutiny committee, Devon 7 inshore fisheries committee & The Conservation agency.
- 4. D & C Police Report –** Only one crime has been reported since the beginning of the year, the theft of an honesty box.
- 5. Public Participation – Beer Garden in The Orchard behind The Millbrook –** Cllr. Brazil stated he would not be taking part in this debate due to his compromised position but was willing to answer questions.
A Parishioner stated the concerns of the Parishioners affected by the beer garden being created in the orchard on their behalf.
 1. The orchard behind The Millbrook on the other side of the stream is being utilized by the pub as an extension to their premises. There are now 4 large tables situated in the orchard and no consideration has been taken by the publican of Parishioners opposition.

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5. Public Participation contd; -

2. This is within The Conservation Area, is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is classified for agricultural use.
3. The noise levels are considerably increased by the use of the Orchard, children running up and down the stream passing Cottages, loud music on Sunday afternoons from live groups with large speakers outside the Millbrook are a problem.
4. The privacy of several adjacent cottages is greatly affected the peace and tranquility enjoyed for years is affected.
5. The curtilage of the pub has been increased this no doubt contravenes the licence to serve alcoholic drinks may also contravene his lease of The Millbrook.
6. Parking always a problem in South Pool, the influx of more cars will be of great concern.

Mr. Baker has made no attempt to address these issues despite meeting with the concerned parishioners. Many of these issues have arisen in the past but have been addressed when complaints were made to past publicans.

A Member of the public pointed out that while comments raised were reasonable Mr. Baker needs support to make a success of running The Millbrook, he needs to make use of the summer months to ensure he survives the winter. He is not doing anything illegal, he is allowed to use the orchard for 28 days of the year, these days do not have to be consecutive just in total. He suggested Parishioners use the 28 days as a trial run, at the end of that period they will be able to review the situation. The pub is vital to our village work with him not against him.

Chairman commented Mr. Baker has to also listen to the neighbours and parishioners.

A Parishioner stated they were a full time resident they had tried talking with Mr. Baker with no result, since the tables have been in situ they have been in use every day, who monitors their use?

Chairman – The land is not owned by the Parish Council so there is no further action they can take until a planning application is received.

He and another Councillor will be meeting this week with the Conservation Officer to discuss the conservation area management plan to see if anything further can be done by SHDC.

5. Public Participation contd; - Privacy and noise are included in The Conservation Area Plan.

Chairman had advised the concerned parishioners to send their messages of complaint to SHDC, when asked how many

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letters had been sent the reply was only one on behalf of all concerned.

District Councillor – explained the 28 days allowed on your land to carry out activities without planning consent during that time there is nothing anyone can do including The Parish Council. When asked who polices the 28 days the answer was the Parishioners themselves. After 28 days the publican can then apply for planning or not as he decides.

Noise comes under the licencing department, drinking, rowdy behaviour is the responsibility of the publican.

The Parish Council is not responsible for the above and must not be used as a battering ram, parishioners must make their complaints to SHDC as advised by Chairman.

Two Councillors pointed out reasons the publican needs to make extra revenue and that there had always been noise from The Millbrook over the past 53 years and warned how many pubs are having to close for financial reasons.

6. Minutes – The minutes of meeting 05.06.17. were approved and signed.

7. Beer Garden at The Orchard – Chairman explained to The Parish Council he had been put under pressure by the concerned residents to put this item on the agenda although it was against their previous meetings decision. He asked for their support with this matter. Councillors were unanimous in their support. This week He and another Councillor would be meeting with the Conservation Officer at SHDC to discuss powers in our Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Chairman thanked the Parishioners for attending this meeting, A Parishioner thanked The Parish Council for listening.

8. Pontoon – There are no costings on a portable pontoon to date. The District Councillor pointed out that planning permission is needed for this project.

9. Planning Application – 1467/17/HHO – Revised Plan, reinstate gate & erect shed. Lower Combe Barn, South Pool. It was proposed by Cllr. Warren, seconded by Cllr. Perrett to support this application. passed unanimously. Condition – The gate opening remains at 2 meters with no further widening in the future years.

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10. Planning application – 1967/17/HHO – (amendment to 0892/16/HHO)

Remove 2 gables & reconfigure roofline of thatched roof, add one eyebrow dormer on south elevation two on north elevation.

Higher Creek House, South Pool.

It was proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Wotton to support this application, passed unanimously.

11. Chairman's Report – Street Light is still out of action – Cllr. Wotton to contact electrician.

Tidal Road Sign – Cllr. Evans to contact the carpenter.

Damage to hedges and property at Coombe, Chairman has inspected, Cllr. Wotton has photographs, Clerk to write MGM advising on the use of small delivery vehicles in South Pool.

AONB Launch – Chairman and Clerk attended the launch of their Planning Guidance document. Parish Council has a hard copy of this document, it is also on line.

Oak Tree at Broken Pound – has died. Mr. Bennett has a sapling he has grown from seed, Mrs. Bennett offered it to The Parish Council, accepted with thanks.

12. Clerk's Report – Current Acc. – 135.94.

Business Acc. - 12,867.98.

Sign Cheques – Wotton Construction Ltd. – 7,900.44

Labour – 3,535.00

Materials – 3,048.70

VAT - 1,316.74

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work is now completed on the slipway, VAT will be reclaimed and Clerk will claim the TAP Fund grant for 2017.

Sign Cheque - EDF Energy – 119.03

Hanging Baskets – Clerk to write a thank you to Christine Milne for The beautiful baskets she has made again this year and hung at the Lamp post.

Date of next meeting Monday 4th September 2017.