

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of The Parish Council was held on Monday 5th June, 2017 in The Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present - Cllrs. T. Hirst, J. Milne, B. Perrett, P. Wotton and F. Green in The chair. 16 Members of Public.

- 1. Apologies-** Cllr. P. Evans, Cllr. M. Warren, Cllr. J. Brazil, D & C Police.
- 2. Declarations of Interest – Cllrs. J. Milne & F. Green – Agenda item 12.**
South Pool Village Trust.
- 3. Cllr. Brazil’s Report – Nil.**
- 4. D & C Police Report –** A report had been received via email.
South Pool remains a safe place to live, only 1 crime reported since beginning of the year, no emerging issues the Parish need to be aware of. Still waiting to hear if number of PCSOs will be cut for rural areas. PCSO Palmer allotted to our area.

5. Public Participation -

CCTV Camera - Mr. C. Baker asked for clarification of the decision of the Parish Council not to support his project of a CCTV sited in the area of the pontoon. Chairman explained the decision as minuted at the May meeting, Item 14. Charlie Baker had been sent a letter with the reasoning immediately after the May meeting.

He claimed to have replied by email, not received by the clerk.

Pontoon – Mr R. Marchand representing the SP Cruising Club circulated pictures taken of the pontoon at busy times, The Cruising Club would like an extra pontoon sited at Cliff End to moor visiting boats, they state there are quite a lot of local boats now mooring at the pontoon and not enough room for visiting boats creating a health & safety problem. A survey had been carried out by the Cruising Club of it’s members 77% agreed to a permanent extension, 63% agreed to a summer visitors removable pontoon, 57% agreed to any extension to be primarily for visitors.

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5. Public Participation Contd;

Pontoon – The Chairman had received a letter from Mr. Waring of the Cruising Club with the same request and information, He had replied to Mr. Waring requesting more details of the survey ie;- the number of members on South Pool electoral role, so a fair assessment can be made on percentage of parishioners requesting the extra pontoon, as not all parishioners are in favour for various reasons.

Cllr. Wotton reported to the members of public on a meeting he and the chairman had with the Harbour Master on various matters including the pontoon. The Harbour Master is to replace the 3 pontoons before the summer, they will be slightly longer than those in situ, he is not in favour of a fourth pontoon, it will reach the stream or a hammer head which will not increase mooring significantly. He is aware boats which are too large mooring on the pontoon, he will be policing the pontoon regularly this year, He has contacted all owners of boats moored there without paying their harbour fees, if not paid the boats will be towed

away.

Chairman & Clerk have attended an Estuary Forum recently, there were no members of the Cruising Club present.

Cllr. Wotton suggested an idea to place a pontoon on the opposite side of the creek under the footpath for visiting boats, they would have easy access to the footpath at both low & high tide.

A Parishioner suggested a portable pontoon to be in situ for the busy summer months, the busiest time of year for the pub, which needs the summer trade. It could be placed between the

slipway

& Cliff End, Salcombe side of the pontoon, it would be removed after the summer months. The parishioner asked for the support of The Parish Council in finding the cost of a portable pontoon & to finding a solution to mooring difficulties at the pontoon. It was agreed to hold a vote of the members of public present, in favour of an extra pontoon 11, against 4, this vote did not include Parish Councillors who discussed pontoon Agenda Item 8. Funding for the new pontoon, Parishioners present offered funding. Mrs. Marchand to find details of this type of pontoon including costings.

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5. Public Participation Contd; -

Information Board – A Parishioner gave his support for a wild life information board & asked if the young people of the Parish could be involved.

The Chairman thanked all the members of public for their attendance, a parishioner thanked the Parish Council for listening to their ideas.

6. Minutes – Minutes of meeting 08.05.17. were approved and signed.

- 7. Chairman's Report – Street light** – the electrician has inspected the light, it needs a new light sensitive switch which he will replace & set to switch off at 12 midnight.
- Devonshire Bridge** – the road repairs at Devonshire Bridge have now been completed.
- Dog Bin** at Cliff End has been emptied & repaired.
- South Pool Tidal road sign** – no action at present.
- Beer garden in orchard at the rear of The Millbrook** – Chairman had received letters from concerned parishioners, near neighbours of The Millbrook re tables and seating placed in the orchard to make a beer garden. These were all letters of complaint. The Chairman suggested all letters be forwarded to SHDC Development Control as planning permission for change of use will be needed, as the orchard is in a green space of importance in our Conservation Area Management Plan, which has been formally adopted by SHDC. Without a planning application the Parish Council are unable to deal with this matter fully.
- The Chairman questioned Mr. C. Baker of his intent for the orchard, he claimed to have a 6 month lease on the land and assured the meeting he would contact SHDC, Development & Control to arrange a meeting to discuss change of use and if planning approval is needed.
- It was agreed not to contact SHDC at this time, to wait for a planning application when Parish Council comments are taken into consideration by SHDC.

7. Chairman's Report contd;

Mr. Baker is to apply for planning so objections will need to be sent to SHDC, Development Control by Parishioners. Chairman to contact concerned parishioners not attending this meeting to report this decision.

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- 8. Pontoon** – Following the long discussion in Public Participation, Item 5, it was agreed to support Mrs. Marchand from The SP Cruising Club investigating the portable pontoon and it's costings. The Parish Council is to gather views of parishioners living in the parish who are not boat owners, on placing a fourth pontoon at cliff End. There are spare moorings available, at least one in South Pool Creek.
- 9. Speeding Traffic** – some traffic is still traveling too fast through the village, checks have been made by D&C Police and a parishioner checked speeds with a camera, Chairman suggested a sign (20 is plenty) may be the answer. There is no speed limit so a solution to the problem is difficult.
- 10. Slipway Update** – The slipway work is completed, rubble is being removed, Adrian Wotton Construction have carried out work on the slipway to a very high standard. Very positive comments have been received from Parishioners.
- 11. Planning application – 1467/17/HHO** Reinstate farm gate & erect a garden shed at Lower Coombe, South Pool, Ms. A. Charlton.

It was proposed by Cllr. Milne, seconded by Cllr. Cllr. Hirst to object and recommend refusal of this application, passed unanimously, for the following reasons-
The applicant will not be reinstating an historical farm gate, no farm gate ever existed in this position, previous tenants have confirmed.

11. Planning application contd;-

The 9 meter splay to proposed gateway will ruin an ancient Devon bank & lane, this is far too large for a garden tractor. It is in a dangerous place for local traffic. The application is in an AONB, a conservation area setting & The Duckford Common County wildlife site – Devon Wildlife Trust.

- 12. South Pool Village Trust** – a request from The Trust had been received for a donation towards the insurance of the Jubilee Field. Cllrs. Milne & Green had made declarations of interest. It was proposed by Cllr. Perrett, seconded by Cllr. Hirst we donate 100.00. passed unanimously.

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13. Finance/Clerk's Report – Current Acc. – 144.19

Business Acc. - 12,967.43

Insurance for the telephone kiosk will cost 8.25 per year, Clerk has added this to our cover for this year.

Wildlife Board – will make further enquiries after settlement of the slipway renovation & repair.

VAT refund has been received.

Sign cheques – South Pool Village Trust – 100.00

Community First Trading - 8.25.

Date of next meeting Monday 3rd; July 2017 at 6.30pm.

Chairman

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Following this meeting on the 16th June 2017. Councillors met informally to discuss the decision made re the beer garden in The Orchard at the rear of The Millbrook Inn.

**It was unanimously agreed to stay with the decision made –
To take no further action until a planning application is received by The Parish Council.**