CORNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 1st November 2022

Present	**Chair**	J Bertram
	Councillors	Atkins, de Mendonca, Osman, den Hollander, Smith, Munford, Tyers
	Clerk	Maureen Haynes
	Public	2 and rep from Tungsten West

Open Forum
Brief discussion about Power Allotments and streetlights remaining on all night

1122/01 **Apologies** None

1122/02 **Minutes** **Proposal** – to approve the minutes of meeting on 04-10-2022.
Proposer – Cllr de Mendonca **Seconder** – Cllr Atkins. Minutes approved unanimously

1122/03 **Declarations of Interest** None

1122/04 **Report of County Councillor** No report available

1122/05 **Report of District Councillor** Appendix A

1122/06 **Report from Police** Appendix B *(added after meeting)*

540 **Highway Matters and Road Warden Report –** tasks completed are strimming in Lutton, checking gullies and buddle holes. Work outstanding - potholes on road to Watercombe.

2666b **Public Toilets –** agreed to follow up on suggestion to install handrails by researching the requirements and if feasible, obtain quotes. **MH/CM**

2688a **Recreation Areas – Lutton,** PC continues to maintain this play area. Repair required to gate which doesn't shut *(added after meeting)* **MH**
Cornwood – Waiting outcome of application to SUEZ for funding. **ST/MH**

0418/08 **Emergency Plan –** Recruit an Emergency Coordinator **LO/JB**

0419/08a **Asset Register –**
Proposal: To accept quote £1982.12 for all street furniture works. Quote for repair to Jubilee Fountain - Council agreed to accept the quote of £872.56. Four quotes requested but only one reply received.
Proposer Cllr PdeM **Seconder** CllrLA. Agreed unanimously.
Bus Stop in Yondertown – quote accepted some months ago and contractor asked to start ASAP.

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0622/08a **Hemerdon Mine –** PC agreed to object to application by Tungsten West through Devon CC planning portal. Application withdrawn *(added later).*

0722/08b **VAS –** investigate purchase of speed gun and traffic speed survey. **MH**

0722/08c **EVC (Electric Vehicle Chargepoint) -** Councils can apply for funding to install an EVC on land they don't own. The pub is a possible location for Cornwood. Liaise with the board of the pub. **ST/MH**

0922/08a The community rooms have been closed. Find out why and what was in the original agreement.

0922/08b **Lights Switch On –** Arrangements so far; Lights (**CM**), Mulled Wine (**PdeM/ST**, pans from village hall, warm up wine in pub (PdeM to organise volunteers). Mince pies and clotted cream (**MH**). Servers for mince pies and wine (MH, JB, MH) Lutton will have a tree, paid for by PC

0922/08c **Village hall Accessibility –** the committee will organise and pay to make hall accessible for those with hearing difficulties.

1122/08 **Chair's Time**

1122/08a Power Allotments **–** Devon CC has asked parishes to consider if there is any land available. Put on next month's agenda

1122/08b Toilet Handrail **–** investigate feasibility and costs of fitting handrails on the steps to the toilet. **CM/MH**

1122/09 **Planning Applications** - No applications pending

1122/10 **Reports of Representatives** - no reports

1122/11 **Footpaths -** Nothing to report

1122/12 **Correspondence –** Sustainable South Hams Website

1122/13 **Finance** – List of additional expenditure for 20/23 budget compiled

1122/14 **Payments and Receipts**

The following payments were authorised:

Payments to be Authorised 31-10-2022

Payee	Goods/Service	Amount (£)
Adobe	Subscription	15.17
PNet	WiFi Oct	32.8
SB	Cleaning Oct	90.00
SHDC	Annual insurance and inspection fees Cornwood	252.00
JB	Travel expenses (Exeter) 80.6 miles @ 45p per mile	36.27
PKF Littlejohn	Audit Fees	240.00
Rawlings Joinery	Deposit for repairs to Jubilee Fountain	436.28

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Receipts 31-10-2022

Payor	Goods/Service	Amount (£)
DNPA	Grant for Lutton Playpark	3580.62

Bank Balance 31-10-2022

Treasurer's Account	6127.03
Savings Account	9,137.99
Special Savings Account*	37,937.52
Total	**53,202.54**

* of which £17,337.89 is ring fenced for public toilets

* of which £269.39 is ring fenced for P3

* of which £160.80 is ring fenced for Jubilee

* of which £200.00 is ring fenced for Lutton picnic bench

15 **Next Meeting** – Tuesday 6th December 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting finished at 9.05pm

Signed J Bertram **Date 01-11-2022**

Chair

Appendix A

District Councillors Report to Cornwood Parish Council
01 November 2022
From Cllr Barrie Spencer
Bickleigh & Cornwood Ward, South Hams District Council
I am pleased to be able to report the following –
Waste Collection arrangements
On 03 October SHDC took back the waste collection arrangements from the previous outsourced contractor. This means that your waste collection arrangements are now directly with SHDC for the first time in a while.
Whilst it is very early days to be making judgements the newly managed arrangements are working quite well. As you will recall the major problems have been with the collection of the brown bins. Since the takeover almost all collection rounds have been despatched in the morning. It is true that not all bins have been collected on Mondays (for us anyway) but strenuous efforts have been made to follow up on those missed out first time around.
SHDC also need to address the rollout of the green kerbside collect bins and the final removal of the blue/clear plastic sacks.
As I have said before the problems we encountered are not going to be solved overnight but we have made a good start.
Brown bin collections have now ceased as at 31 October and a new paid service commences in the spring of 2023. From the beginning of November you will be able to apply online for the new paid service at the rate of £49.00 per annum. You must apply by 22 January 2023.

I know that waste has not always been the best news item over the past few months but I sincerely hope that the path going forward is an improved one.
You can find answers to many of your questions by following this link –
https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9264/Garden-Waste-Service
Composting
One school of thought suggests that the collection of garden waste collection should not happen at all. We could all be using home composting as our contribution towards climate change. I suppose that the thought of dragging waste vehicles around the country does seem contrary to the principles of recycling in our own back gardens.
Community composting sites are local sites for storing and processing garden waste usually in compost bays or pads with an end product called a 'soil conditioner', which can then be used again locally to fertilise the soil for optimum growing conditions.
I would ask the Parish Council to consider community composting as part of their contribution towards climate change reduction, if this is viable. Of course, it is not so for every Council. There is a pot of money sitting at SHDC waiting to be claimed to help communities expand or launch a community composting scheme. Rather embarrassingly, to date no applicants have come forward
https://www.southhams.gov.uk/community-composting
Whether community composting is viable or not, I would also ask the Parish Council to support home composting and encourage residents to give it serious consideration. More information is again on the SHDC website.
Facebook
Can I remind members of the Parish Council of my Facebook Group page. This is the only way I have of distributing news quickly to you, residents and the surrounding community quickly. This is the only way that you can get up to the minute knowledge of what is happening at SHDC. Please join the Group as soon as you can and please also encourage your residents to do so. Thank you. Look for –
· Cllr Barrie Spencer – Bickleigh & Cornwood Ward
Sustainable Community Locality Fund
I know that you are aware that I receive the sum of £2,000 per annum to spend on local projects that are within my Ward. There is a small amount of funding still available for those projects which you might have and have yet to tell me about. Please email or ring me for more details.
Climate Change Funding
In addition to the Locality Fund, I have an additional allocation of £3,000 to be spent on local climate change and biodiversity initiatives. This amount is a one-off amount and must be spent by the end of this Council year.
Barwood Development – expansion of Woolwell
I continue to have ongoing meetings with the planners and the Urban Fringe Development Team regarding the Barwood development.
There was a tour by the senior leadership team at SHDC on 06 October so that the hierarchy can better understand the issues that need to be addressed. If there is anything that you think needs to be addressed please let me know.
Plymouth City Council have now applied for planning permission for the Woolwell to the George road improvements and this is likely to see works start as early as January/February 2023 if it is agreed. This will open the door to the developers of the extension to Woolwell and residents seeing some 400 homes built using the newly constructed roads.
Freeport
You may have come across the term 'Freeport'. These are specific areas which can be designated to be havens for business development. Langage and Sherford are included in the areas earmarked for the South Hams and South Yard in Plymouth is also included.
The Freeport is set to provide thousands of direct jobs across Plymouth, Devon and the South Hams. It will bring on suitable land for development which might have taken years longer, welcome new businesses to the area and attract foreign direct investment opportunities. It will enable Plymouth to develop a global reach by securing significant investment in innovation, skills, research and development. At the same time, it will support the commitment to clean growth and carbon net zero.
The Freeport is expected to see
· 3,584 direct jobs created with an average wage of at least £13.92 per hour
· 10 per cent of jobs created to be filled by inactive claimants and registered unemployed
· 3,000 m2 of skills infrastructure

· 2,400 m2 of innovation space
· 137.9 hectares of land developed
· 5 new businesses each year
· 2 to 3 new foreign direct investment each year
· 40 business/higher education collaborations a year from 2022
· £4m a year in private investment in research and development
· 10 new products developed for market

On 14 October South Hams District Council agreed to support the submission of an Expressions of Interest for Investment Zone (IZ) status for the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport.

Investment Zone status would deepen and lengthen the economic benefits for businesses that locate within the three tax sites at Sherford, Langage and South Yard.

The Freeport Company will now submit an Expression of Interest to Government for Investment Zone status. More detail is expected to be released over the coming months about Investment Zones and how these will 'supercharge' existing Freeport tax sites and benefits to eligible businesses.

More information can be found by following this link –

https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9284/South-Hams-Support-Interest-for-Investment-Zone

EV Charging Strategy

A Task & Finish Group was established recently to look at the Council's overall strategy for EV charging in the District. I was appointed as its Chair and will be working with other Councillors and Officers to devise a strategy that allows us to move forward with this important development.

There is some limited information at this link –

https://www.southhams.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charging

Correspondence from Residents

I have had an email from a resident about the turning from Old Chapel Road into New Road in Lutton. The resident has already complained to the PC before but it seems that a fish & chip van in now the issue. I referred this to the Clerk who let me know that Devon Highways had been to look at the situation and felt that there was no undue problem. I have referred the resident back to Devon Highways and also the Police for him to pursue direct.

I have had a complaint from a resident about an alleged substantial building development in Cornwood. This is now on the Council's enforcement list and is actively being pursued by them.

Devon County Council

DCC have issued a statement today regarding their financial position. It is certainly not good and is not helped by the Government's delay in agreeing its spending plans.

He states that as things stand there is a £75m shortfall in their budgets from 2023/24.

You might see any or all of the following as practical effects of the financial issues they face –

· a freeze on staff recruitment in non-frontline areas
· delayed planned investment in IT and infrastructure projects
· cut its heating and lighting bills
· queezed all external contracts
· stopped some routine road maintenance
· reviewing its school transport contracts and public transport subsidies

https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/grave-budget-warning

Appendix B

I have reviewed the recorded Crimes across the Parish since 011022.

2 Crimes recorded, one of which was a report of Criminal Damage.

Incident Logs;

Over the same time period, there were 7 Incident logs across the Parish inc;

One vehicle Seized by Police on behalf of the DVLA after being driven for a long period of time without any Vehicle Excise License.

3 road traffic collisions. All 3 were single vehicle RTCs whereby the vehicle left the road. No other vehicles involved.