

Minutes of the Meeting of
SALCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
held in the Library of Cliff House, Salcombe
at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 27th February 2019

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT * - Attendance; A- Absent; N - No Apologies Received

Cllr Mrs N. Turton – Mayor (in the Chair)	*
Cllr. M. Fice	*
Cllr Mrs C. Bricknell	*
Cllr T. Lang	*
Cllr Mrs L. Sinnott	A
Cllr K. Baker	*
Cllr P. Lafferty-Holt	*
Cllr M. Long	A
Cllr Mrs Kemp	A

Also in attendance:

Dist. Cllr S. Wright	A
Dist. Cllr Mrs Pearce	*
Cty Cllr. R Gilbert	*
Gill Claydon (Clerk)	*
Pete Robinson (Cemetery Manager and Project Officer)	A
WPC Jo Pengilly	A
PCSO P. O'Dwyer	A
Kristen Bounds Kingsbridge Gazette	*

The mayor offered congratulation to Sophie Hosking on becoming the Chief Executive for South Hams District Council and condolences to the Leader, John Tucker, on the loss of his wife.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to acknowledge any declarable interests, including the nature and extent of such interests that they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. None received.

13. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present, so this was dispensed with.

Police Report – None received.

District and County Councilors' Report.

Cty. Cllr Gilbert advised that the work to repair the gully outside Bonningtons was completed as was the Devon Road streetlight. He had given Cliff House £2400 towards the roof repairs through Mark Long as Cliff House Chairman. Government allowed for the County Council tax increase to be put up 2.99-3% without a referendum and there was also the 1% remaining from the adult care roll out. Police portion had increased an amount and the Crime Commissioner had been in Salcombe the previous day explaining why they needed the money. Cty Cllr Gilbert therefore acknowledged that it was going to be a tough year for increases for some as for a comparison a Band D property rates would probably be up by £100 p.a., this was an estimate.

FlyBe had been saved but it would not continue as before as they had saved some hubs but he was not sure how many regional airports would now be served. Some of the well paid jobs within the training centre and maintenance departments could be transferred to cover Monarch which had closed. Virgin had shown some interest but Stowbath obtained 30% and 40% for FlyBe would be hedge funded. Exeter Airport was very worried, and he had a call with Sir Rigby but all they could do for now was plead consideration and hope the new airline would be a reasonable service. There was not much more to report at County level at present as this time of year it was the lull before the seasonal storm and Cty Cllr Gilbert was not aware of any backlog on any outstanding matters for Salcombe.

Cllr Fice noted the gully outside Bonningtons and applauded this repair but wondered what had happened to the promise of the lines to be painted on the road to highlight the first responder space as this had not been carried out. The clerk was asked to email Chris Rook on this matter. Cllr Fice observed it had taken nine months to receive a proof for signage for the park and ride, as previously discussed in a meeting on site, but when received they were exactly the same as the signs currently in place. Cllr Fice noted that last week had

been half term and Salcombe was quite busy so he wondered how often enforcement officers visited because he assumed they must include the remainder of the town in such visits. Notably there had been a car parked in residents' parking at the bottom of town and only on the fourth day of half term was a ticket raised so this suggested this was the first time an officer had attended. Cty Cllr Gilbert suggested that the town clerk request the attendance register for half term week for enforcement officers in Salcombe at the Park & Rode and town.

Cllr Lafferty-Holt wished to note that he had, for the first time, logged a problem with street light and a tree and found the County online system very easy and very slick.

Cty Cllr Gilbert left the meeting.

Dist Cllr Mrs Pearce advised of amounts ringfenced within the budget for parks. District Council tax was up £5.00 per household which was the maximum amount allowed. District Council had also sent a letter to Totnes Town Council asking for an explanation as to why they had put Totnes Town Council's precept up by 33%. It had gone from £125.98 to £171.33 for a Band D property which was £5.91 higher than South Hams District. There would be no change to car parking charges except where this has been agreed as an alternative to 'pay on entry'. A four-band council tax reduction scheme had been approved which ranged from 85% rebate for the lowest band to 25% on the higher band. District had adopted the final South Devon and Teignbridge AONB policy so that it was a material planning consideration, and this was important for this area as the Government's National Planning Policy Framework had increased the AONB profile.

She was pleased that the second pay and display machine had been installed at North Sands car park but awaiting commissioning. Once up and running this would mean that when/if a machine broke down people could still pay within this car park. Cllr Lafferty-Holt did ask if there was a contactless payment option at this site as most people visiting had no phone signal at North Sands so Ringo was null and void. He felt that District Council was being slow and short sighted on this point and not pro active in looking at this earlier.

Cllr Fice had mentioned 4081/18 Oversteps at the previous meeting which had been passed on delegated authority but there remained no officer's report online. Dist Cllr Wright had agreed to address this but Dist Cllr Mrs Pearce agreed to investigate. Cllr Fice also noted that the rubbish bins at the bottom of Cliff House gardens had not been emptied and probably were left during the whole of half term so that rubbish was blowing around.

The Mayor was pleased to advise that the Cliff House Woods bin had been replaced and said thank you to District.

14. CO OPTION

No further applications received so this was dispensed with.

15. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting dated 13th February 2019 were duly signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following applications were considered and such observations from town council submitted to District.

- 0374/19/LBC Listed building consent for refurbishment of a grade II listed building The Watch House, Fore Street, Salcombe TQ8 8JE – Town Council was not convinced this should just be a Listed Building application as there appeared structural changes. Objection as the replacement windows, as bifold, were not in keeping with this Listed Building. Also the replacement of the existing balustrade with glass and stainless steel was not in keeping and affected its setting in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 0439/19/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and erection of 2no. dwellings Rock Point, Knowle Road Salcombe, TQ8 8EQ – No plans were posted nor available on the District Planning portal even though it stated comments should be received by 14th March. Therefore, an extension would be required.
- 0466/19/HHO Householder application for proposed single storey side and rear extension with associated works (Resubmission of 3700/18/HHO) 2 Devon Villas, Devon Road, Salcombe TQ8 8HD – No objection.

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

- 0390/19/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing renovation and internal refurbishment of property and reduction of no. of flats from 3 to 2 The Hollies, Devon Road, Salcombe TQ8 8HQ – No objection.

Dist. Cllr Mrs Pearce left the meeting

17. SALCOMBE TO KINGSBRIDGE OFF ROAD ACCESS

Town Council wished to support a feasibility study being commissioned by Kingsbridge Town Council, at a cost of £4140, which would look at extending the existing cycle/footpath and Salcombe Town Council AGREED the required contribution of £100.

18. TOWN CENTRES STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

It was advised that South Hams District Council agreed at a meeting in November 2018 to address the threat and risk to retail in the high street and Tom Jones, planning officer, was tasked with this. He had called the first meeting on 31st January and named the group Town Centres Strategy. When the four towns Kingsbridge, Dartmouth, Totnes and Ivybridge were invited and met they felt that Salcombe and Modbury should be included and this was what Tom Jones had since done.

For the Future High Streets Fund only one town/area could be put forward for each District and therefore he had to decide and felt that Ivybridge had the best chance of a bid due to previous work carried out for them by the Princes Foundation. Those attending the first meeting understood and agreed this route. The Government fund was for £675million across England and Wales with £620million for transformative projects and £55million for architectural/heritage funding. What was not clear, at this point, was whether further projects could be submitted to this funding and Tom Jones was attending a conference to clarify this point.

So he now intended to hold six meetings in each of the town/parishes invited on this grouping and discuss subjects that affected their high streets and exchange ideas. The proposal was that each area would host their meeting and invite an inspirational speaker on their main area point.

Town council was apprised of the above invitation to attend this new group and asked for ideas to pursue to assist ongoing viability of the town and it was AGREED to await further topics put forward by other towns and consider options for Salcombe.

19. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor advised that Cllr Mrs Bricknell and Richard Turton had been working on the restoration of the telephone box at the top of Onslow Road and it was currently undercoated in pink. Richard Turton had also been working hard at North Sands and cleared the area around the phone box and revealed pavement, wall and removed trees on the road!

Jubilee Gardens had been completed but the Mayor felt that some stones need removing from the path and perhaps within the grass area around the slides. In future she suggested that photographic evidence be provided before and after when works were to be done.

She had also attend a meeting with the Harbour Master to welcome Alison Hernandez Police Commissioner but was not sure what the remit of the visit had intended.

20. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr Fice – As it was two meetings until District Council expected all parishes to switch to paperless planning applications he suggested that town council needed to consider how they would deal with this. He asked if this could be an agenda item for the next meeting so that the planning working group could try this out and report any further actions or equipment required. Further consideration would have to be given to how plans could be provided within a meeting as it took time to download each planning item individually as no one using the online system could tell from the list provided what each plan was because of poor labelling of plans.
- Cllr Mrs Bricknell – Had received complaints about parking down Coronation Road with vehicles blocking the whole pavement. There was a van outside a house parked on the pavement and road with the door open and no one could not get around it. These motorists should be getting parking tickets from Devon County Council enforcement and yet nothing was happening.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Devon County had completed the work to secure the edge of the public pedestrian pavement above Redfern Woods and the town council contractors were asked to address any vegetation works necessary there.
- British Weights and Measures Association letter received advising all local councils that some areas had been reported as using metric units of distance for pedestrian signs. Pedestrians were regarded in

law as traffic and signs for pedestrians, cyclists equestrians as well as motor vehicles were, in law, only permitted in yards and miles.

- Town Council insurers WPS had advised that they had introduced a Crime and Cyber policy following the introduction of GDPR. Premiums would start about £250 p.a. and would be based on a straightforward question set designed for parish and town councils. This product could cover council for data breaches, hacking, ransomware, phishing, fraud, embezzlement and forgery. At present town council did not wish this cover.
- Villages in Action Performance Programme January to June 2019. This was a Devon charity running the rural touring performing arts scheme for communities to host live creative performances in their village. The scheme suspended in May 2017 due to withdrawal of funding but this charity was set up and along with the Arts Council England they were looking for new sources of sustainable funding and approaching parish councils to request direct contributions to “plug the gap”. Noted.
- Bonfire Hill Allotment Association had collected the annual rent for 2019 being £328.05. Four new Agreements had been set up and one current allotment holder had taken on a further plot. Currently there was only one half plot available with parties interested so the association was well supported and felt that there was good camaraderie amongst members.

21. FINANCE

Bank Balances

Current Account £500.00

Deposit Account £336,040.78

Received: Nil

Councillors APPROVED Internet payments to:

Foot Anstey- Legal Fees £554.40 - **(HELD due a query on charges already raised and paid for these works)**

Salcombe Maritime Museum – Grant £3000.00

Day Signs – Park and Ride stickers to amend sign £18.00

Greenspace – Balance of invoice for fence works and path edging £536.99 – **(HELD for a working party to check for stones in play area grass)**

HMRC – Tax and NI £753.79

Wages - £1752.11

Claydon – Sundries £7.00

NEST – Pensions £146.20

Nicholas Jones Ltd – Work to straighten Park and Ride height bar (vandalised) £38.40

SHDC – January Maintenance contract £998.95

SHDC - Weed spraying £992.90 **(Remained HELD as believed weed spraying not carried out completely in September in line with maps created in April 2018).**

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in the Library at Cliff House, Cliff Road, Salcombe at 6.30p.m.

Meeting Closed: 19.50p.m.

..... 13th March 2019.
Town Mayor.