

SALCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of
held in the The Library at Cliff House, Salcombe
at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 27th October 2021

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 R. Moore	*
Cllr Mrs L. Sinnott	A
Cllr I. Hatch	*
Cllr M. Payne	A
Cllr Miss D. Ward	A
Cllr P. Lafferty-Holt	*
Cllr R. Whitfield	*
Cllr A. Jurkiw	*

Also in attendance:

Dist Cllr Mrs J. Pearce	A
Dist Cllr M. Long	*
Cty Cllr R. Gilbert	*
Gill Claydon (Clerk)	*
Pete Robinson (Cemetery Manager and Project Officer)	*
Tom Ladds Kingsbridge Gazette	A
WPC Jo Pengilly	N

1. 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.

2. OPEN FORUM

Phil Griesbach explained he was in attendance because he had been hit by a car whilst he was a pedestrian in April 2021 and suffered some catastrophic injuries. He continued that he had wanted to get everyone's attention by sending his earlier explanatory emails. Having left Salcombe after the accident he returned after the summer visitors to what he called chaos and asked people how they felt and most said the town centre was horrendous. During September and October, he had observed a lady by a cafe nearly getting her head taken off by a vehicle driving too close with its wing mirrors and then a dog nearly got hit elsewhere in town. It was his assertion this was going to happen again, and he was hoping his accident would be a catalyst for action. In the interim he had spoken to other councils namely St. Ives, Padstow and Wadebridge who were all having the same problems with the increased number of vehicles accessing town. He had been informed there would be objection to his proposals, but he had not personally met anyone who would be against severe restrictions being imposed along Cliff Road. He requested a democratic survey of the people in the town centre to establish views.

He felt that the town council needed to listen to the silent majority. His suggestion was a single APR camera at the corner of Fore Street, which could be installed free of charge on private land (which the highway was not) with the benefit coming from penalties paid by those without permits who would get fined and this would make a massive reduction in traffic. He questioned whether people needed vehicular access, whether this was parking at their house, or a delivery driver to local traders and felt all could obtain permits to exclude them from the APR. He questioned that previous town council minutes referred to the driver involved in the accident following the correct procedure after the accident and Mr Griesbach stated the driver had broken the law and was being prosecuted as he had a legal duty to stop and allow people to walk past properly. This item would be discussed under its agenda heading below.

District and County Councillor Reports

Cty Cllr Gilbert thanked the Mayor for an enjoyable civic lunch which he and his wife attended and noted the company was superb. He advised of the winter covid details for vaccinations for top up booster and for children. Regarding the Bennett Road ramp sticking out the Highway Officer was on leave for half term but would be looking at it on his return. The ramp was acknowledged to have grown and had bits protruding. He referred to a scatter gun email approach to a complaint made regarding Batson parking and he felt the complainant had not observed normal procedures as the County matter was sorted immediately by him. This was a local cultural issue with two different views, but District would cut back the vegetation, so highway yellow lines were visible.

He noted that Malborough Parish Council was happy to co-operate on maintenance for the Salcombe to Malborough cycle path as he had been providing further funds to enable clearance. Dist Cllr Long noted he had reports from three people who had punctures due to the hawthorn planting. Farmers were flailing the other side of the hedge line and it sprayed offcuts over/through. Cty Cllr Gilbert had this last year paid for the path to be ploughed to ensure it was clear. Cllr Hatch felt that the problem was that with each clearance the path needed sweeping. Dist Cllr Long advised that FCC had a small mechanical sweeper which might be able to access along this path and sweep so he had placed the question.

Dist Cllr Long advised that South Hams District Council agreed/voted for a stand-alone company to build social housing which would sit outside of right to buy. There had been a lot of discussion on the housing crisis in the area and District had increased funding to assist tenants to transfers and downsize. The housing team were looking at those being moved out of their familiar home areas along with looking at planning enforcement which had reviewed processes and procedures to tighten them up and improve them. Overworked planning officers were going off sick or leaving so they agreed funding for an additional four specialists and legal staff too. Due to the lack of officers some Section 106 agreements were sitting for 6 months before being completed and there were more things coming through to try and improve the service.

Garden waste was however a fiasco, and they were still waiting for FCC to come forward with a plan to get back on track by the end of the year. Sixty contracts were what FCC stated they had but only twelve of them were for waste! Dist Cllr Long advised the legal contract ran to 700 pages and was badly written so the ability to move forward was hampered. Penalties were in place within the contract for non-collection but not to revoke the contract. Garden waste stopped and District was writing to residents to state nothing would change till spring. However, Dist Cllr Long noted that many people could not manage to take their full bins to Torr Quarry. He believed FCC should have swept through the district to empty brown bins. Cllr

Lafferty-Holt noted this was a typical council mess up as if a builder did something wrong, he would never be invited back whereas District just continued with the same supplier.

Cllr Mrs Bricknell enquired if somebody required planning to put a mural on a wall in Fore Street. As this was within the Conservation Area and perhaps would encompass advertising, even if just for the artist, this would not be permissible.

Cllr Fice noted a lot of permit holders could not park due to shortage of spaces from the works and yet down on Creek car park spaces by the crab shed were fenced off with a District Council sign stating they were reserved for crab shed users. The Mayor asked about provision of spaces as over Salcombe Live weekend there had been 30 spaces but now more boats had been taken in. Cllr Lafferty-Holt noted they had packed the boats in this year so why were they not packed like this more often. Cllr Whitfield advised this was because they could not be accessed safely. It was felt that the Harbour dictated how the town operated and the coming half term was going to be busy but no allowance made for that. Dist Cllr Long explained that building work would have into into Easter next year if not commenced now.

Cllr Fice was concerned that enforcement officers were closing cases because someone puts an application in. An application then could go on and get refused and he knew of two such cases, one had reappeared but the other had not. Dist Cllr Long had knowledge that this application was being worked up and there were ongoing discussions with the planning department to rectify this enforcement matter. Cllr Fice continued raising concern that discussions with District regarding the old Hockey Club building and transfer of the Berry had not been followed up by District and nothing had been heard since the meeting with District councillors and officers at the beginning of the year.

Cllr Lafferty-Holt noted the Sandnes tree clearance and Cllr Long advised he had checked those removed corresponded to the permission granted. The tree that had fallen across Bonfire Hill footpath was raised and Dist Cllr Long said he would look at it to ascertain ownership. Concerns of overgrowth along Onslow Road pavement below Bonaventure and ownership for clearance was discussed.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2021 were amended on page 65 relating to the park and ride to make it clearer that reference to enforcement visits in town and returning to the car park could be one visit to the area and at page 66 Shadycombe Car Park the reference was made to compliment the parking team on resolving an issue, so swiftly, someone had. Then at page 69 Open Space plan the reference to the football nets covered two separate issues and should be made clearer, then the Minutes were approved to be duly signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record. It was also noted that the spelling of a name needed to be corrected.

4. CO-OPTION

It was AGREED to co-opt Andrij Jurkiw and he would be provided with the Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interests electronically in order that they could be completed and submitted accordingly.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following applications were duly considered, and such observations sent to the District as Planning Authority;

- 1942/21/HHO READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling, including demolition of outbuilding (resubmission of application 0137/21/HHO) Genesis, Loring Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8AT – Response 14th October - No comment but there should be a condition that the flat sedum roofs remain in perpetuity and were not used as balconies.
- 2128/21/FUL READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Alteration works and extension to first floor apartment West Fairhaven, Sandhills Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8JP – Response 28th October – Objection. Although the changes were minor this was a proposed development of part of an historic house that would leave the house unbalanced and detract from the rest of the property. The amount of glazing to be incorporated would cause significant light pollution in a dark area of the town. The proposal was contrary to Neighbourhood Plan policy B1 3(b) in that the design did not respect the character of existing buildings nor policy B1 3(c) in that the amount of zinc to be used did not compliment the area
- 2435/21/HHO Householder application for replacement of existing glass roof to conservatory with solid insulated roof and GRP covering Bijou, Main Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8JW – Response 21st October – No comment.
- 2874/21/HHO Householder application for proposed single storey rear/side extension and partial reconfiguration of roof White Horses, Moulton Hill, Salcombe, TQ8 8LF – Response 11th November – No comment.
- 2925/21/HHO Householder application for proposed external wood burner flue and changes to fenestration following approved application 0690/21/HHO 10 Island Street, Salcombe, TQ8 8DP – Response 28th October – Objection as the wood burner flue would be very imposing and was not conducive to the Conservation Area.
- 3235/21/FUL (**Neighbouring parish consultation**) New Residential Dwelling Harwood Farm, Salcombe Road, Malborough, TQ7 3EW – Response 4th November – No comment but there should be a condition that the building remains as an agricultural building tied to the farm in perpetuity.
- 3268/21/OPA Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of single dwelling Land at Fairhaven, Sandhills Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8JP – Response 4th November – Objection This would cause a severe impact on the TPO/Woodland Area and yet there was no reference to this Order from any of the experts contributing to this application and it seemed to have been disregarded. Having consideration to the impact of such adverse development and the Woodland Order covering the area the development was not felt to be sustainable in consideration of Policies 6, 7, 8 and 9. Notwithstanding the Woodland Order this proposal would have a detrimental effect for any area. Town Council questioned due consideration of any works that had already been carried out following the 2003 designation which may be contrary to the Regulation. Review of this could not be validated without walking the area, to ensure such had not been touched, and was thus a fundamental consideration for this development. The application states that Hedge 2 will be removed yet this is a well-established hedge and removal would be in contravention of the Woodland Order. The proposal would be contrary to Neighbourhood Plan policy ENV 7 which seeks to maintain the character, and density of development in area A as set out in the Plan. The site is situated in the South Devon AONB and it is not considered appropriate to have an outline application in such a setting.

- 3279/21/FUL Removal of external ladder, staircase and chimneys. Installation of two rear facing balconies, 6 Glenthorne House, Devon Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8HQ – Response 4th November – Objection as the removal of the chimneys will have an adverse effect on the Conservation Area as this is a very prominent building.
- 3296/21/HHO Householder application for three storey rear extension, internal works and replacement and enlargement of dormer window 11 Ginn Cottage, Shadycombe Road, Salcombe, Devon TQ8 8DX -Response 28th October -No comment.
- 3340/21/HHO Householder application for new driveway High Tor, Loring Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8BL – Response 11th November – No comment.
- 3369/21/LBC Listed Building Consent for alterations and refurbishment to dwelling Sailmakers Cottage, Victoria Quay, Salcombe, TQ8 8DA – Response 4th November – No comment.
- 3381/21/FUL Alterations to existing balcony and external doors to maisonette, The Lofthouse, 15 Estura, Cliff Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8GY – Response 21st October - Objection as the extended balcony would impact on the light amenity of the lower property in this building. The enlarged windows would increase light pollution and upset the symmetry of the building.
- 3635/21/HHO Householder application for refurbishment, extension and landscaping works (Resubmission of 1641/21/HHO) Sunnydale, Newton Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8HH – Response 11th November – No comment.
- 3660/21/HHO Householder application for extension to dwelling Sundowners, Herbert Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8HN – Response 11th November – No comment.
- 3663/21/FUL Replacement balcony and entrance steps Caerleon, Allenhayes Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8HT – Response 11th November – No comment.
- 3734/21/FUL Change of Use from 3no apartments to a single dwelling with a self contained granny/guest annex, with associated minor amendments to fenestration and internal layout Fairway, Coronation Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8EA – Response 11th November – No comment.
- 3869/21/LBC Listed Building Consent for refurbishment work, including the replacement of external doors and windows as well as altering the existing external amenity space1 Quayside Cottage, Victoria Quay, Salcombe, TQ8 8DA – Response 25th November – Objection as the replacement of French doors on the South East elevation with a large window being a single pane of glass was not in keeping with the building and would have a detrimental effect on this Listed Building.

APPEAL

- Appeal references: APP/K1128/C/21/3282927 & APP/K1128/C/21/3282928 Location: Villa Sharpitor, South Sands, Salcombe, Devon TQ8 8LW Appellants Name: Mr Stephen Wootton, Ms Pauline Westgate. The appeal will be determined based on Written Representations. –Town Council endorsed the level of enforcement provided by the planning authority and supported the required steps which should be taken to resolve this action.

PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr Lafferty-Holt noted that along Cliff Road there was an application Notice on a branch of a shrub which had wrapped itself together. He was concerned that it was the notification for the current application for Fort Charles but it was thought perhaps this was an earlier notification for tree works that were refused. Going forward it was hoped that all District notices would be laminated to avoid such issues.

The Town Clerk enquired of Dist Cllr Long why the response limit for Tree Preservation Order Works was 28 days whilst for Conservation Area trees it was 21 days. He felt this was probably an administrative error but would check and report back.

6. ACCESS RESTRICTIONS IN TOWN

Those present discussed that the town had been looking at access through the main street for years and there was no straight forward way to solve it. The issues considered were a complete closure, the large amount of private dwellings needing access to park within their property and Whitestrand Car park. During the restriction of traffic through town to assist Covid distancing this had caused angst from businesses in town who felt they lost trade. There were limited parking bays centrally placed that local people used to pick up prescriptions. Then there were deliveries and collections which in an ideal world might be arranged before 10a.m. but with wider traffic problems in the summer getting to this area meant sometimes deliveries could not get through till 11am or after.

Acknowledging the proposal by Mr Griesbach for ANPR cameras there were unfortunately a lot of privately let properties so these received different car registrations every week, along with chemist and car park vehicles which would create a problem for updating those permitted to access. If ANPR was even considered this could mean closure of the car park. Virtual pavements had seemed a solution at the last meeting but having walked the route this was reconsidered as it would make the situation worse. The probability was there would be more accidents as pedestrians would feel safe on a designated pavement area but still encounter moving vehicles and with the introduction of electric vehicles these would be silent. Pedestrians already had priority although many did not realise or acknowledge this. There had to be some leeway for vehicles to drive through and experience of driving the Salcombe minibus, waiting for a group of pedestrians, provided the knowledge that others following along would continue to walk and not stop to allow a vehicle to pass. Currently people who walked along the road checked for traffic.

More signage stating pedestrians had priority, perhaps painted on the road was required. Fore Street finished and Cliff Road commenced at Ferry Steps, so it was questioned whether such priority went to this point or continued along Cliff Road to the Harbour Hotel. Another solution of sleeping policemen was considered a trip hazard. It was suggested parking could be removed outside Cliff House but when all cars were neatly parked there was enough room for cars and pedestrians. However, a work van being allowed to be parked on double yellow lines at a narrow section was an obstruction, but this was within County permit allowance. Cty Cllr Gilbert advised that County could not put an enforcement officer in Salcombe for 20 hours per day to solve the problem, but town council noted there had not been an acceptable level of County enforcement during the year anyway.

Cty Cllr Gilbert was sensitive to all the issues but wished to be realistic and explained that if he approached highway officers, they would look at statistics on amount of accidents and incidents. There were very few and that would be the lead as funding followed the statistics. To make changes such as signs, closures, reduction of traffic movement it required a Traffic Regulation Order and for this there needed to be consultation and covered changes in parking designation, even the lines of the pavement. It was all a very long and expensive procedure like a planning application and each one cost approximately £5,000 plus the cost of changes. Increased signage was unpopular as the public did not like it and wanted reduction of signs due to distraction. In tight driving situations like most tourist areas drivers were very focused on people in front of them so were not really looking at signs. If there were some improvements

that could be made, he would support town council. Personally, he did not want to appear negative, but he had one fatality and a very near fatality this year in his County division. With the limited amount of money, he expected funds would go to the other issues that would be designated as more urgent.

Mr Griesbach disagreed and felt attention needed to be given to the Health and Safety of people as he had seen dozens of near misses. He had spoken to many in and around town and the word they used about Salcombe was horrendous which should not be a word used for Salcombe. The Mayor enquired how such question was couched as Cllr Fice believed most would say the town had been horrendous purely due to the amount of additional people visiting. Cllr Jurkiw agreed noting it never ceased to amaze him and his wife the sheer stupidity of the people walking along as they seemed to think cars were made of fudge and would not hurt them. Too many people had no control over children, pets or themselves as they simply assumed they would be fine on the road from the start of Fore Street up Cliff Road through to Moulton and along to South Sands and displayed sheer stupidity. If something could be credibly done that would work, it should be discussed but there was an element of belligerence. When the Covid signage was erected, it said please keep left and footprints were freshly painted on the highway but idiots ignored them or were just being stupid and purposely ignored. Some of those idiots drive cars as well.

Mr Griesbach wished a survey to be carried out to ask people but as highways would follow statistics for accidents if the solutions were not permissible or doable then the survey would have no point but be a cost.

It was AGREED to request County to consider 'Slow – Pedestrian Priority' to be painted on the highway through Fore Street/Cliff Road and asked if Island Street could be included for such Pedestrian Priority signs too.

Phil Griesbach and Cllr Gilbert left the meeting.

7. PARKING PERMIT – TOWN COUNCIL

The current Town Council traffic order allowed permits to be issued to any person identified by the Town Council. It was AGREED as follows:

- (a) whether town council wished to offer permits – AGREED not to allow due to the daily £3.00 being an acceptable fee that all users could pay daily or weekly.
- (b) which properties are to be allowed to purchase a permit – Rejected as above.
- (c) the maximum number of permits to be allowed at any one time – Rejected as above.
- (d) approval of the fees contained with the Order being £350 for 12 months and £200 for 6 months – Rejected as above.

8. COUNCIL BUILDING – EXTERNAL LIGHT

At the Council Hall, the side and half the rear scaffolding had now been removed as works moved on. The contractor had finished the end wall along with the dormer behind Dewberry Cottage and now the lower areas needed to be done then finally the front. The downpipe and gutter from the top where it met Dewberry Cottage valley had been turned so the shoe shoots along the valley and should stop the rainwater going under the adjacent property tiles.

Consideration was given as to whether town council wished to obtain quotes to replace the outside light fitting on the Council Hall or isolate and make safe the electrical connection. It

was AGREED to remove this light fitting, isolate, and check when the last electrical test for this public building was carried out and whether such should be reviewed.

9. HIGHWAYS DRAINAGE

The previously compiled, town council, drains/drainage mapping reports were provided, and it was AGREED that County would be asked to confirm when the next tri-annual survey was to be done. Once this was confirmed town council would check drains before and after this County survey.

10. FOOTPATH REVIEW

The list of the various paths within the parish was circulated and allocation to inspect the whole or path sections by councillors and report back on were AGREED to be notified to the Clerk so all paths were covered. It was noted that Footpath 2 was closed due to the District Harbour development and that the clerk would provide the County Definitive Footpaths link to the online map.

11. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The nominations received had been forwarded and it was AGREED the recipient for 2021 would be a recognition of the community for their support during Covid along with Stephen Perring being nominated for an award for 2021 – 2022. Stephen Perring would be presented with a Citizen of the Year plaque at a full council meeting this year but also be invited to accordingly be acknowledged at the Civic Lunch in 2022. For the Community recognition award a Purple Beech would be recorded on the Citizen of the Year board along with such tree being planted at The Berry.

12. GRANT

A request for a grant towards football equipment to enable the Salcombe Town Football team to continue to provide this community club was AGREED with all acknowledging a wish to support such a community initiative. As the items had already been purchased and invoiced it was requested that the clerk make contact to offer financial support for any future outgoings up to £500 and this paid upon receipt of order invoices.

13. DECEMBER MEETING DATE

The meeting date for December, due to the festive season, was AGREED as Wednesday 8th December.

14. REPORTS

MAYORS'S REPORT

On the 6th October the Mayor attended the AGM of Devon Association of Local Councils via a Zoom link. She explained the organisation represented 97% of Devon's Town and Parish Councils, and over 60 people were present online for the AGM. There was also a 3-day virtual conference, but there were no workshops on offer which either warranted the cost, or that the clerk or she had not attended at past conferences, which is why this request was not put to Town Council for approval at the last meeting.

Due to the pandemic, income from training and conference was down £21.4K, but up by a £10.6K from grants. Expenditure on overheads, travel, office costs was down £20.1K, but up by new staffing costs, consequently the financial situation was pretty much the same as the previous year. The organisation was actually in an improved cash position (+ £20.5K) and they

had now put in place a new reserves policy. However, the financial year 2021/2022 was forecast to show a £3K deficit. New members were voted on to the Board of Directors. Subscription rates were approved to increase by 4% for 2022/23 and the next AGM would be 5th October 2022.

Then on the 7th October the mayor attended the Salcombe Primary School Head Boy and Head Girl election Assembly.

The 17th October was the Civic Service and Lunch enjoyed by all with everyone pleased to be out and catching up with friends, neighbours and associates. Only four Councillors attended and no District Councillors which was a very disappointing turnout as local authority representatives, considering this date (3rd Sunday in October) was set in stone and was one of only a very few important events that councillors were asked to attend. The Mayor expressed a wish to see a full turnout for Remembrance Sunday on the 14th November.

On the week of 18th October due to a storm and high tide aligning, the Mayor called SW Water out twice for emergency repositioning of blown drain covers on the Market Street/Fore Street junction and in Courtenay Park.

This month the Mayor and Clerk had been working with District Council Communications department regarding promotion of Christmas high streets. The Mayor noted that the Clerk did email to request input, but out of all Councillors she only heard back from Cllr Mrs Sinnott for which the Mayor felt was a very disappointing response from the Councillors as a team.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Whitfield – Asked if there had been any further input about information regarding EV charging for electric cars at the park and ride. He had contacted three different suppliers and was advised there were no free funded schemes and in fact one would charge £1000 just to survey. Another group were willing to discuss options. One supplier immediately considered the area but did not want to install in the park and ride as there was not enough footfall, but they would put one in Shadycombe Car Park, District Council owned, which was on their list. There appeared an issue which one company had written to Dist Cllr Mrs Pearce about which meant discussions with County Council as they had promised to install in car parks three years ago. In North Devon some councils were buying their own facilities due to such delays. It had been agreed by higher tier council to provide two units at Shadycombe and two at the Creek. Supercar chargers' expectation was that people parked to do shopping and returned quickly whereas the park and ride was longer stay. Dist Cllr Long advised that Malborough Village Hall were installing units so it might be an idea to liaise with them. It was noted that there was a £10 an hour fine if a vehicle stayed beyond its charge limit so this was not something necessarily wanted in the Bonfire Hill Car Park. Cllr Whitfield asked for an update on the website information so he could advise if the office was now open for visitors. He also requested an update article on the Citizen of Year so he could remove the request for nominations.
- Cllr Fice – Advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner fee had finally been agreed by District Planning three months after notification for such was requested, so he should be commencing work soon. A suggestion he received from a few people attending the civic lunch was when names were put on placement cards could an indication of the voluntary group the person was representing be added in future years. The Working

Party, to consider town funds held, had met and decided there were two elements of what they wanted to look at, capital projects and ways to enhance the town for the benefit of residents and visitors. Cllr Fice would be sending an email around councillors to ask for contributions to advise of perceived town problems which could potentially be undertaken. Once this list was compiled, they could prioritise.

- Cllr Lafferty-Holt – Enquired about the skip opposite the Harbour Hotel, although it was nothing to do with the hotel, and what progress had been made for its removal. It was believed he was to telephone the company but as no progress had been made it would be followed up. He also advised that a dumpy bag of shrubbery had been deposited in Cross Gardens and was still there so Dist Cllr Long would take this up.
- Cllr Mrs Bricknell – Noted there was a motorbike left in the in park and ride and it was advised it needed to be reported as dumped. Firstly by an email to County enforcement as they patrolled the car park.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The gate at The Berry had been replaced to secure the area but the padlock on the original gate was no longer in situ. A combination replacement had been requested to be obtained at £33.98 so that South West Water also had access by having the code.
- District Council was offering a new Covid Community Recovery Grant for businesses who proposed a new business or venture that would have a wider impact on the community or working together with other businesses to create a domino effect benefit. Grants would be provided between £2000 and £10000 although £30000 could be offered for an innovative scheme.
- A report was received that there was a tree down on the footpath adjacent to Bonfire Hill cemetery. This would be the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, but the location had yet to be confirmed.
- A landowner was having three garages built on Bonaventure Road/Close and had raised concerns regarding the inconsiderate parking opposite on this corner. Following conversation with other residents he had offered to meet and discuss him paying for bollards to be placed to allow large vehicles such as the dustbin lorry and fire engines access but deter parking. A meeting was yet to be set up.
- Alex Orr had emailed advising that he worked for Brigadier Fraser RM Naval Regional Command and had a request from HMS Magpie that they be allowed to send a small team to the Salcombe Remembrance Service. This had been confirmed and they would be attending. Holy Trinity Church had confirmed that Fr Daniel and Trevor would be in attendance as usual. Confirmed Fort and Parade Marshall.
- District Council had advised that they were working on costings for works to Hangar Marsh hide from the Section 106 monies and should be able to provide further details shortly. They had also had an approach from the Tennis Club and it was hoped that this fairly small scale project could be added to the plan. A question was raised by the District Officer as to whether anyone had been able to contact the owner of the North Sands tennis courts and whether they could be used by the community. Mark Goodie.
- Town Council had received an email to various councillors and the clerk complaining about the District annual fee of £1800 for reserved parking at Batson and other cars then parking on the double yellow lines. The correspondent felt that enforcement on the double yellow lines should take place and was concerned regarding the refuse truck and fire engines. He had copied his complaint to the Member of Parliament. The matters came under District for parking permit and County for highways yellow lines.

- The plinth for the families to install a commemorative bench at Bonfire Hill had been completed. Alice Webb sent thanks to the town council for supporting this installation.
- County Highways had informed that they would, yet again, be holding their annual Parish and Town Council conference online over two days on 24th and 25th November. Anyone wishing to attend should advise so that a link could be sent.
- Microsoft 365 needed to be supplied for two office laptops and due to the payment terms online a purchase from PC World would be obtained and repaid.

Dist Cllr Long advised he had attended the allotments AGM to advise and assist as Tree Warden. The Chairman and site manager noted that the provision of such space had been a sanity saviour and engendered respect and support amongst members. It had been a good growing year weatherwise and the areas were well maintained. In 2019 they had three quarter plots vacant and now they had a waiting list of twelve. Therefore, more quarter plots were proposed for the future as this was the area of demand. The raised elms needed to be monitored and Dist Cllr Long would continue to check them. He was also hoping for more hedging plants this winter. The Allotment Committee had working party days to keep the allotments area clean. Community composting had been discussed along with funding for it but whilst Dist Cllr Long had supported the initiative this was a project and discussion for the association members only.

15. FINANCE

Bank Balances

Current Account £500.00

Deposit Account £518730.65 (to include £362,044.97 held for projects in reserves) Balance £156685.68

Receipts: None

APPROVED Internet payments to:

Remembrance Sunday – Wreath £20.00

HMRC – Tax and NI Oct £767.72

NEST Oct – Pension £181.91

Wages Oct – £1882.01

SHDC – Maintenance August (dated 5th October 2021) £1261.20

Play Inspection – Outdoor Annual Inspection £81.00

Parish Online – Mapping service £60.00

Tony Glynn Scaffolding Ltd – Council Hall Scaffolding for maintenance £6960.00.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting would be held 24th November 2021.

Meeting ended: 21.25p.m.

..... 27th October 2021.

Town Mayor