

GEORGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

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TO: ALL COUNCILLORS: You are summoned to a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 30 November 2023 in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm.
Sue Keane, Parish Clerk. 24 October 2023

Please note; public invitation to say goodbye and to thank Sue Squire, who has now retired as the Parish Clerk. 5pm at the Georgeham Village Hall

Welcome to Sue Keane as the new Parish Clerk who took on the role from 1st October

Please read the notices below.

Members of the public wishing to speak to any item on the Agenda may do so under 'Representations from the Public' at the beginning of a meeting. The time limit for speaking is limited to 3 minutes. The public are not permitted, under Standing Orders, to speak or take part in the meeting after this item.

If members of the public wish to have further information on items mentioned on this Agenda, please contact the Clerk, details above.

No.	Item
1.	Representations from the public. 1.1 Trees overhanging property alongside Glebe Park. The landlady of the property has requested that the trees be cut back as she believes they belong to the Parish. The old Council records need to be reviewed to be able to respond. To be discussed under item 9.1 1.2 Noise from Croyde Playpark. To be discussed under item 9.2 1.3 Concerns about the proposed Wind Farm. To be discussed under item 9.3 1.4 Getting the yellow box or hatched areas in front of the steps and the path on Glebefield to be painted to be discussed under item 9.4 <u>The public are not permitted to speak or take part in the meeting after this item.</u>
2.	Apologies. Councillor Huggett is unable to attend, she sends her best wishes to Sue Squire
3.	Declarations of Interest
4.	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 October 2023.
5.	Reports.
5.1	County Councillor Mrs P Maskell Are car park charges being reviewed? I don't think that they are looked at annually. It was discussed at a budget meeting recently as to whether they should be but nothing decided as yet. I did raise the point that coastal car parks were hit rather hard last time when looking at future plans. Illegal groundwork's currently being done as part of the Thornberry development on Stentaway. They are removing a large area of topsoil from the adjacent field and have created an entrance into the field from Thornberry, apparently to create a compound for the works.

	<p>I have reported this to enforcement (case 13880) and would hope that the Parish Council give the same level of attention to this as they did to the field opposite when trees and a wildlife pond were created.</p> <p>Update from Pru, email to Planning Enforcement 23/11/23 I have a further update on this case. As of yesterday 22/11/23, two acres of agricultural land has been stripped and the contractor has been putting a crushed concrete hard standing across those two acres. These are civil works, all being undertaken without planning permission or change of use, all within a conservation area and the AONB. Because this site is in a prominent hillside position, the scarring to the landscape is visible from across the bay.</p> <p>Can I please ask for an update from the enforcement team as to when they intend to visit the site?</p>
5.2	<p>District Councillors S Maddocks and Mrs P Maskell Report from Councillor Maddocks following his meeting with the northern Devon hospital on their strategy moving forward with work starting on the old living quarters next year. Also the district council voted on working on a new local plan with Torridge instead of improving the existing one. The existing one will be used until the new one is completed time scale mentioned was around 30 months. PDF circulated for review prior to the meeting</p>
5.3	<p>Croyde Play Area – Councillor M Taffinder Play Area Inspections.</p> <p>The mobile security patrols carried out by Barum Friend Security have now ended. They have advised the clerk they would be happy to continue at the same rate per visit. When queried about any noise disturbance they said any issues would have been included in their report.</p> <p>To make a decision on this.</p>
5.4	<p>Georgeham Play Park – Councillor M Taffinder</p> <p>Formation of sub-group to discuss s106 funding – Councillor Zarza There is an ongoing review of existing S106 funding with the opportunity to request more through an expression of interest for future funding.</p> <p>From Councillor Zarza;</p> <p>Our proposal is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Choice of equipment. The survey shows Zip Line and Basket Swing as top favourites. 2: Agree 2 or 3 suitable companies with which to engage. 3: Move the larger swings next to the pavilion. <p>If the PC agrees, we suggest that we obtain quotes for the two items of kit as well as moving the existing pavilion swings.</p> <p>We've discussed the suggestion of the gazebo, but feel that this would be aimed at parents rather than children. Similarly, we discussed the subject of fencing around the perimeter of the play park, but don't consider this a priority.</p>

	<p>Finally, there are one or two items that need to be removed - but we feel that someone local could do this. Along with some repairs and redecoration.</p>
5.5	<p>Potholes – Councillor M Taffinder</p>
5.6	<p>P3 Parish Paths Partnership – Councillor Mrs J Young. From Jane As you know GPC recently received a grant to help upgrade the section of public footpath from Cott Lane to Down Lane (Footpath 13). This work was carried out and we had a number of residents providing positive feedback.</p> <p>Unfortunately, before the footpath works had time to be properly bedded down there were long, sustained torrential rains that started to wash away some of the finer fillings together with loose mud. Gulleys started to form again.</p> <p>The damage was assessed, Devon County was notified and further funding (£750) was obtained to carry out remedial works. These works have now been completed.</p> <p>It would be great if as many people can walk on the footpath as possible to help bed everything down.</p> <p>Jones's Hill Footpath</p> <p>Lights are out on this section. The lights have all degraded and need replacing – this has been reported.</p> <p>The response I had from Devon County Lighting is as follows:</p> <p>"Our maintenance contractor previously investigated and found the lights could not be repaired. A major works job was then issued for the replacement of each unit and are with their engineers for scheduling. Work reference 731022 (light 6), 731016 (light 9), 731020 (light 7) and 731014 (light 10)</p> <p>Our maintenance contractor has been experiencing difficulties over the last year owing to staff shortages and supply chain issues causing longer wait times for streetlighting hardware and the completion of work. We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the delay; the maintenance team will complete the work as soon as resources are available. "</p> <p>Dead elm collapsed from Jones's Hill footpath onto road below</p> <p>This was notified to Devon Highways this morning as both a website log and phone call. Traffic cones have been placed where the dead tree bits have slid down onto the road, in the mean time.</p>
5.7	<p>Georgeham Defibrillator Check. Councillor Mrs E Huggett.</p> <p>Councillor Cox doing research for new defibrillators, locations of the current devices in the Parish and their effectiveness. No update as yet</p>
5.8	<p>Croyde Skateboard Park – Councillor S Maddocks.</p>
5.9	<p>Clerk’s Actions (up to 13/10/23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Deployed planning application responses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sent out minutes from the last meeting ❖ Reviewed Georgeham Cemetery to update the plot plan and burial information ❖ Moved forward various actions ❖ Ongoing review of files and paperwork from Sue Squire ❖ Generating 2023/2024 accounts ❖ Preparation for budget review and Precept setting
5.10	<p>Climate. No updates at this time Councillor Cox is still pursuing the paperwork for PodPoint</p>
5.11	<p>St. George's Churchyard. Councillor Beaumont to give an update following an onsite meeting 9th November. Email circulated.</p>
5.12.	<p>Report from the Georgeham Parish Community Land Trust (CLT) Email circulated. Due to a full agenda the Chair has requested this item be deferred to the December meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Planning. To consider the following Applications:</p>
6.1	<p>77604 - Wester David Georgeham Braunton Devon EX33 1JS Erection of a dwelling before 7 Dec</p>
6.2	<p>77441 – Mulberry House Withywell Lane Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1PX Extension to dwelling, Creation of swimming pool and erection of 1.8m garden wall to replace fence</p>
6.3	<p>77644 – Barn East of Forda Hill Farm Forda Braunton Devon EX33 1JG Conversion of redundant Barn to dwelling extension agreed - Please note that this is a resubmission. Exactly the same as the last one, which was withdrawn for copyright reasons.</p>
6.4	<p>77591 - Demolition of existing swimming pool building and replacement with 2 holiday units, including new hard landscaping (amended red outline and plans) at Croyde Bay Holidays Beach Road Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1NZ by 4 Dec</p>
6.5	<p>7933 - Extension and alterations to dwelling at 6 Moor Park Close Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1NX by 4 Dec</p>
6.6	<p>77610 - Renovation and extension to existing swimming pool building to 1 holiday unit, including new hard landscaping (amended plan rec'd) at Croyde Bay Holidays Beach Road Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1NZ</p>
6.7	<p>77959 - Shore Acre Putsborough Braunton Devon EX33 1LD Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permissions 74424 (erection of a building to house a lap pool, changing rooms, Plant room & a yoga room) and 76062 (Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and discharge/removal of condition 4 (landscaping) attached to planning permission 74424 (erection of a building to house a lap pool, changing rooms, plant room and a yoga room) to allow for alterations to scope and detail of landscaping and relocation of solar panels) to allow for alteration to position and angle of the pool building</p>
6.8	<p>77964 - 2 Leadengate Fields Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1PB Single storey extension to existing dwelling</p>
7.	<p>Planning Correspondence.</p>
7.1	<p>To note the following North Devon Council Decision Notices:</p>

	Approvals for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 77602 Lawful development certificate granted Barn at Forda Hill Farm, Braunton, EX33 1JG ▪ 77423 Lawful development certificate regarding planning approval 72595 at Redundant Reservoir, Withywell Lane, Croyde, Braunton, EX33 1PX (77636)77423 – Proposed lean to roof to rear elevation – Four Winds, Georgeham, EX33 1JZ
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8. Finance.

8.1 Balances.
To be updated once the bank details are accessible (we are currently changing signatories)

8.2 To approve the following payments by BACS:

Mrs S Squire	Banker's envelopes	21.63
NDC payroll (clerk salary)	Salary recharge Nov 2023	Redacted
Sue Keane	Varied overtime hours for November, final amount to be confirmed at the meeting	
Mr S Wightman	Grounds maintenance inv 000400 130.17 VAT	784.27
Matt Osborne Garden & Property Maintenance	Remove old news cabinet Install new supplied cabinet	114.00
PodPoint	Admin fee	34.39
DALC	Training – being a good councillor 4 Introduction to local councils	37.20

Ratification of the following payments made by the Parish Council's Debit Card:

EDF Energy	Electricity supply to the playing field, Georgeham	20.87
SWW	Water for Georgeham Playing Field Ref 169868642	360.62
EDF	Glebe field and car park	296.06

Ratification of the following BACS payment:

P K F Littlejohn LLP	external audit fee 22/23	528.00
Steve Wightman	Grounds maintenance inv 391	784.27
NDC	Dog waste	936.00
G'Ham hall	6 meetings up to 30.09,23	120.00
C & G (Countryside & Garden)	Resurfacing of Footpath 13 and fitting of metal kissing gate	2,507.40
T Squire	Georgeham toilets	50
S Squire	Broadband, bankers boxes	24.63
NDC	Salary recharge Oct 23	Redacted

	NDC	Salary recharge Aug 23	Redacted
8.3	Grass Cutting Contract. Report back from working party. Review of proposed new contract		
8.4	Georgeham sign – quote from Russ Lee The cost for sign (1000mm x 250mm) shaped dibond sign will be £85.		
9.	To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation.		
9.1	Cutting back the trees alongside Glebe Park		
9.2	Antisocial behaviour and noise – Croyde Playpark		
9.3	Email to Councillor Beaumont from a member of the public regarding the Wind Farm project at Braunton. Council response to be agreed.		
9.4	Councillor Zarza - I had a local parishioner ask about getting the yellow box or hatched areas in front of the steps and the path on Glebefield to be painted as they've completely faded and people are starting to regularly park across them.		
10.	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2023.		
10.1	Councillors' Details in The Crydda , Councillor Zarza to confirm these have been sent for inclusion.		
10.2	Slow Ways National Walking Network. Email giving details of this dated 30/9/23 circulated to Councillors on 4/10/23. It was agreed to further discuss this item at the next meeting		
10.3	Update on the Neighbourhood Plan review Following the review of the plan chaired by Councillor Williams		
11.	Correspondence.		
11.1	Email from NDC to let us know some recent changes to voting by postal and proxy. This has been circulated.		
12.	Urgent items raised by the Chairman.		
12.1	£106 funding – Georgeham Pavilion and Croyde Playpark Update on the current situation regarding what funding we have been offered, what we have actually received and the best way forward. The clerk has circulated some background information.		
12.2	Lottery funding under Together for Our Planet Programme £5,000 remains in the budget with £1,000 of that earmarked for a Climate Plan completed by the end of the year.		
13.	Items raised by Councillors / Clerk.		
13.1	Councillor Zarza to provide an overview of managing Webmail and data storage (dropbox) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting font (Arial 10pt?) - Highlighting text - Setting HTML format - Setting new message above original - Creating signatures - Creating folders 		

13.2	The Clerk was actioned to provide up to date details on what is left in the training budget. To be deferred to the next meeting.
13.3	Use of private address and phone by the clerk. Update.
14.	Part II Confidential.
14.1	New cleaner for Georgeham and Pavilion toilets Update following interviews with prospective candidates
14.2	Should staff wages be reported on the agenda. It is considered good practice to do this to provide transparency.
14.3	Request for reimbursement for Sue Squire's time on handover work.
15.	Date of next meeting: Thursday, 14 December 2023 in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm.
16	Miscellaneous
16.1	DALC event - Upcoming Connect Event: introduction to Devon's Local Nature Recovery Strategy Join us for an informative and collaborative event where we will learn about Devon's Local Nature Recovery Strategy and explore the opportunities for supporting nature recovery through management of amenity greenspace.