



	tubs and renovating community benches. BW to send these receipts to CW as soon as possible.	
7	<b>Proposals for amendments to the SBC constitution for CC</b> None raised.	
8	<b>Election of office Bearers</b> No CC wished to contest the positions and current office bearers were happy to continue in their roles. KD-Chair – proposed by AS, seconded by CW AS-Secretary- proposed by KD, seconded by BW CW-Treasurer- proposed by AS, seconded by LT	
9	<b>Appointment of Auditors</b> Angus McMillan was appointed as auditor.	
10	<b>Agreement to abide by the SBC code of conduct for community councillors.</b> All members agreed to abide by this code of conduct.	
	<b>Other General Business</b>	
11	<b>Minutes of the meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> Minutes were approved with one amendment-item 8 – reference to a discussion on planning should be anonymised.	AS
12	<b>Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere in the agenda</b> SBC received a complaint against the CC from Mrs Huggins-Haig regarding comments made on a planning proposal. KD circulated a draft response to this complaint to be submitted to Jenny Wilkinson of SBC. All CC thought that the response drafted by KD was entirely appropriate. KD asked our local councillors for clarification on the planning process – the CC are asked to give a view on planning and responses are submitted to planners, KD felt it was the responsibility of planning officers to check the veracity of information provided by community members and that we do not have the resources to fact check matters of planning. It seems in this instance our comments including questions put to the planners were immediately available for public view on SBC planning portal - KD wished to know if this was normal procedure for such correspondence. DM confirmed that any comment submitted by the CC is immediately published on the SBC planning portal. JG commented that planning officers are aware that CC are not qualified planners and will look at information provided to determine if there are grounds for objection. JG felt that the letter of complaint against the CC reflected personal views rather than issues relating to planning. KD reflected that now he is aware that correspondence will be published on the planning portal he will act accordingly.	KD
13	<b>Community Improvements and Maintenance</b>  a) <b>Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on roadside verges.</b> Further discussion on this issue had been postponed until SBC staff involved are back in their usual pre-covid posts. JG and DM confirmed that staff are now returning to pre-pandemic roles although there are still some individuals self-isolating or suffering from long covid. CC should continue to monitor the frequency of grass cutting in our community. BW commented that the grass on the village green was not cut frequently enough with small children struggling to walk through long grass.	JG/BW

	<p>b) <b>Update on problem of overhanging shrubbery in Gavinton.</b> BW met with Neil Pringle of SBC to discuss this however this issue has not yet been resolved.</p> <p>c) <b>Improvements to parking area at the football pitches, Gavinton.</b> AS contacted Gary Haldane to request that verge markers be installed, GH replied on 21<sup>st</sup> May to say that he was happy to progress with the verge marker posts. AS to contact GH for a time scale on when verge markers will be installed. AS also asked whether we could obtain a sign to restrict parking however GH confirmed that we cannot install a no parking sign without formal restrictions such as double yellow lines.</p> <p>d) <b>Maintenance of Hedges at the football fields, Gavinton</b> KD to contact TD to ask if Duns FC have been in contact.</p> <p>e) <b>Overhanging Beech Tree on the Road to Calder</b> This tree has now been cut down by SBC.</p> <p>f) <b>Maintenance of footbridge over Langton Burn</b> BW discussed this issue with Neil Pringle, SBC have agreed to reinstate the anti-slip mesh on the footbridge.</p> <p>g) <b>Gravestone safety</b> BW discussed the issue of unsafe gravestones being pushed over by SBC with Neil Pringle. BW identified that some stones that had previously been pushed over for reasons of safety had now been laid out over the grave with the writing upwards and hoped that this work would continue for other gravestones. BW commented that SBC should establish a better method for the placing of gravestones to prevent them moving and becoming a danger in future as more recent stones appear to have poor foundations.</p>	<p>BW/JG</p> <p>AS</p> <p>KD</p> <p>AS</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>
14	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>KD prepared a planning summary prior to the meeting which was made available on the community webpage.</p> <p>KD noted that there were 2 new applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bogend Farm, demolition of existing building and erection of hay store, application approved 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021</li> <li>2. Land east of Thistle Brae, Hardens, erection of dwelling house and detached garage, registered 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</li> </ol> <p>3 Applications have been approved since our last meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plot 1, land south west of Langton Edge, erection of occupational health, PTSD therapy centre with separate accommodation block and erection of garage/tack room and stable block- approved 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.</li> </ol>	<p>KD</p>

	<p>2. Plot 2, Hardens View, erection of dwelling house with detached garage, approved 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p> <p>3. Redbrae, Main Street Gavinton, alterations and extension to dwelling house, approved 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p> <p>Details of all planning applications are available on the community webpage.</p>	
15	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Berwickshire police report May 2021 forwarded to all CC prior to the meeting.</li> <li>• Media release from NHS Borders – Open invite to discussion: what have you got to say about healthcare. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6-7 pm. KD had previously attended a discussion on the NHS with representatives of NHS Borders and SBC in a focus group with other community members and found this to be a very positive meeting – KD wished to encourage other CC to participate in future meetings. JG confirmed that a further 4 meetings are planned and that it is hoped that more people from a wider range of society can be encouraged to take part.</li> </ul>	<p>AS</p> <p>KD</p>
16	<p><b>Councillor Update</b></p> <p>Cllr John Greenwell and Cllr Donald Moffat attended the meeting but did not feel they had anything to update the CC on at this time.</p>	JG/DM
17	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BW informed the meeting that 2 clumps of Japanese Knotweed had been discovered beside the river in Gavinton and asked who we should notify about this. JG will provide BW with a contact at SBC who can notify the Tweed Forum if necessary,</li> <li>• BW raised the issue of parking at the entrance to The Glebe in Gavinton. Residents have brought to his attention the issue of cars parking on both sides of this narrow road and making it difficult to pass. AS to contact Gary Haldane to discuss whether it may be appropriate to add yellow lines on one side of the road.</li> <li>• BW noted that recent grass cutting at the road end (Greenlaw End) had improved the line of sight for cars pulling out onto the main road.</li> <li>• BW noted that on a recent trip to Duns on approach to the fire station he was met by a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid recently added cycle lanes and had to take evasive action to avoid collision. BW felt that many road users don't understand that they should drive in these cycle lanes. KD noted that the new layout of cycle lanes in Duns is experimental and being evaluated.</li> <li>• BW informed the meeting that he had a receipt for paint from NMCK for restoring benches in Gavinton, KD asked BW to forward receipts to CW.</li> <li>• A concern was raised that in the letter of complaint from Mrs Huggins-Haig it is claimed that there is not a septic tank or reed bed on site – where does waste water go? KD noted that this was included in correspondence that has gone to the planning department and so should be picked up and investigated by the planning system.</li> </ul>	<p>BW/JG</p> <p>BW/AS</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>

18	<p><b>Dates of Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall if possible, at 7pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> march, 18<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> June (AGM) 2022. Meetings may be held over Zoom when it is considered necessary.</li> </ul>	
13	<b>The meeting closed at 8.34 pm</b>	