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7	<p><b>Proposal to develop Lees Hill Renewable Energy Park</b></p> <p>AS had circulated, prior to the meeting, a sound lab report on ranges of noise levels generated by a 140m wind turbine at 500m, 1km and 2km distances. She had attended the Gavinton information session set up by the developers, Fred Olsen Renewables, and spoken to a number of residents many of whom felt there was a lot of information missing. She had done a poll on the GFPC Facebook page and of the replies fourteen were for the development, twelve against and three didn't know. Cllr Rowley felt that insufficient detail had been presented to make an informed decision as yet. PW, who lives adjacent to the proposed development, agreed. He said that independent research indicated that the turbines should be sited between sixteen hundred and three thousand metres from habitation and his property was only eight hundred metres making the noise/flicker effect very unpleasant. He had tried to engage with the developers as to his circumstances but they are unwilling to have a meaningful discussion whilst still in the design process. Cllr Rowley advised that the project was difficult to challenge until the full scoping exercise had been completed. There would then be a further round of information sessions and public consultation nearer the time of making the application to SBC. PW said that a recent case, which had taken five years to come to court, had found that the proximity of a wind turbine had rendered the applicant's home unfit for human habitation. However, he was unwilling to spend five years with attendant legal costs to get the same result hence his attempts to reach a satisfactory outcome with the developers.</p> <p>NG had been told at the information session that security fencing would be erected around the site and that the battery storage units would be the size of a shipping container per each MW stored. There had been no visuals included regarding these nor the extent/layout of the proposed solar panels. It was difficult to envisage what the site would ultimately look like as the combination of wind/solar/storage has not been seen before. However, Cllr Rowley said he had attended the second information session for the Dunside Wind Farm and had been shocked by the 200 metre turbine visualisations presented. The developers' application to SBC will be sooner than the Lees Hill one.</p> <p>AS to contact the developers to ascertain when the next information sessions were planned for</p>	AS
16	<p><b>Councillor Update (item16 brought forward)</b></p> <p>As Cllr Rowley had to leave at 7.30 for another meeting this item was brought forward.</p> <p>He reported on the likely closure of the Links Nursery and the consequent loss of childcare and fourteen redundancies. Cllr Greenwell also pointed out that working mothers who depended on the nursery may have to cease working. A campaign against the closure has been started and can be accessed through <a href="http://Dunscmmunitynursery.com">Dunscmmunitynursery.com</a>.</p> <p>BVDB asked Cllr Rowley what progress had been made regarding the speed limit restrictions because at the last meeting he had attended in March certain actions had been proposed like speed tubes. The speed restriction sign has been broken now for twelve months. One afternoon he had counted a vehicle passing his</p>	

home on average of one per minute. Cllr Rowley pointed out that it was a police matter but having the statistical information BVDB had given helped strengthen the case for police action. However, NG pointed out that currently the police will only send resources to where accidents happen.

Cllr Greenwell said that the broken solar powered speed sign would be replaced by a mains powered one. As this now involved SBC it was part of his new portfolio.

AS to follow up on the electronic speed sign.

Cllr Rowley left the meeting.

AS advised that on the 4th of October she had had a meeting with Community Police Sergeant Alison Granger who is responsible for community policing in the Borders area. The following actions had been offered:

- contact Phillipa Gilhooly at SBC to request additional signage and road markings
- contact PC Stuart Little to request onsite meeting and redeployment of Pop-up-Bob
- request speed detection team to attend Gavinton when available
- request traffic police based in Galashiels to attend Gavinton when available

On the 5th October AS had a meeting with PC Little and the following was agreed:

- Pop-up-Bob to be deployed as often as possible
- he had written a traffic intelligence report on the Gavinton issues and sent this to roads policing where it will eventually reach the relevant authority in SBC
- he would contact SBC to request additional signage and road markings
- he would speak directly to companies in the Duns industrial estate regarding speed issues in Gavinton
- he would request that the 20mph signs at the west junction of Gavinton be moved closer to the junction to include the area around the football fields
- he is to receive training in December on the use of a speed detection gun and will try to include Gavinton in hi surveillance.

BVDB felt that only when examples of the enforcement measures were seen to be done would they be effective.

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	<p>AS to follow up with PC Little</p> <p>Cllr Greenwell to pressure for speed tubes to be installed</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>JG</p>
8	<p><b>Community Improvements and Maintenance- Current</b></p> <p><b>a) Update on the problem of overhanging shrubbery in Gavinton.</b></p> <p>BW reported that following his inspection Mr Renton of SBC had been in touch with the two property owners involved. One had cut back some overhanging shrubbery, but it was still not sufficient. Cllr Greenwell to contact Mr Renton asking him to send out the appropriate letters to the property owners.</p> <p><b>b) Resilient Community – purchase of generator</b></p> <p>Neil Gilmour, resilient community co-ordinator, advised that the generator had now been installed in the Village Hall. He now has leaflets which will be distributed among the road stewards so that in the event of a householder being out when a road steward visits during an electricity outage a leaflet will be left informing them that the Village Hall is operating.</p> <p><b>c) Vehicle Speed/Abandoned Vehicles – Main St Gavinton</b></p> <p>The issue of vehicle speeding has been addressed above in item 16.</p> <p>One of the two abandoned cars has been removed. Cllr Greenwell advised that he is now almost certain that the remaining car is parked on Council land. He will follow up on the issuing of the appropriate letter to the owner.</p> <p><b>d) Gavinton Full Fibre Broadband Project</b></p> <p>AS advised that the Village Hall Committee has decided to stream movies and live events and are seeking funding to do this but, in the meantime, have approached Go Fibre asking if the company would be prepared to connect the Hall as part of its broadband rollout. AS to monitor.</p> <p><b>e) Dog Warden, Gavinton</b></p> <p>AS contacted Rose Hogg, SBC dog education officer, to ask if GFPC could be supplied with the stencil for the warning sign about dog fouling but was told it was not possible. SBC would send someone out to renew the stencil marking. AS had investigated and a stencil and paint can be purchased. TH-H donated to cover the cost of the purchase for which he was thanked. BW volunteered to do the stencilling for which he was also</p>	<p>BW/JG</p> <p>NG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS/BW</p>

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9	<p><b>Community Improvements &amp; Maintenance – issues to be kept under review and discussed only when appropriate updates are available.</b></p> <p>a) Review of SBC grass cutting and maintenance of vegetation on roadside verges.</p> <p>TH-H commented on the overhanging vegetation on the road from Hardens Hall to Duns. It was suggested that photographs be taken and forwarded to SBC and Cllr Greenwell</p> <p>b) Removal of Japanese Knotweed at Riverside in Gavinton BW had previously met a representative from SBC and showed him the location of the knotweed – he has heard nothing further on this issue. JG to follow up.</p> <p>c) Maintenance of Information Signs-Fogo</p> <p>d) Upgrade of Gavinton play park</p> <p>AS is following up on the plans for the park. The aim was for implementation by Spring 2023. Once the park has been built, look at fencing the play area to protect against dogs. NG suggested that if insufficient funds an application be made to the Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund.</p> <p>e) Maintenance of road edges.</p> <p>JG/MR urged CC members and residents to photograph potholes and upload to SBC 'report a pothole' online service – these reports go straight on to the SBC list of planned works and can trigger a road inspection where multiple reports are made of road issues.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>TH-H/JG</p> <p>BW/JG</p> <p>KD</p> <p>AS</p>
10	<p><b>Issue of new notice board at Fogo Church</b></p> <p>Nothing to report at this time.</p>	DM/MR
11	<p><b>Hardens Hill Quarry</b></p> <p>Yvonne Huggins-Haig has written two letters to SBC on this issue and received a response verbally that SEPA are responsible for supervising the operation of the quarry. Y H-H has written to SEPA regarding operating hours and is awaiting a response.</p>	
12	<p><b>Gavinton Flagpole Protocol</b></p> <p>A flag protocol had been circulated following objections to the Union Jack being raised for the late Queen's mourning period. The Village Hall Committee has asked the CC to now be responsible for the flagpole. Cllr Greenwell set out the protocol for the SBC flagpoles which the CC was following. AS proposed implementing the protocol and TH-H seconded it and it was passed. NG abstained</p>	AS
13	<p><b>Place planning for Duns and District</b></p> <p>AS had attended a meeting and circulated a questionnaire. There is funding available for projects involving this initiative and the hope is to include the GFPC area. One possibility is a cycle path from Gavinton to Duns. She will be attending the next meeting on 14th November.</p>	AS
14	<b>Planning</b>	AS

	<p>A planning summary was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Since the last meeting:</p> <p>The proposed Lees Hill Renewable Energy Park development has been included in the summary.</p> <p>Details of all planning applications are available on the SBC Planning website and can be accessed via GFPCC community webpages.</p>	
15	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mid-Berwickshire police report September 2022 forwarded to all CC prior to the meeting.</li> <li>● Update on 20mph speed trial forwarded to all CC.</li> <li>● The latest NHS Public information advice regarding the proposed closure of the Merse Medical Group's Chirside branch had been forwarded to all CC.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Greenwell said that comments should be sent to Mr Ralph Roberts who is the CEO of NHS Borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● James Purves, SBC community engagement officer, had sent details of new woodland grants from the Scottish Forestry Community Fund for 2022/23 which was forwarded to all CC.</li> </ul> <p>The above correspondence is available on the community webpage.</p>	MN
16	<p><b>Councillor Update (continued)</b></p> <p>Cllr John Greenwell noted that as part of his new portfolio he was overseeing the move of the Council vehicle fleet towards leasing rather than owning. Three companies are being looked at which would cover supply of vehicles including electric vehicles, their maintenance and servicing. There would be resultant savings with this move. He warned that the capital expenditure plan for road repairs was getting smaller because of inflation and the cost and supplies of materials. As a result three major projects have had to be shifted to the 2023 budget. He confirmed that the salt supplies, in anticipation of possible adverse conditions this winter, were in good order.</p> <p>TH-H commented on the deterioration of the roads, in particular up towards Longformacus with the timber operations. Cllr Greenwell advised that there is a timber fund to pay for repairs to roads damaged this way.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Moffat was unable to attend the meeting and therefore no update was available.</p>	JG
17	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>	TJ

	<p>● The feasibility report for the proposed path across Berwickshire, which includes Gavinton in the route, has now been published. It can be accessed on:</p> <p><a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b026a2eca27d435db5637dbc8ccc2163">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b026a2eca27d435db5637dbc8ccc2163</a></p>	
18	<p><b>Dates of Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of next meeting, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 7pm Gavinton Village Hall.</li> <li>• Future meetings will be held at Gavinton Village Hall, at 7pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> June (AGM) 2023.</li> </ul>	
19	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.35 pm</b></p>	