

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6th June 2013:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 8 Parish Councillors, Devon County Councillor Rufus Gilbert, 2 Parishoners.

Apologies for absence: There were no apologies.

Open Forum: There were no issues for discussion.

County Councillors Report: Newly appointed County Councillor Mr Rufus Gilbert attended his first Parish Council meeting, he was warmly welcomed. He explained that he had been in his new role for 1 month, and that he was keen to attend as many meetings as possible, but should he not be able to, and we have matters that need attending to we should call or email him and he will attend to it as soon as possible. He has been allocated several jobs on different committees at the County Council.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that he was still on the Development Control Committee at SHDC. There were also no plans to introduce any more pay and display car parks in the area. There was a change in the Business Rates system, local authority to retain 40%, 50% to Government, and 10% divided up between the Fire Brigade etc. He had also spent some time on the Customer Services Dept. phonelines at SHDC who receive a whole range of queries.

Declarations of interests: Mr J Stevenson declared an interest on item 9 of the agenda, update on the village initiative/departure site. Mr S Wright declared an interest too on item 9 and also on item 15, planning applications & updates.

Matters Arising:

a. Playing Field Gate: It was suggested that some wire be fixed underneath, to stop dogs from getting in and for balls to stop getting out and the children running down into the road. A gate sign also needs to be put in place with the conditions of the play area on it. A sign will cost in the region of £30. This was proposed by Mrs M. Kitt and seconded by Mrs L. Gritton. All in favour.

b. Playing Equipment: One company has been and measured and drawn up a plan, we are awaiting a price for the same. We need to perhaps arrange for a target sign to be made and put outside the playing field with the amount of funds we have and the amount we need to raise.

c. Village Hall Roof: The Chairman and Mrs G. Doyle to meet and discuss a way forward.

d. Beating of the Bounds: The date has been set for the 6th July, 11.00am meet at the Village Hall. There will be a short route and a longer route, followed by a Ploughmans Lunch in the Village Hall. £3.00 per adult, children free. Mrs S. Jones is the main point of contact for any questions.

Minutes of the last meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2013 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Grass Cutting: Mrs G. Rossetti expressed her disappointment at the cutting of the flowers on the verges and banks, not just the visibility splay.

Representatives Verbal Reports:

Fun Day: There was a meeting last night, and a call for help was put out, to run stalls, jumble/bric a brac etc. Crunchy has a bouncy castle, but we need to confirm that he has the appropriate

insurance and see what our insurance company says. The programmes to sell at £1.50, with 50p going to the bouncy castle, the programmes will be stamped with a lucky number. If anyone has any new ideas for games etc, please come forward. This year it was suggested we run the ice cream stall and bbq ourselves. We could get a deal on the meat , to get the costs down. Mr M. Norsworthy to speak to Aune Valley. The next meeting is on 16th July at 7.30pm.

Coffee Morning: Mrs M. Kitt reported that all is going well and they had one new member at the last meeting. Just one complaint,, there were lots of empty egg boxes and no eggs, as the Chairman wasn't there!!

Garden Competition: Mr M. Norsworthy thought it should be in August, probably two weeks before the Village Show. Further info. to follow.

Mr Norsworthy also reported that he has attended some planning training sessions, which have been very informative.

Update on Village Initiative /Departure Site: A date has been set for a public drop in session. The Parish Council will then need to decide whether to support the proposal.

We will probably need to have an extra meeting to discuss this.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds TSB - current ac	£2613.56
Lloyds TSB - savings ac	£2915.71
Lloyds TSB - parish plan ac	£ 499.68

Cheques to be drawn:

Community First Insurance	£ 236.46
Play Equipment Inspection	£ 120.00
Web site	£ 50.33

Correspondence: There were no items of correspondence to discuss.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: Mrs G Rossetti asked if it would be possible for the notice board at Tacket Wood to have a door or some sort of cover over the notices as she has on many occasions has have to retrieve laminated notices from the estuary, which is not acceptable, due to the environmental issues it could cause. We will get a price for a door to be put on it. Mr J Stevenson asked if there had been any update on the exit that has been opened up on the hill from Thornfield. The Chairman will chase this up. Mr M Norsworthy would like to know when the weeds are due to be cleared in the village, there are areas that looked extremely messy. We will approach SHDC about this. Mrs A Smith asked whether there could be some more dog mess signs put up as they seem to be disappearing as fast as they are put up. We will ask the dog warden to reinstate them. Mrs L Gritton asked whether the problems with Clive Lee's property being stolen had been resolved. A palette has been returned and nothing else has been stolen since.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The date of the next meeting, which will be an extra ordinary meeting is to be held on Thursday 11th July @ 7.00pm to discuss the presentation of the village initiative/departure site.

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Consider Outline Planning Application for K5: At this point the Chairman left the meeting and the rest of the Parish Councillors discussed the proposed application for the K5 site. It was agreed that Mr J Stevenson would draft a letter of objection, to be circulated to the other Parish Councillors for their comments, and whether they wished to add or subtract anything to it. A final copy to be sent to the Clerk for the records. The meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Signed..... Dated.....