

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Council, 2 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: District Councillor Judy Pearce and County Councillor Rufus Gilbert.

Election of Officers: The positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are up for renewal. On a proposal from Mr Robin Ladkin, Mr S. Wright was proposed as Chairman, this was seconded by Mr G. Johns with all in favour. Mr S. Wright was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. He did however state that this would be his last year and would be resigning one year from today. On the proposal from Mrs L. Gritton, Mrs M. Kitt was proposed as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Mrs A. Smith with all in favour. Mrs M. Kitt was duly elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. At this point the Clerk also tendered her resignation, this will also come into effect one year from today.

Open Forum: Mr D. Horton said he had been asked to mention about a resident encroaching on the lane to Auton and Youngcombe, the person asking for this to be reported was concerned about saying anything to the resident as they could make vehicle access difficult. The Chairman said that he was aware of this issue and he has spoken to Devon Highways.

The water that has been running through Woodhouse Lane was due in part to a football being lodged in there, Mr Horton freed it but suggested that grid be placed over the front of the hole. Mr Adams suggested that we should invite the Homefield residents to our monthly parish council meetings. The Chairman advised that the parish council are to go on a meet and greet with the residents.

County Councillors Report: No attendance due to the local elections which are due to take place on Thursday.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that at the annual council meeting at South Hams he was duly elected as Deputy Leader of the council.

Police Report: Nothing to report this evening.

Declarations of Interests: There were no interests declared this evening.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting were signed and confirmed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

a. Double Yellow Lines: There were 8 objections about the proposed double yellow lines. In the end a compromise was reached as to where they would stop. We do however, have the right to extend them if we wish without reapplying.

b. Leaking drain in Townsend Close:

c. Playing Field additional play equipment: We are still working on this matter.

Planning Applications and updates: We are all upto date with the applications. We have received a new one today and this will be distributed to the councillors in due course.

Parish Representatives verbal updates: Fun Day, Mrs Kitt didn't think she would be able to undertake this task again this year. The other members of the Fun Day Committee also felt the same. Although it is a shame, it is a lot of hard work for a few to people to undertake without support from the local community. It was decided to take a break this year and perhaps concentrate on making more of the Carol Singing Evening in December with the possibility of an auction of

promises.. We will discuss this more at our future meetings. The monthly Coffee Mornings are still ongoing. There are plenty of books for lending.

The Village Hall Committee are waiting to hear from SHDC about the grant proposal.

Chairmans Report: The grass cutting has begun and we have had requests to cut the footpath on the hill. This will be done as soon as possible. The area around the pedestrian crossing has been cut and the visibility approved. The school do not seem to be interested in this area or any of the responsibility even though they have the rugby pitch on that side of the road. Devon Highways and Kingsbridge Town Council will take on the responsibility. Mrs Kitt reported that the scaffolding will be coming down this week in Lower Street as the work is now completed. The trees at South Milton junction have been getting overgrown, these have now been trimmed back to improve the visibility.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: The phone box in the village has been causing some controversy on social media, with an online petition having been set up to persuade the Parish Council that the phone box should remain. It should be used for a defibrillator, library, herb garden or some other community use. The gentleman who initiated the 'remain campaign' Mr Ben Carr was invited to come along to the meeting and put recommendations to the Parish Council. Unfortunately, no one has attended this evening. Mr A. Clarke the parishioner whose owns the property next to the phone box says that it is situated on his property, Mr Carr says he has evidence from BT that it is on public land. The Parish Council will make a final decision as to whether or not to adopt the phone box. There are considerations to be made, insurance, maintenance and whether it is on private or public land, if its on private land and has to be relocated, the cost, planning permission to re-site and any other implications. We will also consider the purchase of a new bench for the burial site. We are still awaiting a report from Michelmore Hughes regarding the entrance way that was opened up when the gentleman at Woodlands was undertaking his renovations as to whether or not it should be closed again.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37pm with the date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 7.00pm. The Chairman gave his apologies as he will be away, the Vice Chairman will Chair the meeting in his absence.

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