

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 6th March 2018.

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors, a County Councillor, a District Councillor, 3 Parishioners and Ms Jen Brogan.

Apologies for absence: District Councillor (and Chairman) Mr Simon Wright and Mrs G Rossetti.

Open Forum: Mrs C Horton told the Parish Council that her family is in talks with Highways about purchasing the lane to Woodhouse Farm, the family own both sides of the lane and underneath the lane and would like to rectify the potholes. Cllr R Gilbert explained that Highways can be 'topped up' or extinguished. The footpath will remain unaffected by any change, and that the transfer would be a lengthy process which would come through the Parish Council. The County Council is in support.

County Councillors Report: The road through West Alvington is the top priority for Cllr Gilbert, the resurface (and not just repair) is in the schedule of works but Cllr Gilbert has written a letter to try to push this piece of work up the agenda.

Cllr Gilbert is also trying to get some funding to repair some of Eastern Road.

The Council Tax will increase by £5 this includes the 3% permissive increase and 2% of the agreed 6% raise over 3 years, 2018 being year 2. This equates to £63 extra on a Band D property.

Cllr Gilbert left the meeting at 19.12pm.

District Councillors Report: Cllr J Pearce reported that SHDC has passed the budget with an increase on households of 2.99%, this means just under £160 per year from a Band D property.

Currently the examination of the Joint Local Plan is taking place, some of the consultation events were affected by adverse weather last week. The next event takes place in Plymouth at the end of March. There are 2 lady inspectors who are very sharp. There will be some modifications to the plan and if they are considered major this would result in rewriting of some policies and then another period of consultation. The Inspectors would then write their report which would be unlikely to be completed until the autumn.

Public Toilet discussions are happening in other parishes but WAPC are unaffected as there are no Public Toilets within the parish.

Police Report: there was nothing given this evening.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared this evening.

Approve the minutes of the last meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed, copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to this evenings meeting.

Planning Applications and Updates: There were no applications or updates.

Matters Arising: Mrs J Johns advised that the notice boards were out of stock at time of ordering, they are now back in stock and are on order.

Parish Representatives Verbal Reports: it was agreed to cover agenda item 13). Consider Kingsbridge and Neighbourhood Local Plan, under this agenda item.

Mr R Ladkin reported that he had been invited to attend a meeting about the Kingsbridge and District Neighbourhood Plan. Kingsbridge has invited West Alvington, Charleton, Churchstow and Buckland Tout Saints to be involved in the plan. The next meeting will take place on 19th March 2018. Mr R Ladkin suggested that the West Alvington working group be re-constituted and so far there are about 6 people who have come forward including Mr Nigel and Mrs Liz Green, Mr Paul Moon, **Tony ?,David and Carol Horton?**

Mr R Ladkin proposed that he attends the meeting on 19th March with support for joining in principal from WAPC and come back to the next parish meeting in April. All the Parish Councillors were in favour.

Cllr J Pearce advised that it would be sensible to agree with Kingsbridge Town Council at the start of the process what the development availability is and how the finances will work.

Cllr J Pearce left the meeting at 19.40pm.

Mr R Ladkin advised that following on from the footpath update of the last meeting, that footpath 13 now has a more formal diversion in place whilst the farmer has been ordered to reinstate the verge. There is still an offer of replacing stiles with gates and Mr Ladkin is investigating where this may be applicable.

Mrs M Kitt advised that the coffee morning that was due to take place last week will now take place on Thursday 8th March.

Chairmans Report: No report was given.

Financial Report:

The clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds Current a/c £3244.41

Lloyds Savings a/c £857.07

Parish Plan a/c £499.98

AOB by direction of the Chairman: Mrs A Smith reported that the grit bin behind the hall was being used as a bin. Suggested that it needs to be moved in to the carpark. The grit bin needs replenishing and the Parish Council believe Cllr S Wright will be able to do this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.46pm with the date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 10th April at 7.00pm.

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

