

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018.

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 5 Parish Councillors, 3 Parishioners, County Councillor Mr Rufus Gilbert, District Councillor Mrs Judy Pearce, Mrs Jen Chester, Mrs Joan Johns and 3 representatives from Baker Estates.

Apologies for absence: Jo Pengilly (D&C Police) and Cllr Simon Wright

Open Forum: A Parishioner from Townsend Close reported that the hedgerow running along the road is very diverse and good for wildlife but was becoming very overgrown and needed maintaining. The Chair advised that the parish council could not intervene due to the one side of the boundary being on private property and the other side maintained by DCH. Cllr Geoffrey Rossetti responded that the private property referred to is owned by himself and sister, was not aware of the issue and would investigate.

A parishioner asked why in reference to K5, no indication could be given as to the price of the affordable housing. Baker Estates advised that the information cannot be divulged as it is a commercial transaction that has taken place with the developer. It was the same with the Homefield Development, the developer is obliged to sell the land to the local housing association. Affordability is defined by the market, it was suggested that a conversation with SHDC affordable housing team maybe a good idea.

A Parishioner raised the issue of the impact of K5 on the road, there would be a large increase in traffic. Baker Estates responded that planning permission already states where the entrance and access is, and that this has been planned in conjunction with Highways and is primarily a highways issue. Baker inherited the site with access already approved, 57 houses are planned. Baker are well aware of the strong feelings towards access and traffic pressures.

There was also concern over construction traffic during the building process. Cllr Gilbert advised that he was part of the initial consultations 3 years ago and it is not to be assumed that the traffic will come through West Alvington, it may well come up from the roundabout at the bottom of the hill. Incidentally the road through West Alvington is scheduled for complete resurfacing in the Autumn, the only hold up is the schedule of works as there is a huge amount across the district and county.

Cllr Pearce arrived in to the meeting and wanted to add in that K5 site has a reserved matters application and that not all the details are included in the outline. There is a national policy framework for affordable housing.

A question was raised with regard to the ½ ha light commercial part of K5. The reserved matters application has no details of that at this point. SHDC will make the decision on what type of light commercial goes on the site and may consider B1 status e.g. assisted living flats/residential building.

County Councillors Report: The 20 mph speed limit across the district is being reviewed and how it is enforced, fine evaders will be penalised with 3 warnings then confiscation of the vehicle.

Carers parking is being reviewed, in that they will be given more help to park. Parking permits will be issues. The parish council will be kept updated and notified about the online consultation.

District Councillors Report: The draft budget has been signed off with a 1% underspend equalling £84,000.

There are big conversations happening around the waste contract whether to remain inhouse or to be outsourced.

The homeless team at SHDC have prevented 337 households becoming homeless and have provided tenancy support to 79 households.

Social prescribing is being piloted ins 6 surgeries. A housing officer has been to 6 different surgeries and sat anonymously to listen out for any issues such as mental health or health concerns caused by damp properties. There has been a 64% decrease in visits to the doctor due to housing improvements.

SHDC are expecting a letter from the inspector re joint local plan. Thurlestone and Newton and Noss have had their neighborhood plans passed at referendum.

SHDC is working in partnership with Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and stakeholder organisation on a proposed new site for the Health and Wellbeing Centre in Dartmouth. The Council who are keen to invest in the town to support the provision for local jobs, is in discussions around the new centre. Plans on the table, are on offer by the District Council, to provide a parcel of land and to construct a purpose built health and Wellbeing Centre to the NHS Trusts specification.

Police Report: 1 x assault and 1 x Harassment

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared this evening.

Approve the minutes of the last meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising: a). covered in open forum above. b), The council felt there were advantages and disadvantages to having a joint localh plan with Kingsbridge and Churchstow. The advantages are that a good deal of work would be done by the working group with lots of expertise, evidence gathering would be needed from West Alvinton. It would give WA some say and control over development in the village.

Cllr Pearce offered support and advice at any point. Evidence gathering could involve a village or housing needs survey.

After some discussion the council felt there were more benefits to being part of the wider group.

The majority were in favour. Cllr Alayli and Cllr Geoffrey Rossetti would be the parish reps at this stage.

Proposed: Cllr Gilly Rossetti, Seconded: Cllr Green

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

Parish Representatives Verbal Reports: No reports given.

Chairmans Report: Cllr Simon Wright is drawing up a play space specification following on the open space plan that was presented to the council in April. 3 quotes need to be obtained to renew the fencing around the play area below school and to create a path to the right of the village hall up to the play area.

The council were keen to have a porch light added to the village hall for safety and security, also to consider more play equipment, possibly from recycled plastic e.g. Play Area Hygiene Services at Torr Quarry.

To be discussed at the next meeting.

Financial Report:

To be added

AOB by direction of the Chairman: Didi Alayli was voted on to the council. Proposed: Cllr Kitt, Seconded: Cllr Smith.

Kingsbridge Dementia group have asked to come and speak to the council at some point, all agreed.
Action: Jen to invite to September meeting.

Jen investigated with SHDC the possibility of running payroll through them, this costs money and probably unnecessary. Jen requested to register the council with HMRC PAYE. All were happy.

The idea of a defibrillator was revisited. **Action: Cllr Kitt to investigate with resident who had originally offered one.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.40pm with the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council being confirmed as Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 19.00pm.

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