

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 5 Parish Councillors, 40 Parishioners, County Councillor Mr Rufus Gilbert, District Councillor Simon Wright, Mrs Jen Chester, Mrs Joan Johns and PC Paul O'Dwyer

Apologies for absence: Jo Pengilly (D&C Police), Cllr Graham Johns and District Cllr Judy Pearce

Open Forum: Representations were made from the West Alvington Speed Awareness Group. 116 written signatures and 120 online signatures obtained appealing for a 20MPH speed limit through West Alvington. 60 cars were monitored of which 64% were speeding. One at 66mph. Three questions raised:

- What has been done before and why has it been unsuccessful
- What action is the Parish Council taking to address the concerns
- Clarify who the Parish Council is working for?

The Speed Awareness Group are very much looking to support and work with the Parish Council.

The Chair responded to the second point to say that the Parish Council work for the good of the village,

County Councillor Rufus Gilbert explained the process that would happen. A SCARF (Speed Complicance Action Review Forum) will need to be arranged with the Highways team. The cost will be covered by RG. Then a problem would need to be identified followed by a solution e.g. speed bumps, flashing signs.

Action: Cllr R Gilbert to contact Highways to discuss SCARF.

The lead times are likely to be 3 months to arrange the SCARF, the parish Council would then discuss the findings and request the solution, this is all channelled through the WAPC.

PC Paul O'Dwyer suggested setting up a community speedwatch group and going to the school to talk about road safety.

Action: PC Paul O'Dwyer to contact Mr Andrew Pascoe re community speedwatch group.

Cllr Gilly Rossetti enquired whether the primary school could do a poster competition to encourage motorists to slow down. A parishioner agreed to talk to the school.

A pot hole was reported in Town Hall car park, could the scrapings from the resurfaced road be used to fill it in.

Action: Cllr Simon Wright to enquire with Highways.

Cllr R Gilbert left at 19.53pm.

County Councillors Report: No report

District Councillors Report: there is a waste procurement consultation ongoing until 27th September to consider whether to outsource waste.

There is a public toilet consultation going on to see whether to close them or for the toilets to become community owned. Not relevant to West Alvington.

There is a have your say opportunity on the website.

The Seamoor Lotto is well underway and by the end of the year £27000 will have been raised. A Neighbourhood Plan website is currently being developed with details of plans in development and completed.

Police Report: 0 crimes reported in the last 30 days. There is an increase in rural crime occurring especially theft. Be very vigilant and report and non emergencies to 101. There are people in Kingsbridge police station but the front desk is no longer manned or open to the public. As autumn/winter approached oil theft increases so keep an eye on oil levels.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared this evening.

Approve the minutes of the last meeting: Proposed: Cllr Gilly Rossetti, Seconded: Cllr Alyson Smith.

Matters Arising: a). Defibrillator – Cllr M Kitt has been unable to get hold of the resident who had offered to supply a defibrillator, Cllr Kitt will keep trying.

Planning Applications and Updates: There were no planning applications but a request for tree felling. There is a network of Tree Wardens who can help advise. This application will be reviewed at the next full Parish Council meeting.

Preston View – new building will be supported.

Langworthy's Barn - no update as yet.

K5 is going to full planning committee. Reserve matters application is what the WAPC supported.

Parish Representatives Verbal Reports: Update on Neighbourhood Plan. A small group of residents met to discuss community consultation and one of the projects suggested was a history walk. Some funds were requested but could not be approved as due notice was not given. To be brought to the next parish council meeting.

There are no contracts in place for crumbling walls and weeding. **Action: working party to be arranged after the hedge cutting has occurred.**

Cllr Wright advised that all the hedgerows would need to be removed during renewal of the playing fields as part of the Section 106 funding for play and recreational spaces.

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:

As of 4/9/18

P/P account: £499.89

Current account: £5110.85

Savings account: £857.29

AOB by direction of the Chairman: a gift presented to Cllr Simon Wright for being chair of the Parish Council for over 20 years.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.10pm with the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council being confirmed as Thursday 4th October 2018 at 19.00pm.

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