

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors, 10 Parishioners, District Councillor Mr Simon Wright, Devon County Councillor Mr Rufus Gilbert, Mrs Joan Johns, Representatives from the Dementia Friendly Group.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. Didi Alayli

Devon County Councillor – Mr Rufus Gilbert update the Parish Council on the SCARF which should be put in place in November. The data will then be collected and go to the committee before Christmas, if it is decided that there is an issue to be resolved then action will be quite fast. The road works are ongoing in the village at present but the end result should be successful.

Open Forum: The ladies from the Dementia Friendly Group gave a brief outline of their aim to raise awareness into dementia and how it affects not only the person involved but their families and friends too. They cover 19 parishes in the area, have a website, Facebook page and a Twitter account. There is a 'Time for Tea' drop in session held at The Age Concern Centre in Kingsbridge on the last Friday of every month. The local Churches are holding an awareness event on 16<sup>th</sup> October at The Methodist Church for anyone that is interested in going along. The Chairman thanked the ladies for coming along and speaking to the meeting.

New Tree Warden - Mrs Jeanne Hudson introduced herself as the new tree warden for the Parish. She gave a resume of the number of trees in the Parish that have tree protection orders on them. She would like to work closely with the Parish Council in the future if there are any issues that need resolving involving hedges and trees in the Parish. The Chairman said that is a tree in Lower Street that needs attention. It was suggested by Mrs Hudson that we may need planning permission to do anything. Mr D. Horton and District Councillor Wright disagreed with this and said that that hedge was cut annually and anything under a diameter of 4” can be legally felled or cut. Mr Tony Head agreed that this was the case. The Chairman thanked Mrs Hudson for her report.

Co-option of Parish Councillor: Mr Tony Head had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council previously, so the Chairman asked him to join the rest of the council at the table and say a few words about himself. Mr Head has lived in the village for several years with his family and runs a well known family estate agents in Kingsbridge. A proposal was made by Cllr. Graham Johns and seconded by Cllr. Gilly Rossetti that Mr Head be duly elected onto the Parish Council.

Police Report: Cllr. Gilly Rossetti said that she had a conversation with PC Paul O'Dwyer regarding the Community Speedwatch. However, with the possible amalgamation of Cornwall Devon and Dorset Police, there are certain topics on hold and unfortunately it would appear that traffic speed is one of them.

Mr & Mrs B. Hickling wished the following statement to be minuted “Why can't the police enforce a legal limit of 30mph” Mr Hickling said he counted 100 cars in a 15 minute period between 2pm and 2.15pm. They also wanted to know “Why the flashing sign is not working on the hill, it should be working” We do know however that 30 repeater signs are not allowed because there are lamp posts, where there are lamp posts it is automatically a 30mph speed limit. The Chairman suggested that may be we could have 30 painted onto the road surface? Perhaps we could look at the cost of flashing signs for either end of the village?

Declaration of interests whether personal or pecuniary stating the interest. There were no interests declared at this meeting.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting: This item was deferred until the next meeting as not all Councillors had had the chance to read them through.

Matters Arising:

Kingsbridge, Churchstow and West Alvington Neighbourhood Plan: It was decided to hold a public meeting to make the whole parish aware of the proposal for a neighbourhood plan. Leaflets are to be dropped to all the households in the parish and an announcement placed in the Gazette. The date of the meeting will be 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm. We can then gauge the public response to such a plan and decide whether this parish decides to move forward with Kingsbridge and Churchstow in producing one.

Planning Applications and Updates: There was only one application for consideration this meeting that was at Stockwell Cottage, West Alvington. There were no objections by the Parish Council.

Parish Representatives Verbal Updates: Coffee Mornings still running. The Village Hall Committee are putting together their estimates for their application for some of the 106 money to be released from the Homefield housing development. The Parish Council are also putting together their quotes along with the school for some further play equipment, new fencing etc.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman had no further report to give.

Financial Report: The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds Current a/c - £5110.85

Lloyds Savings a/c - £857.29

P/P account - £499.89

A.O.B. by direction of the Chairman: A suggested date for the next Village Clean Up was Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, this to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Date of the next Meeting: There being no further business, the date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7.00pm.

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