

WEST ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRA MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

A extra Parish Council meeting was called following the publication of a proposed planning application in the Village. Planning Application Ref. No: 3444/18/ful for 5 new dwellings at Homefield, West Alvington. - Mr Chris Driscoll.

Attendance: County Council Rufus Gilbert, District Councillor Simon Wright, Cllrs. Gilly Rossetti, Geoffrey Rossetti, Didi Alayli, Gill Green, Clerk – Joan Johns and 19 Parishioners.

Apologies: Cllrs. M. Kitt and G. Johns.

First item for discussion: The Traffic Action Group - In the absence due to illness Cllr. Gilly Rossetti, Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting. She pointed out that the posters designed by the children for the use in the village were pinned on the walls in the village hall for all to see. She had been advised it was best for them to be transferred/copied onto plastic boarding to protect them from the weather so that if we are allowed they can be used on walls and lamp posts in the village to make drivers speed aware. We do not yet have the details of the SCARF readings but Highways are due to hold a meeting in early December. Mr A. Pascoe was still unhappy that the SCARF had not been put where it was request. The proposed traffic calming plan to be put forward to Highways with public input will be available to see on Saturday 17th November in the village hall from 10.00am. Cllr. R. Gilbert said that he would be able to help fund a flashing traffic sign but it was best to wait until the results of the SCARF come through and then speak to Highways before applying to get one

The conversation returned to the proposed planning application. Cllr. Alayli gave a report identifying the four main problems of the application. These were:

Cllr. Gilly Rossetti and Cllr. D. Alayli both said that if the parishioners felt strongly about the application they should send their objections to SHDC either by letter or email. District Councillor Simon Wright also stressed that objections are important if feelings of rejection are high. Other Homefield residents felt that the road into the estate was already narrow and that the visibility on leaving the site is not easy. Also there are no pavements to or on the site. It was not understood why the land was classed as contaminated and that it was thought it was to be returned to agricultural land once the Homefield development had been completed. On closer look at the application there was no mention of contaminated land. The issue of keeping West Alvington and Kingsbridge as separate entities was also of concern with housing creeping further and further down the hill.

After hearing the debate the Parish Council took a vote.

Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti proposed that the application should be refused.

This was seconded by Cllr. D. Alayli, with all in favour of refusal. A letter will be sent from the Parish Council outlining their reasons for refusal.

An impromptu show of hands from members of the public present showed 16 out of 20 were not in favour of the proposed development.

Neighbourhood Planning Update: Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti gave an updated report on the NHP. The current position being that West Alvington has joined with Kingsbridge and Churchstow to work on a joint plan. The group are concentrating on publicising a joint plan and distributing the initial joint questionnaire. Eventually, the joint plan will have a separate section for West Alvington and set out matters the community have flagged as important to our Parish or a part of it. Anybody who wishes to become involved with the questionnaires please give your details to Cllr. Rossetti after the meeting. Another update will be available at the next meeting in January.

Feasibility Study into a Cycle/Amenity Path between Kingsbridge and Salcombe.

The Clerk had received an email earlier this evening asking if West Alvington Parish Council would be interested in the initial talks for funding into a cycle/amenity path with the other villages involved. Everyone present thought that it sounded like a really good idea and we should investigate further. Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti proposed and it was seconded by Cllr. D. Alayli with all in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.03pm. The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 7.00pm.

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