

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd October 2013:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Rufus Gilbert and 2 Parishoners.

Absence for apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs G. Rossetti

Open Forum: The undergrowth on the footpath to Kingsbridge has gotten out of hand again and could do with another cut, the Clerk to arrange for this to be done.

County Councillors Report: The TAP Fund is currently standing at £17,000. The money will be used for worthwhile projects throughout the community. The mobile library is under review with some destinations changing, but not being scrapped totally. There could be serious delays at Halwell due to the works being carried out there over the next few weeks. Super fast broadband is planned to be introduced by 2016. As regards the concerns over the traffic and speed issues in the Village, speed checks have been carried out in the past, and as the main road is lit at night this means legally the speed limit is 30mph. It is hoped that when the K5 planning is eventually sorted out it is hoped that the road crossing issues will be addressed, and DCC are conscious of the fact that improvements need to be made, possibly with traffic lights when the funding becomes available. Mrs S. Jones said that she was extremely concerned over the safety issues surrounding the volume and speed of the traffic and the Village children walking to school.

District Councillors Report: On a District level a Call for Sites has gone out looking ahead to 2016. The Homefield delivery site – a consultation group is to be formed before plans appear in order to have ideas to give to the Parish Council to ensure that the proposals meet our requirements as a Village. T18 – there is to be a re-jigging of services at SHDC making the most of modern technology and to become more public friendly, a big step forward to 2018. The mooring allocation system is to change. The Ring O'Bells have plans to open a drop in shop. As far as planning is concerned they will not require change of use.

Declarations of Interest: Mr S. Wright declared an interest on item 12 Planning items.

Minutes of the last Meeting and the Extra Ordinary Meeting of 11th July 2013: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 5th September 2013 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed by Mrs M. Kitt, seconded by Mrs S. Jones, all in favour. The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 11th of July 2013 were then considered, having been deferred from the last meeting. Mrs L. Gritton proposed they be accepted seconded by Mrs M. Kitt, all in favour. The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Village Hall Update: The roof has been repaired and the guttering and soffits too. Following the items of concern mentioned at the last meeting the Chairman undertook a meeting with Mr K Steer from the Village Hall Committee, both parties left reassured that a better working relationship could be achieved. The Committee do have a few financial concerns, perhaps it would be prudent for the Parish Council to put a sum aside out of the annual precept to help them out in the future, although we should wait until we have consulted with them first before making decisions, they are after all a separate committee to the Parish Council. We will need to talk to them also about the fence it appears that this is their responsibility and not the Parish Councils. The footpath fence also needs repairing, this is our responsibility.

Highway Issues: It has been noted that there are too many cars parking on the pavements, it is dangerous, concerns have been relayed to Mr Bullen as most of the vehicles are tradesmen working at his property.

Mrs S. Jones has sent emails to Mr A.Keay about her concerns regarding the traffic and the safety of the children of the Village. We will arrange a suitable meeting for them both to discuss this. It was asked whether it would be possible for a crossing to be put by the bus stop so the children can cross safely there rather than try and cross by the pub. We will enquire about this. But this is not an easy problem to solve.

Chairmans Report: Regarding the parking in Lower Street, the Chairman will speak to PCSO Dave Gibson about it. Also he mentioned that a caravan is to be positioned in Homefield, it is to be sited by the pub owners for 28 days whilst he is working on the new proposed shop at the back of the pub.

Appointment of Co-opted Parish Councillor: Mr M. Norsworthy has expressed his desire to come back onto the Council. The Councillors present were happy to reappoint him in his absence. The vote was unanimous.

Representatives verbal reports:

Coffee Morning: Mrs M. Kitt reported that the coffee mornings are ticking along ok with no problems to report.

Fun Day: Despite a wet start the day went off superbly and was really well attended, good fun was had by all and the amount raised to date is £727.27 with money still coming in. Mrs A. Smith also raised £100 with her Quiz, she is still selling so this figure will be increased. Mrs S. Jones also gave the proceeds of the Beating of the Bounds Luncheon to the Play Equipment Fund. Mrs L. Gritton then went on to thank everyone for helping with the Fun Day and for the support given to Mrs M. Kitt who took on the challenge of organising the event this year.

She then went on to explain that the play equipment is going to cost £62.800, she has received the latest and best set of plans to date so far. This equipment will need no maintenance for a 25 year period. We need to make a target thermometer in order to display the amount we need to raise and the amount we have to date.

School: Mrs A. Smith reported that the Federation website for all 3 schools is now live.

Financial Report:

The Clerk Reported the following balances:

Lloyds current account	2841.77
Lloyds savings account	3772.12
Lloyds parish plan account	499.68

Planning Applications, Decisions and Updates:

Application for installation of 2 no wind turbines estimated output 3.5kw with 12.4 metres hub height, 14.4 metres tip height and associated infrastructure in replacement of two 11.25metre non operational wind turbines – Mr Dowie, Weston Farm, West Alvington - In favour.

Application for provision of temporary dwelling(mobile home) for agricultural/occupational worker on land at Preston Farm – Mr Adams, Preston Farm West Alvington - In favour

There have been a couple of complaints about this mobile home stating that it has been placed at the wrong angle and is different from what was shown in the plans.

Annual Asset Review: A copy of the assets was given to each Councillor present for their records.

The Good Councillors Guide: Copies have been ordered to keep on file for when needed. The Parish Councillors were all sent PDF copies.

Confirm the date of the Carol Singing Evening: There was some confusion over the dates available so this will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Correspondence: No items to report.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: We should have a work party soon, the date to be confirmed along with a leaflet drop to try and get as many Parishoners involved.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the next meeting closed at 8.50pm. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th November 2013 @ 7.00pm.

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