

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2012:

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: Mr A. Palmer & Ms. A. Quinton sent their apologies.

Declarations of Interest: Mr S. Wright declared an interest on item 10 of the Agenda (Planning Applications and Decisions).

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2012 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting. All were in favour.

Matters Arising:

a. P3 Funding: The appropriate forms have been filled in and we have received a cheque from Devon County Parish Paths Partnership for £600, this is to include the cost of 2 new gates with pedestrian access for future projects and for a £15 discretionary claim for Mr Palmer towards the cost of his mobile phone bill for all the calls that he has made on our behalf. Mr Clarke who is in charge of obtaining a new Parish map for the Village said that once the corrections to the footpaths map have been made the new map could go ahead.

b. K1 & K5 Update: In Ms. A. Quintons absence the Chairman gave an update on the situation. There is a planned public meeting for Friday 20th & Saturday 21st April to be held in the Age Concern building. There will be a display from Pegasus outlining what is to be proposed. They will be seeking public likes and dislikes, there will then be a further public consultation, with a view to putting in a formal planning application about the end of July. As time is of the essence the Chairman urged everyone to go and make their own representations. There are some changes already as far as the employment aspect is concerned, the nursing home has been removed as there seemed to be little interest. The employment units will now be contained to the lower edge of K5 keeping it all in one area, which seems more appropriate than combining domestic housing and employment units.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman had only 1 further item to add and that was a quick mention about the Collaborative Master Planning Template. This is a blue print for physical change in planning, and it has not yet been ratified. It aims to get local peoples ideas and aspirations towards large planning applications. He showed the Councillors a simplified process on a board which outlined how the procedure would work, he talked them through how it would work and gave each Councillor a paper copy to keep. He also mentioned that he had spoken to a new member of the Parish Mrs Sally Jones who had moved into Brian Toms old house with her family a

few months ago who would be interested in joining the Parish Council. The Clerk also said that she too had been approached by Mr Martyn Norsworthy who has lived in the village all his life who also was interested in becoming a Councillor. We will invite them along to the next meeting.

Representatives Verbal Reports:

Coffee Club: Mrs M. Kitt reported that the Coffee Mornings continued to run smoothly. She also reported that the Quiz that she had been selling for £1 a copy had been raised £70 towards the Play Equipment Fund. She also gave out the names of the winners. 3rd was Mrs A. Smith, 2nd Mrs Green & 1st Mrs J. Johns. She was congratulated and thanked for her hard work.

Play Equipment: Mr J. Stevenson reported that he had obtained a catalogue for larger play equipment and some costings. It appears that Health & Safety regulations dictate a lot as to what equipment would be suitable for our playground and the space that we have. Mr Stevenson wondered whether we should remove everything and get one new big piece of equipment perhaps leaving the single swing. Mrs Smith reported that her husband had been and looked at the climbing frame with the slide attached. When the matting was pulled back it appears that there is no strut holding it together. Mr Smith proposed making a new strut to strengthen it in stainless steel. Mr Stevenson suggested that this could perhaps be done in mild steel? Mrs Smith felt that if her husband was to undertake the job he would want to do it properly to ensure the best result. Unfortunately Mr Clarke's contact for the matting is now a non starter. As the play equipment is not only for the school but is a Village amenity, it was felt that perhaps we should arrange a meeting with the Officer who issued our playground equipment report and discuss our options.

Affordable Homes Steering Group: Mrs S. Howells gave a copy of her report to everyone present. She outlined that at the last Parish Council meeting that TRAND had contacted the Parish Council to propose an affordable housing development at The Butts. Subsequent to this meeting the Steering Group have met with TRAND to discuss their proposal in more detail and an Open Day has been provisionally set for May 2012. In addition Acorn have also approached us about a potential development at Horsemans Close. As yet we have not engaged them in conversation. In order to remain transparent about the steps forward with regard to any affordable housing proposals, we feel that we need to ascertain whether any of the other 18 sites that were initially highlighted by Parish landowners in the Housing Needs Survey still wish to be considered by the Parish as potential development sites. Therefore, we are proposing to publish the Village Housing Initiative Site Submission Form devised by SHDC on the Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Council website for those landowners wishing to put forward their proposals. The form will need to be sent directly back by the landowners to the Affordable Housing Team at SHDC. The forms will be available from the Chairman or can be downloaded from a

link on the Parish website. A deadline to be set for those wishing to submit their sites for consideration. Depending on which of the newly proposed sites are deemed to be suitable to Devon Highways, we will probably have a series of Open Days for each of the developers to answer any questions that Parishioners may have.

It was felt that it should definitely be put before the Parish for their opinions.

Confirm the date of the 2012 Fun Day: The date for the Fun Day which was originally suggested as Saturday 22nd September has now been changed to Saturday 29th September.

Financial Report: The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds TSB - current account	190.50
Lloyds TSB - savings account	312.60
Lloyds TSB - parish plan fund	1745.39
Abbey National – P3 fund	378.83

Cheques to be drawn:

Village Hall	10.00
Chairman reimbursement for Garden Party Tickets	10.00
Election Fee re: May 2011	136.47

Planning Applications, Decisions & Considerations:

a. Kingsbridge Community College – Application for creation of grass sports pitch on land adjacent to the college. - 5 in favour 2 against.

b. Mr R. Lewis – Householder application for proposed parking bay and associated visibility splay at No. 1 Butts Cottages, West Alvington. - 5 in favour 2 against.

c. Mr R. Carpenter – Householder application for new entrance porch to existing dwelling. Existing pedestrian access from road/pavement moved west to accommodate new porch No. 2 Butts Cottages, West Alvington. - 6 for 1 against.

Correspondence: We have received a letter from Mr Gornall regarding the wild orchids on the verge near Piers Cottages. It appears that these get cut by the contractors and it is causing a great deal of upset and concern. Although it is outside of our Parish it was suggested that we too speak to Devon County and send our reply to Mr Gornall. We have also received a rate demand for our car park at Town Park. The Chairman is in discussion about this at Follaton House and will keep us updated as to the outcome. The School have now lost their Head Teacher as Rachel Perkins is taking up a new post abroad. The new federation could also include Thurlestone Primary along with West Alvington and West Charleton. It was decided that we should put this on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

A.O.B. The grass cutting contract is due for consideration. It was felt that Craig Brock is doing a really good job and that we should re-approach him regarding quoting for the work again. Although we do have to advertise on the noticeboards. Mrs. S. Howells is to meet with Debbie Holloway regarding the Affordable Homes issue. Mrs A. Smith asked about fund raising for the Parish Council, she suggested an auction of promises, she will now be on the Fund Raising Committee!! The Chairman welcomed any suggestions for fund raising. Mr J. Stevenson mentioned that there are still some spaces available on the Fun Day Committee if anyone is interested. There is to be a Celebration Lunch in the Playing Field for the Jubilee, the pub will be cooking the BBQ and donations of salad etc; will be asked for. Tickets for the BBQ are being made and will be issued to the Parish Councillors for distribution when ready. Further discussions will take place at the next meeting. Mr M. Adams thought that the new hedge that was planted in the burial site needed trimming before it got out of hand. He also commented that recently the Ring O'Bells had held 3 wakes at the pub and that this had caused some parking problems in the Village, parking on the pavement in Town Park etc;. He also felt that the large sign indicating that the car park is for residents only is intimidating and not worded correctly and should be removed. The Chairman commented that it was put there to stop the school children parking their cars there, people working in Kingsbridge parking their cars there during the day and to get some of the cars off the main road, it was to provide parking for the residents of the Village. So should we rephrase the sign, or take it down and monitor the situation? We will look into this further. Mr Adams also commented that he felt if we are going to co-opt any further Councillors he would like to see a local person elected and not someone that has only lived in the Village for a short time. Notices should be placed on the boards for everyone to see advertising the remaining vacancy.

Confirm the date of the Annual General Meeting & AGM Procedures: The date of the A.G.M is set for Thursday 3rd May 2012 @ 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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