

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: Apologies were received from Mr A. Palmer and Ms. A. Quinton.

County Councillors Report: Sir Simon Day did not attend the meeting so there was no report to be given.

Parish Council Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that in May last year that we started the process of conducting the Housing Needs Survey. The Council considered the impact of switching off many of the street lights and the implications that this could bring. This was subsequently done in some areas by Devon County Council as part of their part night lighting scheme. It was agreed to install a Parish Map, of which we are still awaiting. The fiasco regarding Tor Homes and the Village Car Park which leads onto the Village Hall Car Park was finally resolved. The 27th May 2011 saw the re-opening of the Ring O'Bells Pub and we welcome John & Vicky Bell and their two children to the Village. They are keen to be involved with the Village events and their boys attend the school. We held the Best Kept Garden Competition very successfully and thanks were given to everyone involved in the organising and running of the event. We had a visit from a Planning Officer from SHDC and we quickly followed this up with an evening Planning Training Session. The Fun Day in September raised the most amazing sum of £1,429.94 and some of this has been distributed to the various organisations in the Village. The Chairman thanked everyone involved. The Autumn work party tidied up the Village and Town Park Car Park, again thanks to all who helped in any way. The new snow warden scheme was launched and the Chairman and Clerk were "trained" as official snow wardens, and 14 other volunteers were appointed should there be a crisis. We received a delivery of 2 tons of salt, a shovel and 2 tabards. January saw the start of the monthly meetings, this should enable quicker decision making and the ability to openly discuss Planning applications. The K1 & K5 development plan for Kingsbridge was revealed and 2 members of the Parish Council were elected onto the steering group and are attending the meetings. Also in this year we received the news that one of our former Parish Councillors Mrs Freda Newham had sadly passed away, our condolences were sent. In December we held the Carol singing evening, held around the Christmas Tree followed by supper in the Village Hall complete with a visit from Father Christmas. A good evening was had by all. In January we set the annual precept for 2012 with a £30 rise, this equates to a 1.5% rise. We also appointed a new P3 Officer, Mr A. Palmer who will undertake various duties around the Parish, checking the footpaths etc; We also appointed a new co-opted member of the Parish Council Mrs Alyson Smith.

There are some issues that we should be aware of for the future. These include

1. The Village Playing Field play equipment.
2. Affordable Homes
3. The Village Hall and the buildings long term viability
4. Allotments and a Village Orchard
5. The K1 & K5 Development Plan

The allocation of jobs for the year were as follows:

Village Hall Committee	- Ms A.Quinton
Coffee Club	- Mrs M. Kitt
Foothpaths (P3)	- Mr A. Palmer
Best Kept Garden Comp.	- Ms. A. Quinton & Mrs M. Kitt
Work Parties	- Mr A. Palmer
Parish Fun Day	- Mr A. Clarke
Entertainment	- Mrs S. Howells
Parish Map	- Mr A. Clarke
Police Liaison	- Mr A. Clarke
Open Spaces – Allotments	- Mr D. Horton
Saltstone	- Mr S. Wright
Parish Web-Site	- Mr S. Wright
Salcombe-Kingsbridge Estuary	
Forum	- Mr J. Stevenson
Affordable Homes	- Mr S. Wright, Mr A.Clarke, Mrs S. Howells, Ms. A. Quinton, Mrs A. Smith

The Chairman concluded by thanking each Parish Councillor and extended his thanks to the Clerk. All those interested in being put forward for a specific job for next year please contact the Clerk before the next Meeting. In reply Mr A. Clarke asked that it be minuted that he and his fellow Councillors also extended their thanks to the Chairman.

Parish Reports:

School: There was no representation from the school, so no report.

Church: As it was Maundy Thursday, the Church representatives were a bit busy. However, the new kitchen and the toilet facilities were now complete and were paid for with legacies and donations from the congregation. The date for the Fete has been set for June 30th 2012 the school children will be performing and it is their main fund raising event for the year.

Village Hall: There were no representatives from the Village Hall Committee so there was no report to be given.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.19pm. To be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

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