

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2016:

Annual Parish Meeting:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 5 Parish Councillors, Mr R. Gilbert, County Councillor, and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mrs L. Gritton, Mrs G. Rossetti, Mrs J Stevens.

Reports from Parish Clubs/Societies/Groups: There were none.

County Councillors Report: Mr Gilbert reported that there is a traffic regulation order going through and we are on it for the double yellow lines in Lower Street. It won't however be carried out until at least the autumn or early winter. The large pothole at Longfields has been filled and DCC are accepting responsibility. It will be properly repaired but it is a big job and a budget needs to be raised on it. The road at Easton has been repaired and this has greatly improved it. There are however other areas in our Parish that need attention, the bottom of Tacket Wood Hill, Sandy Park corner and Collapit. There has been 3 million pounds allocated for pot hole repairs across Devon.

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Open Forum: Mrs Horton raised the issue of the pot hole in Lower Street, she suggested that perhaps a "lip" be put in for the water to channel temporarily further down. She also said that there had been an incident at Auton, where a load of soil washed down onto the road after a heavy rain storm. She said that Mr Horton was there shortly after and it was cleared. The Chairman showed some photos that he had taken when he had been called by the residents at Auton. Mrs Horton said she was aware that he had been there. She said that the resident was now happy that it had been cleared and should it ever happen again if they are notified they will come straight away to clean up. She also said that all the soil from the building site has been taken down to the farm under licence, so that there would be no upheaval or mess for the village. The Chairman said that the Hortons had not been mentioned in the incident at Auton and that he was only involved because he was asked about it.

District Councillors Report: There has been a report carried out that the air quality in Totnes near the roads is not as good as it should be. The air pollution levels are increasing with highways increasing the volumes of traffic. Unfortunately this is not something that SHDC can have any control over. Dartmouth park and ride are proposing not charging for car parking next winter. The planning portal has a new google bar, this is now up and running, albeit a bit slow at the moment but it will improve. Users will have to register with the Council on line, with their name and address prior to use. This is deemed as a more interactive way of communicating with the public, so far 4000 people have registered.

Police Report: Nothing to report.

Declarations of Interest: There were none to declare.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

- a. Abandoned vehicles: This is being taken care of.
- b. Longfields and Townsend Close drains: These have now been sorted.

Parish Verbal Reports: Mr Ladkin said that there were still a couple of new gates to be fitted. Mrs Kitt said that the coffee club was still going strong.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman said how good the village was looking with all the daffodils out. The “abandoned” vehicle in Townsend Close Car Park had been removed. A white van has been reported abandoned in Town Park Car Park. This would be followed up. Further details regarding the pot hole in Longfield was given.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds C/A

Lloyds S/A

Parish Plan Account

We shall need to contact the school regarding their contribution to the new play equipment. The Chairman said he would contact them.

Queens Birthday and the Official Opening of the Play Equipment: We are going to have a tea party in the hall for the celebrations. The clerk has made posters and flyers which Mrs Smith and Mrs Kitt will display and deliver door to door. It will be a non profit making event and all Parishioners will be welcome. On the day the official opening of the play equipment will also take place. It was decided that Mrs Kitt should open it as she is one of the founder fund raisers that helped to raise the money for the new equipment.

Town Park Car Park: The Clerk had been contacted by Mr Clark and Mr Nickels with concerns over the amount of cars in the car park belonging to the resident at Wood Lane. He has as we have been aware of, opened up an access into the car park, this he said at the time was for the benefit of his builders carry materials etc in to his property whilst building works were undergoing. This was due to be finished in April. It was suggested that we reinstate the sign that we had, stating that parking is for residents only. Also that we should somehow mark out parking bays to encourage better parking, so making maximum spaces. We should also write formerly to the resident of Woodlands about his cars and the access he has created. We should also copy in Mr Manisty and his agents Michelmore Hughes.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

A.O.B. By direction of the Chairman: It was mentioned that the copse has had new gates fitted to the entrance and some fencing around it by the new owner, although it is not intended to keep any one out, but to encourage the wildlife and the plants.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 5th May at 7.00pm.

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