

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 3rd April 2014:

Attendance and Apologies as before:

Open Forum: There were no items for discussion.

County Councillors Report: Mr R. Gilbert reported that he was coming to the end of his first year as a County Councillor, he has 13 Parishes and for District Council wards for which he is responsible, although very challenging at times he is thoroughly enjoying it. As flooding has been a major problem this year, especially with the roads and damage to coastal paths, it has been difficult to try and get them repaired and open ready for the holiday season. Financially there are major cuts in the finances, amounting to some £1 million per week. The Annual Music Festival is to held again in Kingsbridge this year, it is always well supported. The state of the roads especially pot holes are another issue, potholes can be directly reported to DCC on their website. It is hoped that with the drier weather approaching that more repairs of a better standard can be made.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that there is to be a Leisure Review, this is just a soft touch survey for other parties to come forward with interesting ideas perhaps. The housing supply within the LDP is fit for purpose for the next 5.1 years. The new pontoon in Kingsbridge was officially opened by the Mayor, over 100 people were there to watch the opening. The recent Government Flood assistance scheme have been adopted by the Council.

Declarations of interest: Mr S. Wright declared an interest on items 9 & 11 of the Agenda.

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2014 were confirmed and signed as were the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2014 following a couple of small corrections, copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

a) Lime Kiln: The Chairman drew a blank regarding the responsibility of repairs, it appears the Planning Authority and DCC are happy for nature to take its course. It was suggested that we approach either the landowner, who does not actually live locally or maybe the farmer renting the land. Mr A. Clarke (parishoner) said he was a member of the South Hams Society and would ask if they could either help or point us in the right direction.

b) Playing Field Fence: This still hasn't been done.

c) Work Party: We will still arrange this, perhaps we could do it once the fence has been done.

d) Beating of the Bounds: No date has been set yet.

e) Parking Signs: Nothing has been done about these yet.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman reported that Mr C. Lee had undertaken the road cleaning in the areas that we had requested, and he has done an excellent job. He is now going to do our half of the road at Tacket Wood Bridge and also Collapit Bridge which is in a terrible mess since the storms. The daffodils around the Village are out and there have been lots of nice comments made about them. We have also been given an oak tree to mark Luscombe Mayes 140th Anniversary. The Chairman suggested it be planted on the area at the top of the Butts on the grass verge, unless anyone had any other ideas. All present were in favour of that site, planting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th April at 2pm for all those wishing to attend. Potholes, this was covered by Mr R. Gilbert in his report.

Homefield Working Groups Report: Before they gave their report the Chairman asked whether or not the Councillors were happy for him to stay in the room and listen to the report or whether they

wished him to leave. All were in favour that he stayed. Mr R. Ladkin then took over and gave the Working Party report. There were still some issues that needed to be resolved before they felt they would be happy to lend their full backing to the scheme. Mr Ladkin said that he was frankly appalled at the failure of the consultation process and the lack of response from Mr & Mrs Horton. Mr Lethbridge said that the plans present were the same ones as shown when the parties last met at Quay House when responses were asked for by the 21st March, these responses had only just been received. They were being collated and there may well be adjustments made to the plans. The working parties recommendation was that we still support the scheme in principle, but would like to see adaptations made to the plans. As such they would not support the plans as shown at present. It was proposed by Mr R. Ladkin and seconded by Mrs S. Jones. Mrs G. Rossetti and Mrs A. Smith agreed, Mrs M. Kitt was against the proposal, the Chairman was a non voter.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mrs M. Kitt reported that there was a small attendance at the Coffee Morning this month, due to illness or other commitments. It was suggested that in order to promote the coffee mornings it would be a good idea to put out flyers and perhaps link in with the Church via the Church magazine and Mrs P. Brooks.

Mrs A. Smith is choosing to step down as the Community Governor due to personal circumstances. Should we advertise for a new Community Governor? The Chairman thanked Alyson for her hard work and enormously appreciated what she had done in this role. It was with regret that the Parish Council accepted her resignation.

Mr R. Ladkin reported that he had attended the Estuary Conservation Forums meeting, he showed the Council a copy of a book written by Maya Plass a local lady who gave a talk that evening. A talk was given about water quality and the need to strip out phosphates and nitrates etc, to help maintain water quality, the worst culprit is apparently dishwasher tablets! A farewell was also given to Commander Gibson on his retirement.

Planning Decisions and Updates: Nothing to report.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds current account	704.28
Lloyds savings account	4881.46
Lloyds parish plan account	499.68

Cheques to be drawn:

Village Hall Committee for hire of the hall for the next 6 meetings (6 months) £60

Parish Furniture with considerations: It was raised that we may wish to purchase some new tables for the Parish as we now rent them out to the public. A lot of the old wooden trestle tables are getting a bit worn now, should we consider replacing them? The Clerk has ordered some catalogues to get an idea of costings. We will raise this again at a future meeting.

Correspondence: We have received a thank you letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the £50 donation we sent to them.

There is to be a meeting for 2 Councillors to attend at Follaton House called "Our Plan" on Friday 2nd May from 10am to 1pm, to engage in a better understanding of the the system. Mr R. Ladkin and Mrs M. Kitt offered to attend. Further emails have been received from Mr J. Stevenson, these will be dealt with accordingly.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: Mrs M. Kitt had a plan of the proposed alteration the school would like for the playing field with regards to a net ball court. It proposed that a site visit with all parties involved should be arranged so that the area can be pegged out to get a better idea of the

scale of things.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 8th May 2014 at 7pm. This will also be the A.G.M.

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