

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2014:

A.G.M.

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert and 8 members of the Parish.

Before the Meeting began the Chairman asked for a Minutes silence for quiet reflection in memory of Mr Jack Rhymes, a well loved and respected member of the community who sadly passed away last month. A letter of condolence that the Chairman sent on behalf of the Parish Council was also read out.

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mrs M. Kitt who has recently been in hospital.

Open Forum: Mrs P. Baker asked why the Minutes for February were not on the website. This will be rectified.

County Councillors Report: At last the potholes in Devon are getting under control, there are just under 1000 left to be repaired. We still need to submit our Traffic Regulation Order, so that we can get our double yellow lines, we can “piggy back” off another Parishes order. Mr Gilbert has said that he has had a very active first year in the role, and he thanked everyone for their support over the past year. He felt that communications have much improved but there is still room for further improvement.

District Councillors Report: The K5 appeal is rumbling along, with the aim for a decisions sometime around the 16th -18th June. The Torbay National Health Chairman had to resign and the chief executive suspended, Mr S. Wright was on the appointments panel, the successful candidate was Sir Richard Abbottswell. Mr S. Wright's roll on the Executive has been changed, losing Finance and Audit but gaining Environmental Health and Housing.

Declarations of Interest: Mrs L. Gritton once again declared an interest on item 9b of the Agenda, the Homefield Development proposal. Mr S. Wright declared an interest on item 13, Planning.

Election of Chairman: The Clerk had emailed all the Councillors prior to the meeting asking for nominations for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman. It was unanimous that Mr S. Wright and Mrs M. Kitt once again retain their positions for the ensuing year. All in favour.

Mr S. Wright in the Chair.

Appointment of Parish Representatives: These will be discussed at a further meeting.

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. All in favour.

Matters Arising:

Homefield site: Nothing further to report.

Parking signs: The signs for outside the Feoffees Cottages and the ones for Lower Street are in hand and will be put up soon.

Playing Field Fence: Nothing further to report at present.

Chairmans Report: The school have had problems with the contractors who cut the grass, this has now hopefully been resolved. The cutting have been put in the corner behind the shed on this one occasion for the initial cut. The Chairman has also been to see Mrs Helen Rhymes following the passing of Jack, she wanted to stress to the Parish Council that one of his most proudest moments was being nominated by the Parish Councillors to go to the Garden Party as the unsung hero of the Parish. We have also received the resignation of Sally Jones, the Chairman wrote and thanked her for her time spent on the Parish Council. We also had the tree planting ceremony to celebrate Luscombe Mayes 140th Anniversary, the tree was planted at the Butts.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin had attended the SHDC Meeting regarding the new "One Plan". He said it was an interesting meeting and he proposes that we have a more detailed insight at a subsequent meeting if everyone present is in favour. When the Clerk receives any further information from SHDC she will forward it on to all the Councillors for their information. We will put it on the agenda for the next meeting when everyone has had chance to read the information.

Financial Report & Accounts for 2013/14: The Clerk had prepared the Annual Accounts and a copy was given to each Parish Councillor present for their approval. Mr M. Norsworthy proposed that they be accepted and sent to the internal auditor which this year will be Mrs Caroline Andrews following the resignation of Mrs N. Fox who has other commitments, seconded by Mrs A. Smith. All in favour.

Planning Applications/Decison: No applications for this period. The Chairman reported that the application for Preston Cottages new entrance have been accepted, despite our arguments against the proposal.

Correspondence: The Rogers family have been in touch with the Chairman offering their field at the Butts for the possibility of affordable housing. The Chairman thought that at this stage it would be inappropriate to get into open dialogue as we have a pre application already in place for the Homefield Development. However, Mr S. Wright has offered to meet the family for an informal chat, and at this stage we do not really know what they are proposing.

A.O.B: There has been one occasion recently of large lorries trying to access Lower Street but couldn't get through because of the cars parking there.

Confirm the date of the next Meeting: The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Thursday 5th June 2014 @ 7pm.

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