

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors, and 1 Parishioner.

At the last meeting Mrs Gill Green expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, she was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council and welcomed by all the Council members.

County Councillors Report: There was no report this evening.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that the PCSO's are to be withdrawn, the PCSO's are invaluable as they are able to spend more time mixing with the public especially in the more rural areas. We should definitely be supporting the keeping of the PCSO's. Dave Gibson our PCSO has going to join the force as a full time policeman in June. Paul O'Dwyer will become our new PCSO and we look forward to welcoming him to our meetings in the future. SHDC has a new look website which is completely different from the old one and should be easier to negotiate. The Chairman handed out some small booklets entitled Be Curious, it confirms that anyone that sees anything suspicious should report it immediately. He has visited the new Sherford Town project which the Princes Trust is having an invaluable input with regards to design etc.

Police Report: There has been one crime in West Alvington within the last two weeks, this was for driving with excess alcohol in body/breath. The Chairman reported that there is a drug problem in the area and a recent dog raid at KCC found some drugs at the school.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared this evening.

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

Matters Arising:

- a) West Alvington Primary School Lease: This has now been signed and their first payment is due.
- b) Dog Poo: A new sign from the locality officer has been put up. It was mentioned that it may be some of the owners of the dogs from the dog training classes, although this has not been proved, Mrs G. Green said she would have a word with them at their next session. It still appears that it could be a parishioner who lets the dogs into the field during the evening.
- c) CCTV of the play area: This has to be a no, due to the implications involved with the filming of children and the law.

Planning Applications and Updates:

The Auton Farm application was approved by the Parish Councillors, all were happy that it was all going to be kept in the character of the existing. This was proposed by Mr R. Ladkin and seconded by Mr G. Johns with all in favour.

Parish Representatives Verbal Updates: Mr R. Ladkin reported that the boggy area at the footpath in the field at Woodhouse has had a new drain installed and it has dried up so there may not be a need for the proposed boardwalk now. Wallace Lane has become rather over grown and dark on the western side, it has been suggested that some of the banking be dug out to encourage light in and some regrowth, Mr Ladkin was going to speak to Mr Peter Guy about this. Mrs Crocker at Estuary View has agreed to trimming of the hedging on the other side of the lane. This could be a restoration job for the future.

Mr R. Ladkin then went on to deliver a report on the Joint Local Plan, he picked out some of the relevant items that could affect our Parish. (a copy is attached to the minutes in the Minute Book)

Mr Ladkin proposed a few points that could be made in response to the Joint Local Plan.

1. We should ask the planning authorities in the Joint Plan to include with support from Neighbourhood Plans to restrict second homes.
2. There are a lot of references to design, but none of the three planning authorities involved have any expertise to review the designs. It was suggested that we ask for the reinstatement of design panels to ensure that we get decent designs. The Chairman said that there is a South West Panel but a local design panel would be very encouraging, a South Hams design panel.
3. It would be good to have a policy that protects AONB areas from being built on. This may require better resources to review planning applications to take into account the sensitive nature of the AONB.

Mrs G. Rossetti said she would be happy to support these views. It was proposed that a draft email be prepared making these points. All councillors present were very happy for Mr R. Ladkin to do this.

Mr M. Adams, parishioner said that local people still needed housing, how many of the residents at the new estate had local ties?

He also asked if there had been a call for any more development land in the Parish. The Chairman said that in West Alvington there hadn't been. This is reviewed every 5 years. Although there is the opportunity for departure sites or community housing trusts. If anybody had any land they wished to donate or sell cheaply we could have the opportunity to start a trust.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman reported that he had repaired the old clock and it was back in its former position. The new motor cost £5.00. The Chairman was thanked for doing the repair. DCC and HATOC have approved the double yellow lines for Lower Street and this will now be implemented.

Annual Parish Meeting: It was suggested that we change the layout of the open forum section of the APM. It was suggested we have separate tables for different organisations that any parishioners present can go to and speak to the relevant person to their query. We will start the meeting at 6.30pm and this will then be followed by the AGM at 7.00pm.

A.O.B. There were no issues for discussions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 2nd May at 6.30pm.

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