

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2015:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 4 Parish Councillors and 1 Parishioner.

Apologies for absence: Mrs L. Gritton, Mrs G. Rossetti, Mr G. Johns, and PCSO Dave Gibson.

Unfortunately the Parish Council were not quorate for this meeting , so decisions were unable to be officially made.

Open Forum: Nothing

County Councillors Report: None.

District Councillors Report: The new 106 agreement Open Space Plocy had been approved and so we await confirmation of the “training” event. A Discretionary Local business Rate relief had been agreed

Dececlarations of Interest: None

Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting: Unable to be done as the Council were not quorate.

Matters Arising:

Playing Field: We are still awaiting a price. Gate post has still not been repaired.

Play Equipment: A gentleman from Sovereign is coming on the 6th October to meet at the school to discuss our requirements. Although Mrs M. Kitt and Mrs A. Smith had a very successful meeting with the school children and Mr P. Medway regarding their wishes for the apparatus. Mr Medway then joined the meeting and went through some pictures of the pieces of equipment they would like to see in place, the main piece would be in the region of £12.000 and the school were more than happy to match the Parish Councils £6.000 in order to make a start on the purchases. However, Mr Medway was also more than happy to spend some time getting another two quotes, if he felt that the Parish Council were in support of the choice of equipment requested. As we were not quorate this evening a formal answer could not be given, however, the Chairman felt that it was a positive move forward and that progress could be made soon. We will discuss this again at next months meeting and hopefully Mr Medway will have some more quotes for the Council to consider.

Planning Applications and Decisions: None

The only thing raised was the ongoing situation at Preston View Farm. The applicants have yet to withdraw their application. So we will wait and see what progresses..

Chairmans Report: The Chairman reported that the footpath from West Alvington to Kingsbidge is to be cut three times a year by DCC, we may therefore only need to undertake one cut privately in late summer, this has yet to be accepted formally.

Village Representatives Verbal Reports: Mrs M. Kitt reported that Fun Day went ahead on the 26th September, weather wise it was perfect. But it was extremely tiring and hard work for the ones that organised it again this year. She went on to say that she was very disappointed in the lack of help and support from the men of the Parish Council especially. She thanked her son in law Mr J Murray and Mr G. Johns for setting up the tables, equipment and bales. But once again it came

down to the ladies, herself, Mrs A. Smith, Mrs J. Johns and a few stalwart members of other village organisations to do the work. Whether these ladies will be prepared to undertake it again another

year was doubtful. Mrs A. Smith wondered whether we had exhausted Fun Day and perhaps should look towards doing something different? Whatever happens in the future, one thing is for sure more organisers are required and more helpers on the day itself. However, all that said it was nice to see lots of children enjoying their selves in the sun and being entertained by the wonderful “Crunchy” the snail racing was a great success, as well as the usual fun and games and this year we had a pottery making stall as well which was a big hit with the “big kids!” So thank you to everyone who helped or came along and supported us. Thank you letters or emails will be sent to all those concerned.

Mr R. Ladkin reported that all the gates had now been fitted in place where the old stiles were. He wanted to speak to Mr D. Horton regarding two footpaths that need to be reinstated across two fields that have been ploughed. There are also some fields between Youngcombe and Woolston that appear to have been ploughed too close to the hedges. His next task is to check the paths around the edge of the Parish. The Chairman thanked Mr Ladkin for his commitment to this project.

Financial report: No official report was given, just a verbal balance of the account statuses.

Future Date: Work Party, Carol Singing: The date for the next Parish Work Party for a clean up and hedge cutting was provisionally booked as Saturday 14th November.

The date for the Carol Singing Evening was booked as Friday 11th December.

Correspondence: Mrs G. Rossetti had expressed her concerns about the speed of the traffic going through the Village and a couple of incidents that had occurred towards the Vicarage Lane end of the Village. Mr R. Ladkin said he would find out about the Community Speed Checker. She had also raised the problem of disabled people and cyclists, prams etc: using the footpath towards the lower end of the footpath to Kingsbridge when it changes into steps, the Clerk had also received a complaint from a disabled buggy user who was unable to go into Kingsbridge unless he used the road for the last section of the journey, which he felt was too dangerous. The Chairman said this had been raised before and felt it was something to do with the gradient of the slope. It was suggested that we ask if just a section of the steps could have a small ramp to one side to enable everyone to be able to use the footpath safely. This will be looked into further.

A.O.B. The Chairman mentioned that the TAP Fund bids were under way and he suggested that perhaps we joined with some other Parishes in the area and buy a portable gritting machine which could be towed behind a van or car and used where necessary. This idea to be considered at a future meeting when all Parish Councillors are present.

There being no further business the meeting closed. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 5th November 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

