

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014:**

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors, and 2 Parishoners.

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mrs L. Gritton & Devon County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert.

Open Forum: It was raised that there has been some confusion over the marking of the footpath at the corner of Longfields. We will look at this and we have some markers if necessary. Also there is a lot of brambles on the raised pavement in the village and these need addressing.

County Councillors Report: Unfortunately Mr Gilbert was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that things were wound down a bit at SHDC during August. The proposal for water skiing at Widegates are causing some fun and games. There are websites where you can vote for or against. The Country Park at Ashburton had to be closed for a deep clean because of an outbreak of a sickness virus. The owners were very obliging and worked closely with Environmental Health and everything was sorted. This week coming will see some of the highest tides of the year, the MET Office contact us daily with updates so we are prepared if there are any problems. SHDC are in the middle of conducting an Emergency Plan with a "role play" exercise involving a flu epidemic. BT Superfast Broadband is to come to Kingsbridge soon. Anyone interested can look on the website [connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk](http://connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk) for further information.

Declarations of interest: The Chairman declared an interest in item 15 Planning Applications/Decisions. There were no other declarations.

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 were confirmed and signed copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting. There was one small amendment requested by Mr. R. Ladkin this was corrected and the Minutes signed.

Chairmans Report: An obstruction was reported in Lower Street. Parking on the double yellow lines is not being administered by any authority at present. We need to report to the police any incidents that need sorting. Mrs Rossetti reported that a car speeding through the Village narrowly missed her son pulling out of Vicarage Lane. We need to ask for a speed check at this end of the Village.

Matters Arising: The fence behind the Village Hall has been replaced and is looking good. The no parking signs are on their way.

Co-option of new Councillor: Mr P. Moore expressed his wish to become a Parish Councillor. He explained that he had lived in the Village for 44 years and raised his family here too. He now feels he has more time to spend on other things so would like to become a member of the Council team. He was proposed by Mrs M. Kitt and seconded by Mrs. A. Smith. All in favour. The Chairman welcomed Mr Moore to the Parish Council and the Clerk provided him with the necessary documentation for him to complete.

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Representatives Verbal Reports: Mrs Kitt reported that the Coffee Mornings resumed again yesterday and they had a record number including a couple who were on holiday in the area.

Mr Ladkin is now our new official P3 Officer. He reported that in general the footpaths are in good accessible condition and are well marked. There was only one small possible hazard, there is a rung missing from the stile at Easton. Mr Ladkin will make contact with Ros Davies from P3, direct for more information.

Playing Field Fence: During the SHDC Annual Inspection the fence in the playing field backing on to the Village Hall (which is the Village Hall Committees responsibility as set out in the lease) was deemed dangerous and we were served notice to take immediate action or be forced to do it. So the Chairman arranged for the work to be done. The fence on the path leading to the school which is the Parish Councils responsibility has also been sorted. We will approach the Village Hall Committee regarding the payment of the work. It has been suggested as before that we meet them halfway with the costs, the Chairman also offered to fund some of it from his community fund. Mrs Horton, Parishoner present, also the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee felt that they should have been consulted prior to the work being undertaken.

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Fun Day: Mrs Kitt reported that the Fun Day plans were well under way for the 20<sup>th</sup>. A final meeting to clarify everything will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ring O'Bells.

Financial Report: Unfortunately, the Clerk had left the report at home. She gave approximate figures but will supply the Councillors by email the correct figures.

Our Plan: There are to be two Our Plan Parish/Town Council workshops on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> October to discuss Growth and Development and Planning Decisions if anyone is interested in attending do please let the clerk know. An invitation had been received from Kingsbridge Town Council for a Member of West Alvington Parish Council to join a joint working group looking at Development areas being brought forward in the "call for sites". The Vice Chairman agreed to join this Group.

#### Planning Applications and Decisions:

- a. Dr & Mrs Fox:- Householder application for single-storey extension to side and rear at 5 Longfields West Alvington. In Favour.
- b. Mr M. Hill:- Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 of 59/0877/10/F at Langworthys Barn, West Alvington In Favour
- c. Mr Baker:- Householder application for extension to dwelling at New Burleigh, Burleigh Lane, South Huish, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3EG In Favour
- d. Mr Rossiter:- Agricultural notification for extension to grain store and workshop at Cholwells Farm, Woolston, Kingsbridge. In Favour

Correspondence: The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had received an email from Mr & Dr Fox from Townsend Road concerned about the volume of water that seems to be running down the road from the Vicarage. Mrs Rossetti reported that there were also problems up at the “well site” when water runs down the main road bringing with it leaves and rubbish, she and her husband had dug down at least 4.5ft to try and clear it, there is also a natural spring in this area which could be contributing to the water in Townsend Road. The Chairman said that someone from Highways would be coming along to see about it, Mrs Rossetti asked whether she could also be involved in communications regarding her problem too. The Chairman will keep her informed.

There have been a couple of complaints regarding the amount of noise coming from the building works at 8 Townsend Road mainly from the people using the property behind which is a holiday home.

There was also a enquiry about the need for a disabled parking space at no. 14 Longfields, the residents have approached Tor Homes, South Hams District Council and Devon County Council as to whom owns the road outside their property. So far a blank has been drawn. The Chairman suggested that they go back to Tor Homes and ask that they assist them further. Unfortunately there is very little that the Parish Council can do.

The Clerk also reported that she had received a phone call and was awaiting a letter from the Information Commissioners Office regarding a complaint made against the Parish Council from Mr J. Stevenson and the apparent ignored request for signed copies of the Minutes. The Clerk explained that she had blocked Mr Stevenson from her email account and subsequently had not received his requests. She has confirmed with the Information Commissioners Office that she will scan the Minutes and forward them to Mr Stevenson and copy in the ICO.

AOB: There were no issues for discussion

Confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37pm. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

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