

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2015:

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

Apologies: Apologies received from Mrs M. Kitt, Mrs L. Gritton, District Councillor Mrs Judy Pearce, County Councillor Mr Rufus Gilbert.

Open Forum: There were no items for discussion.

County Councillors Report: The County Councillor sent his apologies.

District Councillors Report: Licencing Consultation taking place with a deadline 6th November. Planning Obligation Threshold was reversed as a result of a succesful Judicial review, going from 5 properties per development back to 2. A Local Buisness Discretionary Rate relief Discount Policy has been agreed. T18 roll out going well and the web-site portal changes anticipated for the end of September.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations made.

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

Matters Arising:

Playing Field Licence: The solicitors are drawing up the new licence. DCC have agreed to our terms and the increase in the rent.

Parking in Lower Street: There are still some issues with parking and complaints are still being received, things seem to have gotten worse lately. Should we consider putting bollards alongside the pavement where the vans etc are parking to make it safe for pedestrians? DCC are reviewing the double yellow line, they seem to think that Lower Street will be included! Should we look into providing more parking space? It was felt that the no parking cones worked in general, however they do get moved around somewhat!!

Playing Field: The whole situation has been completely chaotic, with little or no communication from the school. Time scales were not met. The gate post was broken when the contractors put in their container. And only last week were things finally cleared from the site and it was considered usable, although the gate post is still broken. However, what was originally agreed upon is not what has been put in the playing field! It was felt that Mrs M. Kitt and Mr S. Wright should together visit the school and have an informal conversation about the matters raised. All present were in favour.

Play Equipment: Mrs M. Kitt, Mrs A. Smith, Mrs J. Stevens and Mrs L. Gritton to approach the school regarding the new play equipment, to speak to the staff and children as to what ideas they have and see what agreements can be reached. We must bear in mind this is not solely school equipment it is Parish equipment.

Planning Applications and Decisions: There were none for this meeting.

It was mentioned that Prospect House seems to have had a large shed/garden building put up. Is there a planning breach here? The Clerk to make some enquiries.

Chairmans Report: The new Localities Officer has been to the Coffee Mornings recently and when we have any requests they are dealt with very quickly. The Chairman has received an email from a

lady who was a refugee during the war and lived at Oldaway Farm, she has asked if the Parish

Council may be able to source people or their relatives that she may have know for a reunion at a later date in the year. This will be followed up.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin reported that he had met up with the Footpath Warden Mr Peter Guy and that all the stiles on footpaths 7 & 8 are to be replaced with new metal gates. It would appear that 2 of the footpaths do not seem to be in the right orientation according to the map, these are at Woolston and Gerston. He will arrange another meeting to discuss the re routing of these paths.

Beating of the Bounds, Mrs J. Stevens reported that the whole event was well attended, the weather was lovely for the walks, the lunch was great and they made some money at the end of the day too. All in all a success.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds c/a 1404.82

Lloyds s/a 6855.03

Parish Plan a/c 499.68

Village Hall: Mrs C. Horton had sent the Parish Council a letter on behalf of the Village Hall Committee regarding the proposals for the 106 agreement money from the Homefield site. A suitable reply was debated.

It was questioned as to who makes the proposals and on what grounds is it decided as to who qualifies for funding for their particular organisation. Who decides that the Village Hall is or is not a community facility.? If the hall cannot qualify as a sports facility is there another way to secure a sum of money for the hall, which after all is part of the community from where the 106 money has been generated.? It was suggested that we ask the Community Liaison Officer to give us some guidance on these matters.

It was also mentioned that the Cricket Club may well be moving to Kingsbridge as part of the K1/K5 developments!! It was proposed that we wait until next week and then invite an officer to give the Council an explanation on how things may develop from there.

A suitable reply was agreed.

Correspondence: The Annual Audit came back from the Audit Commission and there were no items that needed amending. All approved for the last financial year.

A.O.B: Mrs A. Smith said that she had met with Mr Chris Storey from SHDC. She had asked him about more signs to deal with dog fouling. She also asked him how one should approach a member of the public about picking up their dog mess if they are seen allowing their dog to foul. He suggested that it should be reported to himself or the dog warden. A recommendation was made to put a dog bin by the stile. This then raises the question of who will empty the bin and do the Parish Council want to be financially responsible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 1st October 2015 at 7:00pm.

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