

Minutes of the West Alvington Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016:

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

Apologies for absence: Mrs. L. Gritton (due to illness) Mr R. Gilbert - Devon County Councillor, Mrs J. Pearce – Ward Member.

Resignation of Parish Councillor: Mrs Jo Stevens sadly announced her resignation due to work and family commitments, we are all very sorry to see her leave the council but fully understand her reasons and the Chairman wished to thank her for all her hard work during her time as a councillor.

Open Forum: Mr M. Adams said that the potholes that had been marked had not been filled yet. He thought that maybe a parishioner may have marked them rather than a contractor. The Clerk will go online and report them. They are outside the Old School House, Manor House, the bottom end of Woodlane, the school and outside Longbrook Farm House.

District Councillors Report: Mr S. Wright reported that the volume of planning applications were generally on target regarding decision dates etc., There is a small back log on trade waste collections. There is now new in cab technology which flags up when the bins are emptied. It is also suggested that second home owners should be paying a different rate to permanent residents for their waste collections. The phone systems at Follaton House underwent a huge crash, the back up system also failed. Everything is now back up and running again. 50% of Council Tax and Benefit claims are now done on line. Scrutiny Committee have put £543,000 into the funds to boost services in the area.

Police Report: PCSO Dave Gibson report that there were no crimes recorded for this month and there were none for last month for West Alvington. With regard to speeding issues - now that the summer is over he was hopeful that they would have more staff available to conduct speed checks etc – he is aware that this is a local issue, and will update us when he has more information.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared for this meeting.

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

Matters Arising: The hedgecutting at Woodlane is in hand and will be undertaken as soon as is possible.

Planning Applications/ Decisions and Updates:

- a) Householder application for proposed erection of garage and private workshop for Mr & Mrs Fray, The Witterings, Woolston, West Alvington – The Councillors proposed to support the application provided there is adequate screening from the road, at least the height of the existing hedge. All in favour.
- b) Application for an increased footprint to the approved extension. Creek View, Tacketwood, Kingsbridge, - All in favour
- c) Application for the erection of a single storey extension at Newlands, West Alvington, - All in favour

Parish Representatives Updates: Mr Ladkin reported that most of the footpath gates have been done, there are just two remaining stiles to be replaced with new gates.

It has been noted that when the tables that have been hired out are returned they dirty and sticky. We must make sure that when we hire them out we stress that they must be returned clean.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman had nothing to report at this meeting.

Work Party Dates: These are still to be arranged. We will email everyone when we have dates.

Correspondence: Any items received had been forwarded onto the Councillors by email.

A.O.B: The School have asked about the hedges overhanging the path, these are nothing to do with the Parish Council, they belong to the properties adjacent to the path. The fence too needs repairing, it is becoming unstable. The skips are still in Town Park Car Park and need removing. It is not fair on other residents and users of the car park that one householder has so many vehicles and skips in the car park. Mr Manistys agents are to be informed and we will ask them for their help with this situation.

TAP Fund: It was suggested we ask for some money to pay for spraying of weeds on the pavements in the Village next year.

Confirm date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting was closed and the date of the next meeting confirmed as Thursday 5th January 2017 at 7.00pm.

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