

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2014:

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors, 4 Parishoners and Devon County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert.

Apologies for absence: Mrs G. Rossetti

Open Forum:

County Councillors Report: Mr R. Gilbert very kindly offered the sum of £2000 towards the cost of the Playing Field Fence project from County Council Funds. There is a real issue in Kingsbridge with vehicles parking on the pavements, mainly lorries unloading as the designated loading bays are being used by cars. DCC are aware of the problem and plan to start leafleting the vehicles in the first instance. DCC have taken back the on street parking enforcement from SHDC, they are recruiting a further 16 officers, village enforcement is severely lacking. Any body who comes across rather “over zealous” wardens are advised to take a photograph or take their number, the time they were on duty and where and report to DCC. Whereupon more training will be given. £9 million was spent on improving the roads and the pot hole situation in particular is much improved. The coastal paths are much better, even though the geological state of the coastline is delicate. £80.000 was raised in addition to the councils budget for essential works to be carried out following the winter storms. There was a large fire at the South Hams Business Park and to date 6 companies and 20 jobs were affected, along with vast amounts of lost stock. It was noted that when the fire was in progress all the traffic was diverted through West Alvington causing some congestion issues.

District Councillors Report: The issue of the waterskiing in the estuary was “thrown out”. Over 80 members of the public attended the Council Chambers for the meeting which went on for over 2 hours. They are not relaxing the speed limit of the harbour and waterskiing in Stare Hole Bay can continue as it is out of the jurisdiction of the Harbour Authority. Perhaps some self policing scheme could be put in place to reduce the risks. The sea wall along the embankment has collapsed. The work for repair to this section of wall was due to be undertaken in October anyway, it is thought that maybe some site drilling may have enhanced the collapse. Environmental Health take over the site of the fire at South Hams Business Park tomorrow and measures to relocate as many of the businesses as possible in vacant council units will begin. Environmental also took the Globe Inn at Frogmore to court for poor hygiene at their premises and this resulted in a maximum fine of £10.000. The chef has still to be taken to court.

Declarations of interest: There were no declarations made.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2014 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

a. Water at Townsend Close: The engineers are checking this problem out. It may be due to a drain that has collapsed and causing a pressure build up, new pipes may be needed and then blasted to clear any further blockages. As both areas are privately owned negotiations are under way with both parties.

Chairmans Report: A large lorry had a ruptured diesel tank near Langworthys Barn. However, the owners were very efficient and covered the road with soil immediately, the layby which was also full of diesel was covered in shavings to absorb it but that too has now been cleaned up. The pavement from Prospect Cottage to the Butts has been cleared, notice was served upon the residents but it appears that the Council undertook the work, as well as other parts of the road. The hedge in the burial site is to be cut back later in the winter. The hedge on the footpath has been done. We need to arrange a work party day for the annual hedge trimming and village tidy up.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin is to be meeting with Ros Davies about the footpaths and P3.

Mrs L. Gritton has received a quote and plans from Mr P. Medway to show the Parish Council. He is willing to help us apply for grants and funding. The childrens school council have expressed a wish for one piece of equipment which contains the bulk of the equipment first and at a later date add other pieces. It was agreed to have this put on the agenda formally for the next meeting. Laura to try and get Mr Medway to attend the next meeting.

Fun Day Report:

Mrs M. Kitt reported that the Fun Day was once again a success, it was a lovely hot, sunny day and it was nice to see so many children there having fun. The amount raised to date is £537.50 with some more hopefully to come in. The Torbay Owls were a great success and it was nice to see how the handlers allowed interaction with the children. It was unfortunate that we clashed with the Vintage Bus day in Kingsbridge. It was agreed to give Crunchy a donation for his hard work, once again he kept the children entertained all afternoon.

Playing Field Fence Financial Recommendations:

The following recommendation was agreed:

The Parish Council pays £1,000

The Village Hall committee pays £500

District Councillor £1,500

County Councillor £2,000

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:-

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| Lloyds current account | 2688.94 |
| Lloyds savings account | 4782.89 |

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| Lloyds Parish Plan Account | 499.68 |
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Our Plan. Joint workshop with Kingsbridge Town Council: Mrs M. Kitt said she found the event an interesting and enjoyable experience. The only thing that affected us was the land NE of Woodhouse Farm. Mrs Kitt said that she had pointed out that this particular piece of land is actually on a flood plane. It then had limited constraints put on it, but it has now been removed from the plan. There was mention of taking Jewsons, Palladium, Cornwall Farmers etc out of the town and relocating at Belle Hill. There were objections to this due to visual impact. Mr G. Johns felt that the best place for an industrial site would be behind the hospital at Norden. The roads have been widened for the purpose and vehicles could come in via Sorley Cross so avoiding the town. K5 cropped up again with the area being brought down level with Ashleigh Road, below the zebra crossing.

TAP Fund: We need to think about ideas for any projects we may have in mind. The Chairman suggested an information sign displaying the footpath through West Alvington Wood showing points of historical interest. If funds are available some clearing of the path could also be undertaken

Planning Applications/Decisions/Updates: There were none for this meeting.

Correspondence: None.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: Mr P. Moore said he had been asked to report 2 potholes, both fairly shallow at the moment. One opposite the Church and the other at the Ring O'Bells. Pot holes can be reported online at the DCC website, this is quite an efficient service. The date of the Carol Singing Evening was confirmed as Thursday 4th December @ 6pm. The hall was booked for the 5th and 6th. Mrs A. Smith asked if PCSO's have any authority to book cars causing obstructions. We could put signs on the said car causing the obstruction. There were also concerns raised about the speed that parents drive up the slope into the car park, this should be mentioned to the school.

Confirm the date of the next Meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 6th November 2014 at 7.00pm.

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