

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 5 Parish Councillors and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mrs L. Gritton and Mr R. Ladkin.

Open Forum: Mrs Horton asked if an amendment could be made to the Minutes of the last meeting, it stated that Mr Horton had been taped under caution by the SHDC Officers regarding the cutting down of the trees in Tacket Wood Quarry. He was not in fact taped. This will be amended. The road closures of late through the Village, it was felt that there was not enough signage. However, the road is open again this evening.

County Councillors Report: There was none.

District Councillors Report: The new budget has been approved with a 3% increase. The total members have gone from 40 to 31 in number. Grant Thornton the auditors have reported that the audit achieved excellent results. There are 700 outstanding cases at present, there has been a sum of money put in a pot to resolve these cases and there will be two teams working together and in 12 months there should be no outstanding cases. There was an annual awards event in London and SHDC were nominated, and won and are now the best Council in the country!. There has been vulnerability training event whereby loads of organisations meet with a vulnerable person, ex military, person with drug or drink issues etc. There were guest speakers including a widow

Police Report: Mrs Rossetti had contacted the Police again but they had nothing to report to us.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were signed and confirmed, copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The amendment raised in the Open Forum will be made.

### Matters Arising:

- a. Playing Field New Equipment: This is all in place now and it looks really good. Thanks to Mrs Kitt who made the workmen coffee and provided biscuits and "piggy pies". We will have the official opening and combine it with the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday tea party.
- b. West Alvington Hill Hedge: This has now been done. The Chairman thanked Mr Horton for his kind offer of cutting it free of charge, but unfortunately we were duty bound to use a DCC registered contractor. It looks good and is the first time it has been done for two years.
- c. Longfields Drain: This is not leaking at the present time but there is a large pot hole in the road that is only going to get worse. We have contacted Adam Key, but nothing seems to have been done so far. It really needs some attention as soon as possible.
- d. West Alvington Play Space Policy: There is to be a further meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Parish Representatives Reports: There were none.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman reported that he had received thanks from South Milton Parish Council for the cutting at the junction that took place when we had the contractor on hire.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds c/a	£2242.92
Lloyds s/a	£5001.36
Parish Plan a/c	£ 499.68

The second instalment of the Playing Equipment is due soon. We will also need the school to make payment of their share to enable us to complete payment.

Queens Birthday and Official Opening of the Play Equipment: This has been scheduled for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the hall, if the weather is good we can put tables outside. We will also have the official opening of the Play Equipment. We need to decide if we want to have a beacon as well for the celebrations.

Correspondence: There was nothing to discuss.

A.O.B: There was nothing to discuss.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00pm.

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