

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016:

### A.G.M.

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 4 Parishioners, 6 Parish Councillors.

Apologies: Mrs L Gritton, Mr R. Ladkin, Devon County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert, District Councillor Mrs J. Pearce.

County Councillors Report: None

District Councillors Report: None

Declaration of Interests: None

Appointment of Chairman & Vice Chairman: Mrs A. Smith nominated Mr S. Wright for the role of Chairman, this was seconded by Mrs J. Stevens, all in favour. Mr S. Wright was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr S. Wright nominated Mrs M. Kitt as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Mr G. Johns, all in favour. Mrs M. Kitt was duly elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Appointment of representatives on committees and sub committees:

Mr R. Ladkin to continue as the P3 co-ordinator and on the Planning.

Mrs J. Johns to continue as the Village Hall Representative.

Mrs M. Kitt, Mrs J. Johns, Mrs A. Smith and Mrs J. Stevens to be Fun Day Reps. With the help of the rest of the Parish Councillors.

Carol Singing Evening - It was suggested that everyone on the Parish Council work together to make this event happen.

Mrs J. Stevens – Beating of the Bounds

Mrs M. Kitt – Coffee Club

Kingsbridge and Salcombe Estuary Group – No one at present.

Open Forum: Mr T. Reeves was awaiting the arrival of Mrs H. Rhymes as they wished to confront the Council over the spending of the allotted 106 money which will come from the development of the Homefield site. He felt that there had been a total lack of transparency in the process of monies being distributed. Mrs Rhymes arrived and gave a statement in which she expressed her disbelief that the cricket club could benefit from a proposed sum of over £44,000 and that the Village Hall could receive nothing. The Chairman explained that no money had been allocated to anybody at this stage and that anyone wishing to benefit from the 106 Open Space Policy would have to in effect bid for the money, they also have to be part of a policy which will have to be put before the whole parish to approve before any funds are allocated and as yet no policy is in existence. The 106 committee has met previously and intend to have more meetings to put a policy into action, all are welcome to attend these meetings and they are advertised on the parish noticeboards.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and copies there of having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Queens Birthday Afternoon Tea: The afternoon was a great success, the hall looked great, there was lots of lovely cakes etc. Thanks to Jon and Vicky from the Ring O'Bells for the scones, jam and cream, the all the helpers, cake makers and to everyone who came and joined in the event. We held a raffle and the proceeds will be split between the Village Hall and the Play Equipment Fund.

Town Car Park Sign: The sign is now back up. A letter is to be sent to Michelmore Hughes for them to act upon regarding the matter of the hedge being breached into the car park by the resident in Woodlane. The gentleman concerned has also offered the Parish Council 10 tonnes of scalplings for the car park. The white van has been removed.

Representatives Verbal Reports: None

Review of Burial Site Fees: The Clerk reported that no increase has been made since 2012 it was suggested to increase the fee for a grave by a nominal £20. We were lucky enough to have the land gifted to us and we don't run the burial site for profit, but any increase will help towards the upkeep or a new bench etc.

Interactive Parish Board Location: It was agreed to site it on the piece of ground by the sub station, and to then tidy up the path and plant some bulbs, flowers etc.

Annual grass cutting schedule with considerations: The schedule was agreed again with the addition of the area around the Village Hall. The Clerk was authorised to agree any extra cuts if needed. Mr Mundy the current contractor has undertaken extra cuts in the last year for free and done extra cuts when there is a funeral at the site.

Financial Report – Receive the Annual Accounts and appoint the Auditor: The Clerk presented the annual accounts to the Councillors present. They read them and confirmed that they were a true record and were happy to appoint Mrs C. Andrews as the internal auditor again for the year. We will now present them to her and complete the Annual Return as necessary.

Planning Decisions and Updates: There were none.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the DALC in which South West Water is offering one Parish the opportunity to have up to 50 volunteers to undertake a project in a Parish free of charge. We will try and see if we can secure some volunteers to repaint the Village Hall, we would need to supply the paint/stain but we could have free labour. The Clerk will apply and hope that we are successful.

A.O.B. By direction of the Chairman: It was commented that the flowers on the banks by the crossing on the hill are too high and it makes it difficult for drivers to spot children who may be crossing. It was suggested we ask Kingsbridge Town Council to address this. Mrs Rossetti said that the traffic is still speeding through the Village, it was suggest that perhaps a deterrent would be a camera sign if we can not have an actual camera. We will look into how much one would cost. Mrs M. Kitt said that she felt that earlier that day she felt like resigning from the Parish Council as she always seems to be on the receiving end of peoples complaints! However, she was then approached by a parishioner who said he would be interested in organising a fund raising event and giving the money to the play equipment fund. He is in talks with Jon at the Ring O'Bells about a venue, so we will watch this space. There is still water coming out of the road at Longfields, this will hopefully soon be resolved by Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed and the date of the next meeting confirmed as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

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