

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2014:

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

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mrs L. Gritton, Mr M. Norsworthy, and County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert.

Open Forum: It was asked by Mr Clarke one of the Parishoners present if there was to be a tidy up around the Village. He was prepared to organise a proper work party if the Parish Council so wished. Mr Horton had been approached to ask the Parish Council if anything could be done about the lime kiln at Blanks Mill as it is in a bad state of repair. We will need to look into this. The South Hams Society have dealt with repairs to the ones at Charleton.

County Councillors Report: Mr R. Gilbert was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that Council Tax has been set at 1.9%. Business rate support is to be endorsed with all businesses eligible provided they have rates of £50,000 or below will receive a £1000 rebate on their rates. The storm damage at Beesands resulting in another 3m loss of the green last weekend will receive £90,000 to try and save the rest of the area. It is being supported by the Government and some EU Funding. Cllr. John Carter died recently and his funeral service was yesterday it was very well attended and he received a good send off. Interviews for a new Harbour Master are to take place tomorrow and Monday. There is to be a new system for the validation of planning applications. SHDC are to employ two further off street parking officers for the car parks in the area. The pontoon works in the Kingsbridge Estuary are taking place, the money for this was already ringfenced and is self financing and so will not be a burden on the Councils budget. The Chairman spent some time in London recently attending a conference and workshops to talk to ministers. There was a lack of support for the West Country with only two councillors attending.

Declarations of interest: Mr S. Wright declared an interest on item 11. Planning Applications and Decisions.

Minutes of the last Meeting: Mr R. Ladkin asked for a couple of corrections to be made, there was also an addition to the Declarations of interest at the last meeting for Mrs L. Gritton. The corrections will be made and distributed to the Parish Councillors and the Minutes signed at the next meeting all being well.

Matters Arising:

a. Playing Field Proposal: The Chairman wrote a letter to the School and cc. Paul Carpenter about what the Parish Council proposed.

b. Playing Field Fence: We are still chasing on this one.

Chairmans Report: There is to be a Cluster Meeting held on the 10th March the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be attending. The funding has been agreed for the TAP Fund and the money will be spent as agreed. Perhaps some of it can be used to link in with Mr Clark and the proposed Village clean up.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin reported that the Working Party Group will be meeting with the Planners, the Hortons, etc on the 11th March regarding the Homefield Site. He had written to all parties involved as to what the Parish Council had discussed but no yet heard from anyone.

Parking at Lower Street & Longfields: These areas are becoming increasingly difficult for certain vehicles to pass. What measures should the Parish Council take until such times as the double yellow lines are in place at the top end of Lower Street. Legally we cannot enforce anything. Mr Horton said that there had been an occasion recently when an ambulance could not get down to Longfields and a stretcher had to be used to carry the patient to the ambulance. There is a particularly tight area next to Southfield Cottages. We will explore the possibility of putting up some small signs about parking. This was proposed by Mr R Ladkin and seconded by Mrs A Smith, all in favour. Vicarage Lane was also identified as having parking issues. There is also parking still continuing at the junction by the bus stop. It was suggested that in such cases we should take the number plate of the vehicles and report them to our Community Policeman Dave Gibson. We will get his phone number and email and forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors.

Planning Applications/Decisions:

The Chairman went through the plans with the Parish Councillors and explained what he had learnt after meeting with the owners of the property of 8 Townsend Road, whose application the Parish Council had rejected. The plans were somewhat incorrect and the actual impact was not as much as the Council had first thought. The Chairman asked whether the Councillors would like to reconsider their objections, taking on board the owners subsequent alterations to the plans themselves. All the Councillors present were happy to accept the proposal, but would like to see frosted glass up to eye level and the possibility of the removal of any cladding.

Langworthys Barn which the Council were happy to support originally have been withdrawn as the agricultural advisors couldnt justify the application. They will no doubt make amendments and then re-apply.

Kingsbridge Community College Playing Field, the rugby posts have gone as there were stones coming up through the surface. There was also some concern as to whether or not there were enough trees planted there to strengthen the hedge. There are it seems enough but a preservation order has been put on the hedge to protect it.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds current account	856.31
Lloyds savings account	4881.46
Lloyds parish plan account	499.68

Future Parish Events:

Beating of the Bounds: Mrs S. Jones to set a date for this years event.

WW1 Memorial Event: It was decided to consult with other organisations in the Village and perhaps undertake a joint venture. We will discuss further at a later date. Although it was suggested that we plant poppies around the Village.

Fun Day: The date this year will be September 20th, Mrs M. Kitt to organise the first meeting to get things moving.

Carol Singing: The date this year will be Friday 5th December.

Best Kept Garden Competition: It was suggested rather than have a formal competition that we just have a walk around the Village, like we did once before and award prizes to the best garden, pots etc.

Correspondence:

We have received the annual report from the insurance company, there should be a SHDC report to follow this. The report was not good and a lot of the equipment needs renewing or repairing in one

form or another. It was decided that the wooden climbing frame could benefit from a good power washing to remove the green moss making it slippery. Perhaps this could be done during any future work party. There are however safety issues to be aware of with the equipment. The Chairman to speak with Ross Kennerly from SHDC and it will be put on the Matters Arising for the next meeting. There was also another email received from Mr J Stevenson. The Council will discuss and respond in due course.

A.O.B.

Mrs M. Kitt had been asked about the grass in the burial site as it is becoming quite long. As soon as the weather improves a cut will be undertaken. The road leading down to Stockwell is in a bad condition, very muddy and wet where the water has been collecting because the gully appears to be blocked. We will ask Clive Lee to clean the culvert if everyone is in agreement. They were.

Confirm the date of the next Meeting: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.37pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 3rd April 2014 at 7.00pm.

Signed Dated