

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2017:

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: Mr R. Ladkin, County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert and District Councillor Mrs J. Pearce.

County Councillors Report: There was no report.

District Councillors Report: The budget setting has been agreed and will go before full council this week. The proposal is an increase of £5 per household or 1.99%. There is to be an increase in car park charges of 2%, but this is not necessarily across all car parks. Following the announcement of the closure of some of the smaller hospitals in the area, Dartmouth Hospital is to join with Riverview in Dartmouth and it is thought the doctors surgery will also move there, so rather than beds closing they will simply be relocated. Totnes Hospital is to be extended and the A & E hours to be increased. The need for the profile of voluntary carers to be raised is something that requires addressing. This is something that the Chairman is keen to see happen. The Chairman has also resigned as Vice Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership. A project named CLINK has been started at Dartmoor Prison, this aims to find out a bit about the offenders past personal life such as their profession etc. this then forms part of the Community Payback Scheme where they can be linked with their former profession or job. The Phoenix Project which deals with difficult children, they are put with the Fire Brigade for a weeks training at a 'boot camp' style facility where they work together. It has proved successful and a further one will commence next month.

Police Report: There was no report.

Declarations of Interests: Mrs L. Gritton declared a personal interest in item 9. West Alvington Primary School Lease and Licence Update.

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.

Matters Arising:

a. TAP Fund Result - We have been granted a sum of money for jobs to be undertaking in the Village. We have had a report that the footpath could do with a clean up and also one of the drains could do with clearing.

b. Work Party - The date for the work party has been confirmed as Friday 17th February at 9.00am for the hedge cutting and Saturday 18th for the tidy up. All welcome to help.

c. Pot Holes - Many of the potholes have now been repaired, sort of!! Although there has been a report of water running down Townsend Close again. Also Woodhouse Lane has a lot of very deep potholes that need attention.

West Alvington Primary School Lease and Licence Update: This is in the hands of our solicitors, the draft lease is not applicable as we do not lease the building on the land it is sat on.

Planning: There was one application outstanding.

Parish Representatives Reports: The Coffee Mornings continue to be held on Thursdays rather than Wednesdays due to other village hall bookings. Also the Village Hall Committee have

submitted their application for some grant funding for internal improvements in the hall, we await the outcome.

Chairmans Report: The meetings for the Parish Council will now be changed from the first Thursday in the month to the first Tuesday, due to other bookings in the hall. This was proposed by Mrs M. Kitt, seconded by Mrs L. Gritton, with all the other Parish Councillors in favour the motion was therefore formally adopted. We will make the necessary changes to the notice boards and to the web site.

It was also agreed that we continue to give the Church £50 towards the running of the floodlight.

There was also a request that we contact the Church regarding the clock which seems to be running slow at the moment.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds c/a	2968.72
Lloyds s/a	856.66
Lloyds pp a/c	499.98

Cheque to be written for £50 for the floodlight.

Alterations to footpath no.11: Mr R. Ladkin had sent in his report regarding the footpaths in the Parish, these are to be submitted to the P3 officer. Once again Mr Ladkin has done a fantastic job. There has been a request that footpath 11 be officially re-routed. New gates are to be installed once the permission has been given.

Community Enhancement Fund: This is the fund that the Village Hall Committee are hoping to receive some funding from for some proposed internal alterations in the hall, including a kitchen refurbishment, alterations to the toilets to include a shower for any sporting activities that may take place in the playing field, a baby changing unit, new heating, repairs and refurbishment of the hall floor. We look forward to the decision of the committee as to whether or not the village hall is successful in its application.

A.O.B. - Mrs M. Kitt asked whether the houses at The Ridings would have parking spaces, Mr D. Horton said that each house would have 2 spaces with many having a garage too. All the houses are allocated or under offer. The Chairman said that the Parish Councillors could be invited to have a look around the houses when the keys are handed over, but before the tenants move in.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.00pm.

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