

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors and 3 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: Mrs G. Rossetti and County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert.

Open Forum: Mr M. Rossiter Parishioner present asked about the Lime Kilns especially the one at Blanks Mill which is falling into disrepair. He wished to know if anything could be done about restoring them as they are a very important part of the history of the area. It appears that the once tenant farmer of the land where the Blanks Mill kiln is situated is now the owner. It was suggested that we speak to him. This will be followed up for future meetings.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman introduced the meeting to Judy Pearce, who is the Chairmans Council colleague. She reported that not much has happened in Council since the elections. 85 members of staff will be leaving Follaton House and there will be big changes ahead.

Declarations of interest: Mr G. Johns declared a personal interest in Planning as Mr M. Rossiter is an acquaintance as did Mrs J. Stevens. The Chairman declared an interest in Planning at Parish Council level.

Election of Chairman. It was resolved on the proposal of Mr R. Ladkin and seconded by Mrs M. Kitt that Mr S Wright be re-elected as Chairman. All in favour. Mr S. Wright was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice Chairman. It was resolved on the proposal of Mr S. Wright that Mrs M. Kitt be re-elected as Vice Chairman. It was seconded by Mrs. L. Gritton. All in favour. Mrs M. Kitt was duly elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Planning Applications/Decisions/Updates:

Application no.59/0738/15/F

Change of use from agriculture to combined use of agriculture/boat storage Cholwells Farm, West Alvington, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3BH Mr Mark Rossiter the applicant gave a presentation and explained to the Parish Councillors exactly what he wanted to apply for and why. The Parish Councillors had been on a site visit previously and after further discussion proposed by Mrs M. Kitt and seconded by Mrs A. Smith to vote unanimously to support the application for approval. They would like to see the screening on the road side improved if at all possible, this is only a suggestion and not a condition.

Application no.59/0865/15/F

Householder application for erection of wooden garden shed
Longbrook Farm, West Alvington, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3PX

The Councillors discussed the application and on the proposal of Mr R. Ladkin and seconded by Mrs L. Gritton and unanimously agreed by the rest of the Parish Councillors the application was supported.

Decision from Enforcement Officer:

The owners of 8 Townsend Road must comply with the condition of frosted glass in the extension by the 10th of June.

K5 has been approved.

Appointment of Representatives on Committees and Sub- Committees.

The following Councillors were nominated for each of the following committees.

Mr R. Ladkin - Footpaths

Development Working Group (old WAWP) Mr R. Ladkin and Mrs L. Gritton

Beating of the Bounds Mrs J. Stevens.

Carol Singing Evening - Mrs M. Kitt, Mrs A. Smith, Mrs J. Stevens

Fun Day - Mrs M. Kitt, Mrs J. Johns and Mrs A. Smith

Parish Furniture Hire - Mrs M. Kitt and Mrs J. Johns (collecting and returning to be monitored)

Planning Statements - Mr R. Ladkin and Mrs L. Gritton

Noticeboards - Mrs M. Kitt and Mrs A. Smith

Work Party - Mr G. Johns

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday April 9th 2015 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Village Hall Lease: The Chairman has spoken to the Solicitor with regard to this matter and it seems that as the field is not leased to the school and only licensed we can not ask the school to take on any responsibility for the fence at all. The question is what do we do if the Village Hall Committee still refuse to sign the lease? This needs to be raised again at a further meeting with the Village Hall Committee members.

Representatives Verbal Reports:

Mr R. Ladkin reported that works are being carried out at Easton. Two new pedestrian gates have been put in already and Mr D. Horton would like to put a gate across the top of Wallace Lane with a pedestrian gate in it. It has been agreed with the footpaths warden and they are happy providing there are no complaints from the public in which case it would have to be revisited. The Council were also all in favour of a new gate to replace a broken stile and old gate at ???

Mr Horton was also thanked for clearing the top of Wallace Lane of the rubbish that had accumulated there.

The Chairman had met with Paul Carpenter regarding the Playing Field and all looks set to be approved with the conditions that we asked for. They have a start date of the 29th June and it is estimated to take around 3 weeks to complete the works. No contractors will be permitted to park in the Village Hall area. Risk assessments will have to be completed for Health and Safety.

All present were happy with this. The new fence price has come from Timber Jack this is in the region of £800 plus VAT. It was suggested that perhaps the County Councillor may wish to contribute from his locality fund. This will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration and an exact price.

Annual Grass Cutting Schedule: The Chairman gave a copy of the schedule to each of the Councillors. Mr A. Mundy to continue as the contractor. Mrs M. Kitt proposed, Mr G. Johns

seconded, all in favour.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: There is a yellow dumpy bag with some sand which has been left outside on the road in Lower Street. This needs to be removed. It was also raised that the same people own 4 vehicles, there are 2 vans which are parked, usually one on the pavement and the other badly parked in the car park along with 2 cars. The Chairman suggested that he pay the owners a visit. There were also concerns about the speed that the cars travel up to the school. Mrs L. Gritton said she would ask the school to put a piece in the school newsletter about this and the dangers of it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.00pm.

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