

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors and 2 Parishoners.

Apologies for absence: Mrs A. Smith, Mrs L.Gritton and County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert. Mrs Kitt reported that Alysons daughter had given birth to a daughter, it was agreed to send a card to Alyson congratulating her and her family.

Open Forum: At this point Mr J Stevenson asked to address the meeting, whereby he read out his letter of resignation. The Chairman thanked him for his support over the last few years and said he was sorry that he felt he had to leave. Mr J Stevenson then left the meeting after wishing the Council well for the future.

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

District Councillors Report: T18, a decision is to be made to move forward on this matter. The hosting authority will be SHDC. There will be a loss of jobs, although this will not happen immediately. More modern technology will be used to run the council, so using more IT and less paper. Frontline services will remain untouched. The River Maid Ferry has been sold the new owner is a Mr R.Driscoll an ex Royal Marine who is moving to Chillington with his family. He is to keep the ferry running. The Boundary Commission review is still ongoing. SHDC have approved, apart from the names of the new wards. West Alvington is to join with Salcombe, Thurlestone, Malborough and South Milton. We have until Monday to come up with suggestions for a name. It was suggested it be called "Estuary West" Not everyone present is in favour of 2 member wards. Affordable Housing, the Chairman took some of the steering group members to look at four sites in the South Hams, each were very different, they will be meeting again on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr R. Ladkin thanked Mr S. Wright for his excellent organisation on the day.

Declarations of interest: There were no declarations declared.

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday`3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

### Matters Arising:

a. Parking in Lower Street: Mrs M. Kitt said that it had been lovely for a few days, but bigger vans were now parking there again. It was agreed to pursue this further, perhaps involving PCSO Dave Gibson.

b. Work Party Arrangements: The date for the work party is 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.00am

c. Fun Day Fund Update: The total stands so far at £794.51 with the auctioning of the blanket at the Christmas Carol Singing to be included in the total.

d. Carol Singing Evening: This is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Gwen Doyle was asked if she would switch on the Christmas lights on the evening.

### Representatives Verbal Reports:

Mrs M. Kitt reported that the coffee mornings continue to do well, although we could do with some more posters up to advertise it, in order to encourage more people to come along. They are held on

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the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 10.00am and it is FREE!! There were no other reports.

### Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds current account	2421.40
Lloyds savings account	4390.74
Parish Plan account	499.68

TAP Fund Considerations: Kingsbridge Town Council has suggested that 2 public benches be put on the following sites, the bus stop at the bottom of West Alvington Hill and at Coronation Road. There is a need for the vegetation to be cut from the roundabout to West Alvington, we could also use the money for cutting the hedge properly and making it a safer route. Are we happy to pursue this bid with Kingsbridge Town Council? Yes. There is also a proposal from South Milton, Thurlestone and Chuchstowe for an Emergency Work Fund, are we happy to pursue a joint bid with them? Yes.

Payment Considerations: We have in the past given £50 to the Church Tower light are we happy to do so this year? Yes. Fun Day Payments, it was generally thought that on this occasion that the Parish Council should retain the monies for the Play Equipment Fund, however it was suggested that we ask the other clubs etc; if they would be happy for this to be the case this year before going ahead. It was suggested that we donate £50 to the CAB for all the good work that they achieve. It was proposed by Mr M. Norsworthy and seconded by Mrs M. Kitt. A cheque will be forwarded.

Playing Field Fence with financial considerations: The Chairman reported that the Playing Field Fence is in need of repair or replacement the wire is curling up and is becoming dangerous, the responsibility for the cost of repair is actually the Village Hall Committees but should we approach them with the possibility of a joint venture. Mrs G. Doyle seemed agreeable to this. The fence leading up the footpath has rotten posts, this is the Parish Councils responsibility. The Chairman has obtained one estimate of £2,793.00 for the work, but we need to get more quotes before a decision is made.

Annual Asset Review Update: The Chairman furnished everyone with a copy of the assets, however we do have to put a value on for the Playing Field he suggested the sum of £5000 everyone was happy with this sum.

### Planning Applications/ Decisions and Updates:

Correspondence: There is a Super Cluster Meeting on Monday and Mrs M. Kitt and Mr S. Wright to attend.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: Mrs M. Kitt asked whether we would be marking the centenary of the start of WW1? Mr M. Norsworthy informed the Council that the Church Clock is the WW1 Memorial and it is in need of painting, perhaps we would consider a joint venture with the Church? It was suggested that a small service be held, and a get together in the hall or field. It was proposed that we have a multi committee village meeting to discuss some options to be held sometime in January. Mr M. Norsworthy commented that the Church hedge is now 4 times higher than when it was originally planted. He has tried getting some answers form SHDC but no one seems to want to accept responsibility. Mr R. Ladkin asked whether it would be possible to have a joint discussion and some history regarding the traffic monitoring through the village, it was suggested we ask for a speed monitor through the new year period.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The date of the next meeting confirmed as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

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