

Minutes of the West Alvington Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2016:

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 4 Parish Councillors and 3 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: Mr S. Wright, Mrs G. Rossetti, Mrs J. Stevens, Mrs L. Gritton and County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert.

Open Forum: There were no topics for discussion. Mrs Horton did raise that the Parish Council website was not up to date with the Minutes. We will look into this.

Declarations of Interest: There were none.

Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

a. The Gate Post – This has still not been repaired and really does need sorting.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin reported that he had met with Peter Guy from DCC. Footpaths 11 and 12 had been cleared but not 13 yet. Easton looks really good for a good cutting and tidying up. There are no reports on the gates and signs as yet. Longbrook Copse, still no one seems to know who owns it and the caravan is still there, does this constitute a planning breach? Mrs M. Kitt said she would ask the SHDC rep who attends the Coffee Mornings. The road leading to the Linhey the trees need sorting, with some sort of management as they are getting out of hand.

Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan: Mr R. Ladkin attended a meeting about this subject and he reported that the Government is looking at ways of increasing housing supply for the next 20 years. All towns and villages will be affected and will each need to supply some housing. With the South Hams expected to provide a further 5.500 new homes in the 20 year period. Anyone wishing to read the proposals can find more information on the South Hams Council website.

Mr Ladkin asked whether we had a neighbourhood plan for West Alvington, if not, should we be considering one. Kingsbridge Town Council are currently considering a plan, should we perhaps ask whether it would be possible to combine forces with them on a plan, after all they have better resources than us, so it may make sense to join them. Mr Ladkin said he would contact the Mayor and ask if we could be included. A plan involves a lot of hard work. South Milton are currently working on their plan and will be publishing potential sites in the autumn, perhaps it would be worth inviting them along to one of our meetings and asking about the process and how they have approached it. Perhaps we should also consider having an open meeting in the autumn with the village to get them to engage in a neighbourhood plan. Above all we need to have a say in the way the plan will work so that we can have some control over issues such as homes for local people etc. All present were happy for Mr Ladkin to go ahead with his proposals.

Planning Applications for consideration, decisions and updates: There was only one application for consideration and that was the amendment to the application formerly submitted at Preston View Farm. All in favour.

Correspondence: All correspondence had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors. There were no issues raised.

A.O.B by the direction of the Chairman: There were no issues raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.00pm.

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