

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 6th February 2018:

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors, 5 Parishioners and Ms. Jen Brogan.

Apologies for absence: District Councillor Mrs J. Pearce, Devon County Councillor Rufus Gilbert and Parish Councillor Mrs Laura Gritton.

Open Forum: Mr and Mrs N. Adams along with their son Mr D. Adams came to the meeting to introduce themselves and to give a brief explanation as to the reason for their current planning application proposed for Preston View Farm. The Parish Council are to discuss this matter in section 9 of the Agenda. But the Chairman thanked the family for coming to the meeting. Mr M. Adams expressed concerns about the condition of the main road through the village and whether that section would be due for the same treatment as West Alvington Hill. The Chairman said that County Council Gilbert was trying really hard to get it resurfaced for us. We will have to wait and see whether this will in fact take place. The Chairman also took this opportunity to introduce Ms. Jen Brogan who would like to apply for the role of Clerk when Joan leaves.

County Councillors Report: There was none given this evening.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that engagement on the budget proposals had begun. The Governments financial settlement for the year, was looking better than first anticipated, however the Council is still spending more than they earn. There is talk of perhaps doing deals with cafes etc, that are close by public conveniences to see if it would be possible to work with them and to help with the charges incurred in the running of them. Pay on entry toilets was another idea rather than them being free which is the case of many in the area to generate some money for upkeep. The One Plan is currently going through the public consultation process and is with the inspectors at this time.

Police Report: There was nothing given this evening.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared this evening.

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 this evenings meeting. There was one amendment to be made and that was to the apologies for absence which had been omitted. This will be corrected on the official copy.

Planning Applications and Updates: This item was moved from item 9 to item 8. The Parish Council considered the application for "Construction of agricultural workers dwelling with retention of existing temporary mobile home during construction" at Preston View Farm, A381 Oldaway, West Alvington. The Parish Council voted unanimously in support of the application. On a proposal from Mr R. Ladkin and seconded by Mr G. Johns. Councillors considered that the applicants have taken into account comments previously made to ensure the new dwelling sits well within the farm land and the Chairman also commended the family for doing so.

The Parish Council proposes two conditions:

1. That the mentioned temporary mobile home should be removed within three months of the completion date for the new dwelling.
2. That the property is restricted to its intended use as an agricultural worker's dwelling.

Matters Arising:

a. Advertising for a new Clerk: This is no longer necessary as we have received an application.

b. Hedge trimming work party: The Chairman asked Mr D. Adams if he would be available to assist us with this. We have until March 1st to get this done. It was agreed that the work be carried out on Friday 16th February at 9.00am with the work party on Saturday 17th February at 9.00am for a general tidy up of the village.

c. New Noticeboards: The Clerk had sourced some information and prices on lockable noticeboards as was agreed prior to tonight's meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to purchase 2 new boards at a cost of £55 plus VAT each. The proposal was made by Mrs M. Kitt and seconded by Mrs A. Smith, all in favour. These will be ordered and fixed.

Parish Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin has completed his annual footpaths survey and will forward on the finance forms to the Clerk for preparation. He felt that the footpaths were in good condition. Footpath 11 has now been officially rerouted with new gates at either end and the verges improved. The right of way notices at South Huish going towards the sawmills have been fitted. Footpath 13 at South Huish the edge has been laid to grass, but a handwritten notice has appeared which seems to be directing walkers towards the house. This footpath seems to be little used. In the parish we have 17 footpaths, a byway and 4 green lanes.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that the school footpath fence was to say the least tired. He has however met with the school maintenance team and they are prepared to help keep it going with minor repairs until such time as the 106 monies can be drawn down for it to be replaced.

Financial Report and to earmark monies for reserves:

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds Current a/c 4024.41

Lloyds Savings a/c 857.07

Parish Plan a/c 499.98

It was suggested that we have a contingency fund and to keep some money in reserve. Each year we rent the parish tables out and we get in the region of £50 it was suggested that this go in a reserve, £250 for the Playing Field and equipment and a general reserve of £1500.00. The Chairman Mr S. Wright proposed, Mrs M. Kitt seconded with all the Parish Councillors in favour.

Consider the West Alvington Open Space, Sport and Recreation Draft Policy: The Chairman gave all present a draft copy of the proposals. There were a few queries as to why the Cricket Club should become beneficiaries of the money available. The Chairman said that nothing was set in stone and this was only a draft. The Village Hall Committee members would like to see more spent on the hall rather than just the lighting and external works to the outside leading to the field. The building is in need of external maintenance, Mrs A. Smith said that if the outside was to fall down there would be no inside for the school or anyone else to use for sporting activities. But apparently the outside of the building does not qualify for any funding from the 106 and the committee will have to find other means to rectify any problems they have with the building. There is approx. £77,000 in the 106 pot for allocation, it does not have to be used all in one go. Anyone wishing to apply must do so to the Council once applying for quotations for any works required. The Chairman suggested that we put out the policy, once a few amendments have been made for

consultation within the parish. We can then review it and once everyone is happy we can confirm it and start the draw down process of the funds. This was proposed by Mrs G. Rossetti and seconded by Mrs M. Kitt with all the Parish Councillors in favour.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: Mrs Kitt asked if the Chairman knew of any other scheme that we could have information about regarding applying for funding for the Village Hall. He did not at present know of anything. Ms. Jen Brogan accepted the role as the new Clerk and will work alongside Joan until she finishes in April. The Council welcomed her to the team.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm with the date of the next meeting being confirmed as Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Mrs G. Rossetti gave her apologies for the next meeting.

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