

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012:**

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mr A. Clarke, Mr J. Stevenson and Mrs S. Howells.

Open Forum: Mr S. Harrow, Parishioner present addressed the meeting with some plans for an extension he is proposing to put in a planning application for at Wayside, West Alvington. The Councillors present looked at the sketches and listened to Mr Harrows proposal, the Chairman declared an interest at this point. He was thanked for coming to the meeting and for letting the Council see the plans prior to submitting to the planning department.

District Councillors Report: SHDC had recently considered the options available as a result of the Boundary Commission review. They preferred the move from 40 members down to 30 (or there abouts) since this appeared to disstr ibute the Parishes more evenly and satisfy the concerns of the review. A full public consultation will follow.

Attended a “Localism Seminar in London during which time was spent reflecting on how Localism was perceived more nationally. It was agreed many rural communities such as our own in the South Hams had been using Localism for many years.

Mr A. Palmer asked the Chairman if there was any news regarding the use of red diesel for Parish work. The Chairman said we were still awaiting confirmation from the Government regarding this matter.

Declarations of Interest: None of the Councillors present had interests to declare.

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting. (one small amendment was made regarding Mr Clarkes report, prior to the meeting) Mr A. Palmer raised a few concerns, he did not receive his Minutes until the day of the meeting, he was also unhappy that an item mentioned in the Minutes requesting him to contact Mr Horton, in his role of P3 co-ordinator was not brought to his attention sooner, he was not present at the last meeting and this was the first he knew about the request. He also did not know anything about the new Code of Conduct and was not happy about signing something that was due to be adopted at the meeting tonight before he had had time to read it thoroughly. The Chairman said that the Code of Conduct issue would be discussed later in the evening.

Matters Arising:

a: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012: The Parish Councillors present approved the Minutes and they were duly signed.

b. Concerns raised by Parish Councillor: The Cluster Meeting invitations. The Chairman pointed out that the invitations to such meetings are purely meant for the Chairman and the Clerk. Perhaps Mr Stevenson had been under the impression that as he had attended one meeting he would automatically attend future ones. The Chairman felt that all Councillors should be given the opportunity to attend these meetings in turn. All Councillors present agreed that this should be so. It will give everyone chance to meet with other Parishes and see how they do things. He also seemed to have concerns over the LDP and the Master Planning process. This subject had been debated no less than eight times over the period of eighteen months and so was felt this subject had been given more than adequate airing. The Chairman stated that the District Council would not be getting involved until the master planning process is finished regarding K1 & K5.

c: TAP Fund: Devon County Council produce £1 per electorate and SHDC provide 10p per electorate, this money then goes into a central fund which currently stands at £17,000 for the Southern Parish Cluster area. The way it works is for two Parishes to put in bids for sums of money to use for different things. South Milton have a wish to employ a handyman which if we join forces with them we could share for say 10hrs per annum.

Kingsbridge have a wish for money for clear ups which they would again share with us if we join with them as well. The bus service idea seems quite popular; this would not be in competition with Tally Ho! But a complementary service. The aim would be to collect elderly people and take them into town on a Monday morning, they would then go to a care home, i.e. Redford Meadow for coffee and a chat, then shopping and then lunch at the Age Concern Centre and then taken home all for a nominal charge.

It was suggested a sum of £2000 be allocated for a 6 month trial. Mrs A. Smith asked whether the bus would collect from a central point in West Alvington or whether it could be more of a door to door service bearing in mind, several of the elderly residents in the Village live in the Longfields area. As it will be the Coleridge mini bus this shouldn't be a problem. Buckland Tout Saints are hoping for some money to purchase a couple of marquees which will be possible if we all help support their bid, they in turn would be willing to lend these to other parishes if they wished to borrow them.

Chairman's Report: It appears there have been some drainage problems at Vicarage Lane it had been reported to Devon Highways and they will monitor the situation. There was a theft of the police cones at the top of Lower Street. There had been an incident on the crossing at Westville where a student had been hit by a car, thankfully not too serious. The caravan in Townsend Road has had an enforcement notice

issued and will be removed in 28 days. The Kingsbridge Food Bank is now up and running at the Age Concern building on Saturdays between 10am & 12noon. If there is anyone who genuinely needs help they can obtain a certificate of referral from the benefits dept. their local GP or the Kingsbridge Town Clerk.

Representatives Verbal Reports:

School: Mrs A. Smith reported that she had attended the first meeting of the new federation on the 10<sup>th</sup> September when all the Governors met for the first time. The new federation is called Kingsbridge Area Church School Federation that now encompasses West Alvington, West Charleton and Thurlestone with Mr Philip Medway as Executive Head. The full Governing Body consists of 16 people that share a common interest in the well being of all the schools also associate Governors who have no right to a vote. Due to the newness of this Governing Body it was decided that they would be split into three working bodies each responsible for areas and giving feedback to the full Governing Body. The three areas are Community, Teaching & Learning, and Resources. Mr Reg Rew was elected as Chairperson for the full Governing Body. There was a decision to start an immediate process for appointment of Head of Teaching & Learning at West Alvington as Mrs Emma Summerfield is on a temporary contract for the term. The Federation Church Service will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.00am at West Alvington which will have all schools present and the Governors. The next scheduled Full Governing Body meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Thurlestone.

Steering Group: Mr A. Palmer and Ms. A. Quinton reported that two meetings have been proposed by the Mr G. Swiss regarding the K1 & K5 developments. The first to bring the Steering Group Members and SHDC back to discuss the process of the public consultation. It is expected that a number of questions will be raised regarding the process and the way it was handled. He felt that Pegasus has been misleading the Steering Group and that draft drawings would be shown to the Steering Group for their input before being shown at the next set of public meetings. As this did not happen it was felt by the public that the Steering Group were all in agreement to the plans as they were shown. He personally was not in favour of this. He had worked out some figures taken from the Local Development Plan and from these figures it was deemed there would be no justification for the extension of K5 as stated by Pegasus. He requested that his letter was circulated to the steering group for comments before the next meeting was called.

Graham Swiss replied with a comment. The master plan need to take the DPD proposal as their starting point. Then spoilt it with, the optimum number of houses needs to be informed by the characteristics of the site rather than implied density calculations. He replied in detail to this and awaits a response. He was also concerned that he was being left out of the loop as e mails were failing to get as far as him.

Mr Horton asked how the playing field would be accessed; Mr Palmer said it would be via the foot access already there, Mr Horton felt that this was unlikely to be a safe access as the zebra crossing would be non-existent once development takes place.

P3: Mr A. Palmer reported that he had received an invitation to attend a P3 co-ordinators workshop later in the month. At a recent meeting it was mentioned that a wall in the lane that leads to the footpath behind the Ring O'Bells seemed to be bowing since then Mr Palmer has approached the owner of the wall Mr Doyle and he has said that he will arrange to have it “pushed back”. Mr Palmer told Mr Doyle that when the Parish has a tidy up that we will cut back the trees on top of it for him. Mr Palmer also asked Mr Horton if he had heard anything about his bridge for the public footpath that runs across his field, he said that to date he had not. Mr Palmer also reported that pre April he had had a meeting with Ros Davies regarding the gates that were to be supplied for some future work. He was supposed to have a 15' & a 12' gate and posts. To date he has received a 12' gate but no posts! Mr Palmer said he would chase this up with either Mr McFadden or Ros Davies.

Affordable Housing: Mrs S. Howells was not present but had sent an email report. Following the site visit on the 11th September, at which the planning department, Highways and Landscape departments were present, The Chairman of this steering group e-mailed a synopsis of the meeting to the planning officer for their approval and await their reply before any further actions are taken.

Code of Conduct: The Chairman stated that we need to approve the new Code of Conduct, the old one ran out at the end of June. South Hams District Council have approved theirs and we need to do the same. Little has changed apart from the wording which states pecuniary interests rather than financial interests. It is important that we formally adopt it or we will not have any support should any problems arise. A few questions were raised regarding the need to declare partners interests and the Chairman read an email from Mrs S. Howells outlining her concerns that she raised at the last meeting. It was agreed by the Councillors present to adopt the Code of Conduct. 4 were in favour and there was 1 abstention. The new Code of Conduct was then formally adopted, each Councillor will now have 28 days to sign their forms and return them.

Parish Fun Day report: In Mr Stevenson’s absence Mrs Kitt reported that the Fun Day was once again a success, and the weather was for the fourth year in a row absolutely superb. Everyone there seemed to enjoy themselves and although the money raised doesn't look to be as much as last year, but there wasn't the same amount of people as last year and everyone is financially feeling a difference. That said the aim of the day is not to make a profit merely for everyone, especially the children to have fun! A final update will be given at the next meeting. Mrs Kitt did have one comment to make, she felt that the ladies doing the teas are rather cut off in the Village Hall and perhaps it would be nice to set up tables and chairs and the tea making facilities outside next year, weather permitting of course. The Chairman asked the Clerk to extend our thanks to all the Committee members, the volunteers and everyone who helped in anyway. There is a new family who have recently moved into the Village and the lady is keen on starting a dance club for children. It

was suggested that perhaps Mrs Smith could ask her if she would be interested in putting in a bid for some of the Fun Day money to get this project off the ground. Mrs Kitt would like to put in a bid for the play equipment fund. It was also suggested that Mrs Smith approach the school and see if they would like anything.

Financial Report:

The Clerk reported the following balances:-

Lloyds TSB current account	2633.03
Lloyds TSB savings account	982.75
Lloyds TSB parish plan account	1300.39
Cheques to be drawn:	
Village Hall	10.00
Rates for Town Park Car Park	84.00

Planning Applications, Decisions & Update: There were no applications or decisions this meeting.

Correspondence: The Chairman said that he had written to Mrs Dainty following David Dainty's passing. He also had Mr J. Rhymes lovely letter of thanks with him if anyone wished to read it. Mrs M. Kitt asked if any thing had been done regarding the letter received at the last meeting about the Parish Councillor using the footpath with his boat and was it being taken seriously as it was a complaint made by a member of the Parish? The Chairman said it had hopefully been sorted now.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: Mr M. Norsworthy asked whether a letter could be written to the Community College regarding the amount of litter being dumped on the footpath by the students who congregate there at break times to smoke since smoking has been banned from the school premises. Also he commented that the hedge on the left hand side was very overgrown and required some attention. Mrs M. Kitt asked if anything had been done about the car that comes out from Wayside since the last meeting. She also wanted to clarify that that the last meeting Mr M. Adams said that a piece of wall along that lane had been taken down some 30 years ago in fact it has been 9 years. Mrs A. Smith said about the grass dumped in the drain opposite no.3 lower Street had been cleared. Perhaps we should put a sign up asking them not to do it. Also no. 1 Southfields have removed soil from their property and put it in the gulley at the entrance to Longfields and filled it up so there is nowhere for rain water to escape.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

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