

West Alvington Parish Council Meeting & AGM 9th May 2019

This meeting continued on from the Annual Parish Meeting.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. Gill Green

Election of Chairman: District Councillor Judy Pearce took the Chair. She asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr. Tony Head wished to propose that Cllr. Gilly Rossetti continue in the position of Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Graham Johns. There were no other nominations.

Cllr. Gilly Rossetti in the Chair.

Election of Vice Chairman: Nominations were sought for the position of Vice Chairman. There were no nominations so it was agreed to postpone this position until the next meeting.

The Councillors were then asked to sign the Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

The Clerk then asked that before the end of the meeting that the Councillors sign the Code of Conduct to be adopted by the Council, copies of which had been sent to all the Councillors in March. Cllr. Didi Alayli and Cllr. Liz Chin were not happy to do so. Cllr. Alayli felt that there were items in there that she was not happy to sign, although she didn't say what, and felt that a code of conduct consisting of the Nolan principles was adequate enough. She was asked to let the Chairman or the Clerk know what she felt was wrong with the proposed code of conduct. Perhaps a closed meeting for Councillors to talk this through should be held. The Register of Interests for Councillors has to be signed 28 days from this evenings meeting, this too must contain the date of the adoption of the code of conduct. Cllr. Gilly Rossetti will call the SHDC legal dept tomorrow to see where we stand.

Appointment of Representatives:

Police Liaison Rep. ~

School Rep. ~ Cllr. Liz Chin

Footpaths ~ Cllrs. Tony Head & Geoffrey Rossetti

WATAG ~ Cllr. Didi Alayli (in the event that Andrew Pascoe or Peter Everitt can not attend.

Neighbourhood Plan ~ Cllrs. Rossetti, Walster and Alayli.

We will also need members to assist with planning applications and the gathering of quotes etc; for the 106 funds.

The 106 money as has been discussed many times is allocated to Open Space and Recreation only, a small amount can be allocated for work in the village hall. District Councillor Judy Pearce reported that she had today seen the lawyer about possible amendments to the allocation. We will have to pursue it to see if we can perhaps try and get a bit more out of the funds for extras in the hall.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman had nothing further to add to her report from the APM.

County Councillors Report : Cllr. Rufus Gilbert had sent his apologies for this meeting.

District Councillors Report: Cllr. Judy Pearce gave a brief summary of what was happening at SHDC since the elections. Several councillors had lost their seats but had been replaced with new ones. Our new District Councillor Mark Long was present at this evenings meeting and welcomed. The new FCC Environment waste, recycling and cleaning contractors took effect from April 2019 as from 2020 there should be better recycling taking place from the kerbside including glass collection. It is hoped using the new contractors that £5million will be saved over the next 8 years. For the second year running the council will receive no government grant funding and will have to be self financing.

Police Report: There was 1 assault in the village in the last month. However there are increasing concerns over the increase in marine crime.

Chairmans Update: The quotes for the fencing of the play area are being updated to apply for the 106 grant money. We need to obtain two more quotes before we can submit them. We will also need a parish pc and a projector for showing planning applications etc. Cllr. Wright gave us £180 from his fund before he left as a councillor. District Councillor Mark Long said he would look into funding for these essential items.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Didi Alayli said that she had recently become the Chairman of The South Hams Society. Mr D. Horton asked how this would affect her ability to give opinions on planning applications in the parish. There would surely be a conflict of interests.

Village Defibrillator: Cllr. Alayli reported that The British Heart Foundation funding was still on hold as they are awaiting the current years allocation. Lesa Garside, Head of the school said that the children were planning to do a sponsored walk and a cake sale to raise some money towards a defibrillator. In late June or July the year 6 children are going to hold a cream tea afternoon, more information to follow.

West Alvington Roads, Traffic & Footpaths: There was no update to be given from WATAG. The issue of a crossing patrol person was raised, it was suggested that we ask the school how many children actually walk to school and cross the main road. Gully cleaning update, we need to go back to Adam Keay for a progress report.

Joint Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. J. Walster gave a report from the steering group that he attends. Further information can be found on the website. There was nothing that affected West Alvington regarding housing.

Planning: 1159/19/FUL conversion of stables at Auton Court to single dwellinghouse for Mrs R. Holdsworth. The Council were in favour of supporting this application. This was proposed by Cllr. G. Johns and seconded by Cllr. D. Alayli. There were no updates to report.

Approve Minutes of the last two meetings. The minutes of the March and April meetings were approved and signed. The March minutes having been amended at the request of Cllr. Didi Alayli who wished two paragraphs to be added. This was done as requested and the minutes were signed.

Financial Report: The Clerk gave the following balances
Lloyds C/A - 8934.22
Lloyds S/A - 857.65
Parish Plan Account – 1179.29

Items for the next/future meetings: To follow up on the feasibility study for the cycle path/walking route. To talk about Natural Devon Community Champions and Wildlife Wardens.

Open Forum: It was asked whether the footpath from West Alvington to Kingsbridge could be checked there are a few branches need some attention. Cllr. John Walster said he would be willing to sort out the offending branches.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 6th June 2019 at 7.00pm.

Signed Dated.....

