

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th June 2019:

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 8 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Rufus Gilbert, District Councillor Mark Long, Ms. L.Garside and 3 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: None receive

County Councillors Report: Cllr. Gilbert said that he thought the children's traffic signs through the village were great and hopefully with the new declassification of the road this may make even more of a difference. The road to Plymouth by Edmonston Farm is due to be completely renovated this will mean that cars will be rerouted the only traffic that will be allowed through will be public transport. He handed out some new Trading Standards leaflets. The subject of VAS signs was raised again, unfortunately because the SCARF showed no issues in the village it is difficult to obtain a VAS sign. We may be able to apply for another SCARF next year.

District Councillors Report: Cllr. Long reported that last month had been one of settling in and everything being established. He is on the Development Management Committee. The new admin system is running very differently from the old one at SHDC. There is a new scheme to make money available for adaptation of elderly people's homes to enable them to remain in their own homes rather than have to move into care homes. We still need to obtain funding for a new PC and projector screen to use at meetings, Cllr Long said he would try and find out about some funding sources for us.

Police Report: None received.

Chairman's Update: Cllr. Rossetti gave a brief report on the 106 meeting with Alexis Huggins, we will have to wait for further updates. There is a Natural Devon Conference in Chagford in July if anyone is interested in attending. Ms. Garside reported that the school are creating a sensory garden in the school. There is also the opportunity to appoint a Wildlife/Community Champion. Cllr. Chin is interested in the Churchyard and allowing parts of it to remain uncut to encourage the wildlife.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Alayli declared an interest on the 2nd planning application on this evening's agenda. 1655/19/OPA

Village Defibrillator: Cllr. Alayli reported that the BHF funding scheme was reopen and that we are eligible to apply for funding. We will follow this up. The school have raised a £100 towards the cost of the defibrillator, for which we are very grateful. They would also like to put some plant pots outside the hall for the children to plant up.

West Alvington Roads, Traffic, Footpaths:

a) WATAG Update: There was no one from the group present this evening.

b) Crossing Patrol: Nothing further to be discussed on this matter.

c) Gully Clearing: We are still on the list for gully clearing.

Joint Neighbourhood Plan:

Reports from Steering Group Meeting: Cllr. J. Walster reported that the group had met on 3rd June. The Chairman and other members had been to SHDC to determine the validity of the existing housing survey for Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow. They determined that the existing survey was valid and showed that the requirement was: Kingsbridge 112 units between 1 & 4 bedrooms. West Alvington 2 units of 1 bedroom and 0 units for Churchstow. There were no housing sites designated for West Alvington. The next scheduled meeting is on the 9th July starting at 1pm and finishing at 9pm. There will be two groups combining common grounds. Group 1 – Built Environment, Housing, Economy and Employment. Group 2

– Natural Environment, Transport, Parking, Health, Wellbeing and Leisure.

b) Report from Focus Group Reps: Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti reported that there was nothing in the housing group that concerned West Alvington.

Planning:

1589/19/HHO Ancillary accommodation for Mr & Mrs G Johns, The Old Coach House, Gerston
This application was proposed by Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti and Seconded by Cllr. L. Chin, with all in favour.
(As this was Cllr. G. Johns and Mrs J. Johns application, Cllr. Johns made no comment)

1655/19/OPA Application for Outline Planning Permission for Mr D. Horton, Gerston Gate Barn.
Mr D. Horton the applicant, gave a brief summary of the intention of the application. The Councillors asked a few questions about the application but resolved that the initial application for outline planning was acceptable. This was proposed by Cllr. G. Green and seconded by Cllr. G. Johns with all in favour.
Cllr. D. Alayli abstained from the discussion and voting.

Approve the minutes of the last meeting: The minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting were signed and confirmed. Proposed by Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti and seconded by Cllr. G. Johns, with all in favour.
Regarding the minutes of the AGM, Cllr. Alayli felt that there were inaccuracies that needed amending concerning the subject of her Chairmanship of the South Hams Society and any planning issues that may be raised in the future. The other Councillors felt that the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting, Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti proposed they be signed this was seconded by Cllr. G. Johns with the other Councillors in favour. At this point Cllr. Alayli advised she would put in an official complaint. Cllr Alayli also implied that the Council had not been functioning properly for years. The other Councillors felt this comment was insulting to the work that had been achieved over the years by both Councillors past and present and the Clerk.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed off but that Cllr. Alayli’s concerns be noted. Cllr. Alayli clarified that in her position as Chair of the South Hams Society, she would withdraw from any discussions within the Parish Council regarding any planning matters that could be seen as having a conflict of interest.

Finance:

The Clerk reported the following balances:-
Lloyds Holding (Treasurers) Account 14th May £8,799.82
Lloyds Business Instant Account 9th May £857.69
Parish Plan (Contingency) Account 9th May £1,179.29
No cheques were drawn this evening.

PC Computer/Laptop: We are still in need of funding for the purchase of a new laptop/pc, projector and screen for council use. We had a sum of £180 from Cllr. Wright’s fund, Cllr. Mark Long said he would investigate some further funding.

Open Forum: Nothing was raised.

To confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 4th July 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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