

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2017.

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 5 Parish Councillors, and 3 Parishioners.

Apologies for absence: Mr Robin Ladkin, Mrs L. Gritton, District Councillor Mrs J. Pearce.

Open Forum: Nothing raised.

County Councillors Report: Councillor Gilbert was not at tonight's meeting.

District Councillors Report: Mr S. Wright reported that August is a very quiet month at Follaton House and no major decisions are made. The only subject that is under consultation is the One Council proposal. There are 18 events to be held throughout the district our closest one will be in Kingsbridge.

Police Report: There was none given this meeting.

Declarations: There were none declared at this meeting.

Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes were confirmed and signed, copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to this evening's meeting.

Matters Arising:

a. Village Hall Update: We had a visit from the Fire Officer and we have had 3 new fire extinguishers installed. The one that was let off during a hiring of the hall was confirmed to have been let off on purpose and that it would not be possible for it to go off just by falling off the wall to the floor at a height of approx. 6 inches. The Village Hall is due to be closed from October half term for a period of approx. 4 weeks to allow for the refurbishment of the kitchen, toilets, flooring in the main hall and new heaters to be installed. The school will have to be notified and alternative arrangements will be needed for the school dinners and any events they may have scheduled for that time. It is regrettable but the hall facilities will be greatly improved.

b. Double Yellow Lines: These are to go ahead as proposed.

c. The Phone Box Update: Mr Andrew Clarke had asked the Chairman what was happening as regards the phone box removal. He had become aware of the social media debates and heated exchanges taking place and was considering whether to allow it to remain on his land. He has not yet come back to the Council so it may be that he has reconsidered this.

Planning Applications and Updates:

The planning application on the table before the Councillors was for:

Application for conversion of traditional building yard building (B8 use) to residential dwelling (C3 use) at Langworthy Barn, West Alvington for Mr & Mrs M. Hill.

The Council discussed the application and decided that whilst they were happy with the design of the building they would like to see the zinc roof changed to a traditional slate roof. They were also happy with the proposed change of use but would like to have any development rights for the future withdrawn. The proposer was Mrs M. Kitt and Mrs G. Rossetti seconded the proposal with all the other councillors present in favour. The Clerk will submit this to the planning officer in charge of the application.

There was a second application which the councillors have yet to see individually and this will be discussed at our next meeting.

Parish Representatives Verbal Reports: The Coffee Mornings are continuing as normal. There were no other reports.

Chairmans Report: The Chairman had nothing to report. There is a bit of a dispute over parking in the disabled bay and outside in the Village Hall Car Park, Chris Storey the Locality Officer has been informed and it is believed he has attended the area. However, the parking in the disabled bay seems to be an ongoing saga.

Agree the date of the Carol Singing: The date of the Carol Singing was set as 8th December providing there is nothing else booked for that evening. It was proposed that rather than have the usual sit down meal which involves a lot of work that we go for pasties, mince pies and mulled wine etc; have Father Christmas so that we can still involve the children and just have a nice social evening without too much hard work for a few people. It was suggested that we have a raffle and that all costs could be met from the Parish Plan Account roughly to the cost of £150. This was proposed by Mr G. Johns and seconded by Mrs A. Smith with all in favour.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman. It was suggested that as the Clerk is leaving next year that this would be a good opportunity to advertise for a replacement, this way the new Clerk could shadow Joan and how we run the Parish Council affairs. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Ladkin and Mrs J. Johns would be on the interviewing panel for any applications received.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.33pm and the date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 7.00pm.

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