

Minutes of the West Alvington Parish Council January 3rd 2019:

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall, there was an attendance of 4 Parish Councillors 7 Parishioners, County Councillor Mr Rufus Gilbert, District Councillors Mr Simon Wright and Mrs Judy Pearce.

The Meeting began with the news that the Chairman Mrs M. Kitt had stood down from the position as she has been extremely poorly. Cllr. Wright in his role as District Councillor took the chair to ask for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr. Tony Head nominated Cllr. Gilly Rossetti who had been standing in for Cllr. Kitt to become the new Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti.

Cllr. Rossetti took the Chair.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. G Johns was delayed but hoped to make the meeting later.

Open Forum: Mrs Carol Horton addressed the council. She said that as we were aware they had a planning application in progress and she had noted the comments lodged by the Parish Council and others. She felt that the access to Homefield as shown on the plans would be altered so improving the visibility to the residents already there. She felt that any comments made should not be personal comments but from the Parish Council as a whole and that they should make sure they get their facts right and do more research before commenting on such applications. The Chairman thanked Mrs Horton for her comments.

County Councillors Report: Cllr. Gilbert gave the results of the SCARF report. Mr P. Everitt asked if he could be given access to the data so that he can conclude his report. Cllr. Gilbert said he would try and get the detailed figures from Adam Keay. Cllr. Alayli reported that there had been two RTA's in a week, but this was after the data had been collected. Mr Everitt asked if there was anything preventing the group looking at other ways to calm the traffic. Cllr. Gilbert was still happy to support the Traffic Action Group. We will continue to move forward with the help of the Traffic Action Group, Cllr. Gilbert and the offer of £300 of financial help from Cllr. Wright to help towards some actions. This money will be accessible via the Parish Council.

District Councillors Reports: Cllr. Wright reported that there was a proposal for a commercial development of a hotel on land at Ropewalk as was reported in last weeks Gazette. More to be announced later. The Business Rates consultation period finished on 15th January. There is more information on the SHDC website.

Cllr. Pearce reported that West Alvington now officially has a 5 year land supply, which is good for our parish and for the AONB.

Chairmans Report: Cllr. Gilly Rossetti began by paying tribute to Cllr. Margaret Kitt. She said that she was a very important part of not only the Parish Council but the Community as a whole. She was born, grew up and has lived in the village, in fact the same house her entire life and is very much a part of village life. The Parish Council will send her some flowers and wish her all best for a speedy recovery.

The Christmas Carol Evening was cancelled mainly because Cllr. Kitt was so very poorly and it just didn't seem right to continue with the event. However, the Christmas Tree was still put up at the Village Hall and the main street through the village looked wonderful with householders putting up displays of lights on their houses and in the telephone box.

We have at present 7 Parish Councillors, for the size of our parish we should have at least 5 and a maximum of 9. In May all Parish Councillors will have to resign and if they wish stand for re-election. There is also a vacancy for a Community Reporter/ Village Voice to write any relevant

information, stories etc, for the Gazette. If anyone is interested please do come forward.

Police Report: There was nothing to report at this meeting.

Declarations of Interest: There were none declared.

Minutes of the last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting and the extra meeting held on 15th November were confirmed and signed. Copies thereof being given to councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Geoffrey Rossetti and seconded Cllr. Graham Johns.

Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Planning Update: Cllr. Rossetti reported that the questionnaires for the NHP had been slightly delayed, but once they arrive the working party will deliver to all the residents in West Alvington Parish. Mr John Walster has kindly come forward to support Cllr. Rossetti as a member of the NHP. All the Parish Councillors present were in favour and thanked Mr Walster for his help.

Precept: The Annual Precept came up for discussion. However, it was felt by Cllr. Alayli that more time was needed to go through the figures properly before setting the precept. So another meeting will be arranged to discuss that before the due date of the precept.

Planning Applications and Updates: There were none for this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm. The date of the next scheduled meeting being confirmed as Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7.00pm.

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