

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2015:

The Council met in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 7 Parish Councillors, and 4 Parishioners and County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert.

Apologies: Councillor Judy Pearce.

Open Forum: Mr M. Adams commented about the large potholes outside Townsend Car Park and one at Longabrook. Councillor Gilbert advised that these should be reported if they are a minimum of 12" wide and 1" deep. Unless they are reported they will not be repaired. Mr D. Horton commented on the state of the hedge going out towards the Butts, it belongs to a private dwelling and really does need cutting back. The Chairman advised that the owner could be contacted and asked to cut it back, if they do not do so then Devon County could undertake the work and bill the owner accordingly.

County Councillors Report: Councillor Gilbert reported that a mutual trust would be taking over the libraries, which meant that all libraries would now be able to run themselves. Better opening hours, stock the books they choose etc. Police Stations to close in the Devon and Cornwall area in the region of 34. Some are already closed to the public, it has been suggested that all emergency services could share buildings to cut costs. The Chairman asked whether Mr Gilbert knew anything about some traffic signs that had been put up at Langworthys Barn as we had not heard anything, he suggested we contact Adam Key.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman reported that the 106 play space policy was passed and a training event was held yesterday. In Salcombe at Batson it is proposed to erect 8 employment units. Whitestrand deck on the old slipway is to be taken down and a wall put up with glass to enhance the view. He has now become Vice Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership, who aim to reduce crime in the community, there has been a big increase in the number of dog bites, and every bite now has to be reported. 14% of police time is taken up looking for missing persons. Legal highs are becoming a problem the effect it has on people is increasing the violence reported. Legal highs can increase in some people their strength up to 5 times that of normal. The Our Plan has been resurrected

Declarations of Interest: There were none.

Matters Arising:

a. Playing Field Update: The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with the headteacher Mr P. Medway but there has been no further contact to discuss the playing field.

b. Gate Post: This remains unsolved.

Parish Representatives Reports: Mr R. Ladkin is to attend a P3 Training Day on the 24th November. Mrs M. Kitt reported that the coffee mornings continue to be well attended.

Mrs G. Rossetti and Mrs M. Kitt attended a 106 Training Day whereby a lot of information was gathered and can be used for applying and getting the best use of 106 money.

Sub committees can be formed and a representative from each group wishing to apply for any 106 money can become a member. We will need to have a policy and any claims will need to be evidence based and supported by the rest of the parish. We will need to come up with a list of people who may be interested, possibly in January.

Chairmans Report: The grass cutting will be carried out in the autumn as Devon County Council agreed. There is a visibility problem at the South Milton turning with the trees that were planted there. Devon Highways say that there is no issue at all. On Saturday week a contractor will

undertake the hedgecutting for us perhaps we could carry it onto the South Milton turn and ask them to aid with the cost. Mr R.Ladkin proposed, Mr G. Johns seconded, all in favour.
There have been 9382 hits on the website between the 1st May and 1st November 2015

Planning Applications and Updates: There is still no news of the application for Mr & Mrs Carson at Collapit.

Play Equipment recommendation: The proposal was discussed and a decision in principle was agreed tonight. It was proposed by Mrs A. Smith and seconded by Mrs J. Stevens with the rest of the council in favour. The design and the supplier and the cost are all agreed “in principle” this will enable us to push things on once all the details are confirmed.

Parish Snow Warden Update: It is that time of year again when we think about the weather and the appointment of snow wardens. We still have a lot of salt left from a few years ago. It was suggested that we ask Jon Bell from the Ring O'Bells if he could help with the pub car park, the lower end of Town Park road, and the footpath. Town Park Car Park, Paul Adams, we will need to check with Paul. Townsend Close perhaps Andrew Hedges and Phil Mingo, Mr R. Ladkin Lower Street Pound area, Village Hall Car Park, Clive Lee, Easton - The Bentleys? Tacket wood Hill – David Horton. We could use the TAP Fund to request some new grit bins. We will get a TAP fund application form and send in. We could use 1 large bin and 5 smaller bins for areas within the Parish.

Correspondence: A letter received from the Cricket Club states they are not intending to move.

A.O.B by direction of the Chairman: The fence requested for the playing field will cost £788.64 according to the quote received from Timber Jack. The school have offered to pay towards it, Mrs M. Kitt suggested that it should be at least half the cost. This was proposed by Mrs A. Smith and seconded by Mrs M. Kitt.

Mrs A. Smith mentioned that the cottage in Lower Street previously occupied by Mr Green was still empty. Apparently DCH want to sell it. The Chairman stated that until permission is granted from himself this cannot happen. He wants them to agree to put part of the proceeds back in the pot and reinvested in the houses in the village.

The work party is scheduled for Saturday 14th November at 9.00am.

Carol Singing Evening scheduled for Thursday 10th December at 6.30pm.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7.00pm. (unless the need for a December meeting is required)

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