

WEST ALVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

4 th April 2024		Venue & Time: WA Village Hall, 20:24pm
Present: Cllr Liz Chin Cllr Steve Lees (in the Chair) Cllr Chris Povey Cllr Helen Rhymes	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Parish Clerk Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Samantha Dennis Parishioners/Guests Present: 0	Apologies: Cllr Charlotte Oakey Cllr Kathryn Rawlinson Cllr Derek Winser County Cllr Rufus Gilbert Councillors RESOLVED to accept the apologies received.

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001 Welcome & Apologies

002 County Councillor Report – Cllr Rufus Gilbert

The report provided by Cllr Gilbert was noted, see Appendix 1 for full details.

003 South Hams District Council Report: Cllr Samantha Dennis & Cllr Mark Long

The report provided by Cllrs Dennis & Long was noted, see Appendix 2 for full details.

004 West Alvington Parish Council Report – Chairman, Cllr Stephen Lees

We started off the year with the planting of the Jubilee tree. A cherry tree was planted on the bank behind the West Alvington Village sign between Kingsbridge & West Alvington. We would like to thank the Walster family once again for allowing us to plant the tree and for joining in the official ceremony.

In June we welcomed new Councillors Charlotte Oakey and Chris Povey both of whom quickly became involved with the discussions and projects of the council. There are still two councillor vacancies and we would encourage anyone interested to talk with a council member or get in touch with the Clerk.

Throughout the year we have achieved many positive outcomes, including:

- Joining the Devon County Council Road Warden Scheme.
- Replacing the Longfields grit bin and distributed grit around the parish.
- Installing a new noticeboard adjacent to the village hall.
- Renewing the defibrillator lease.
- Continued to operate the Parish Paths Partnership in conjunction with Devon County Council.
- Saw the planter project through to fruition – and we’re now benefitting from the spring blooms along the roadside.
- Undertaken a review of the burial ground.
- Arranged for the planting of approximately 140 whips along the footpath to Kingsbridge.
- Negotiated a new lease for Town Park Car Park.

As well as dealing with many other issues such as potholes, arranging a defibrillator training session, continuing to provide vehicle activated signage and more...

But the biggest transformation has to be the Village Hall, in the last 12 months we have had new windows and doors installed as well as new external cladding. Inside we’ve had the lighting and signage replaced, new kitchen equipment has been purchased and the entire place has been redecorated. We would like to thank Avon Windows, particularly Robin and Pete for being so incredibly supportive of this project and to their team as a whole for making our village hall a wonderful community centre once again. Additionally a very big thank you goes to everyone who volunteered with the internal décor, many hands make light work!

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It has been a unique year and everyone who has given their time and support to West Alvington Parish Council should be commended. Once again, Liz Green deserves a special mention for her continued comprehensive reports regarding the Salcombe and Kingsbridge Estuary Conservation Forum.

West Alvington Parish Council remains a proactive council with yet more projects in the pipeline to improve the community including work to Town Park Car Park to increase capacity, reopening the old school entrance and (hopefully) the installation of a village gateway.

We look forward to another year of positive achievements and hope that everyone will join us on 11th April at the Cheese and Wine event at the village hall.

005 Police Councillor Advocate Report:

The report provided by Cllr Rhymes was noted, see Appendix 3 for full details.

006 Open Forum & General Discussion:

Cllr Lees thanked the Ward Councillors and District Councillor for their regular attendance and support, he also thanked the West Alvington Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their hard work and positivity during the last year. In turn, the Councillors thanked Cllr Lees for his chairmanship during the year. All agreed that there have been some positive developments over the course of the year and it is anticipated that these will be further enhanced during the next twelve months.

007 Close of Meeting:

At 20:30hrs the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk by the last Wednesday in the month to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

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