

WEST ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council

Date 2 nd February 2023		Venue & Time: WA Village Hall, 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Leanne Carr Cllr Liz Chin Cllr Helen Rhymes Cllr Andrew Pascoe (in the Chair) Cllr Derek Winser	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) Dist. Cllr Mark Long Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce Parishioners/Guests: 1	Apologies: DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Stephen Lees Cllr Kathryn Rawlinson Cllr Rachel Saunders

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

169 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

170 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY/OTHER INTERESTS & Updates to Register of Interests:

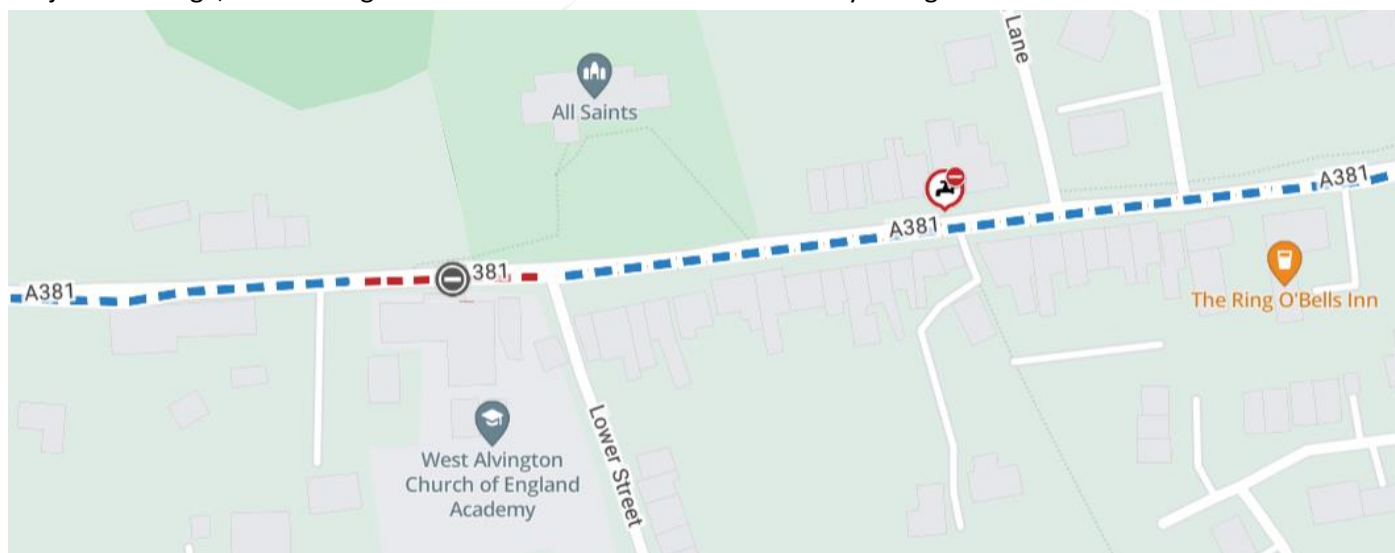
No declarations of interest or updates were received.

171 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING:

It was resolved to accept the minutes from the meetings held on 5th January 2023 without alteration, these were then signed by the Chairman.

173 CLERKS REPORT:

1. Elections: 2023 is an elections year for Parish Councils, Councillors have already been provided with initial information. Once full details of how to nominate yourself as a potential parish councillor are available they will be shared in a newsletter and on the website/noticeboard/social media.
2. Allianz Insurance Report: The annual report on the play area has been received, there are some minor adjustments required, these have been forwarded to a contractor.
3. South West Water has applied for a road closure to complete utility works outside Evandon House. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways, will take place between 13/02/2023 and 17/02/2023. This date is subject to change, West Alvington Parish Council will be notified of any changes.



4. School Sign: No Update
5. P3: We have now received a payment notice for the 2022/23 grant, due to financial issues at Devon County Council this has been reduced to £150. Cllr Chin has been working hard on the 2023/24 submission, we hope to hear about the new level of grant within the next month.
6. Overflow Parking Area at Homefield: The Owners of the site at Homefield were advised of the Open Forum section of the January Minutes. No response was received.

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174 PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM (Allocated time not longer than 15 minutes, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 2 minutes as per Standing Orders):

Homefield: The owner of the site attended the meeting. They are not intending on making any changes to the site, they are currently in discussions with SHDC.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: No report received.
Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Email: Rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk

REPORT IT:

Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Email Cllr Judy Pearce: cllr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund: This is an allocation of government money in lieu of EU funds. Bids had to be made for carbon reducing initiatives. South Hams has been awarded just over £1m to be spent over the next three years on revenue projects. These will be based first on the marine economy: pilot projects for marine related activities and the development of a strategy to decarbonise those activities, including a feasibility study to decarbonise the Lower Dart Ferry and the Salcombe water taxis. Second, on Active Travel: a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will be commissioned along with a behaviour change study to identify ways of increasing active travel. Third on agricultural projects based on regenerative farming to transition towards a more sustainable (but still commercially viable) approach to farming, and finally on wider business support and consultancy.
- Rural England Prosperity Fund: this is similar but capital grant money rather than revenue and we have received approx. £850k. The proposed project spend is designed to complement and enhance the UKSPF projects and the time frame is the same. All the projects will be included in the third year of the SHCD Corporate Plan 'Better Lives for All'.
- The Council Tax Reduction Scheme has been revised following a public consultation. This is designed to help low income households. Details are on the website. Alongside this there a Council Tax Support Fund provided by government. For those already receiving council tax support, a further £25 will be deducted from the council tax bills going out in early March for 2023-24 for all eligible pensioners and working families.
- Housing: the rules are changing for Disabled Facility Grants and the income restrictions will no longer apply. The aim is to get adaptations done more quickly to help with hospital discharge. An occupational therapist visit will still be required. Amounts have been increased to reflect inflation. We are introducing civil penalties to allow officers to impose fines on rogue landlords either for unsafe electrical systems or for not insulating properties properly to the standard now required by law. There is also considerable activity in connection with damp and mould following the tragic Rochdale case.
- We expect to endorse the Budget for next year at Council on 16 Feb, this will include all the town and parish precepts.
- The Modbury Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum.
- We have allocated an extra £50k to help struggling residents. Grants are likely to be small, but please direct anyone really in trouble to the Council website.

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- At the December Executive meeting a report was received on the Waste Service. This confirms that the service has been stabilised, but the timetable for the new rounds and extending improved recycling is not yet firmed up. The great majority of people are getting a much-improved service and the crews on the vehicles are in a much better frame of mind, but there is much still to sort out.
- If parishioners are intending to start using the new garden waste service in March they must apply as soon as possible to ensure inclusion on the collection rounds.
- The South Hams District Council portion of the Council Tax bill will amount to a total of £5.
- There was also a report received on the new Devon Carbon Plan. South Hams District Council will be revising its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan to align with the Devon Carbon Plan.
- **Photo ID will be required for the May 4th Elections for anyone intending on voting at a polling station. No ID is required for postal votes. If a parishioner does not have the required ID they can either apply for a postal vote or to SHDC for a Voter Authority Certificate. More details can be found at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/voter-ID>**
- Shirley Worrell has stepped down as the West Alvington Tree Warden. The Parish Council will publicise this role. Cllr Long will cover the role until a replacement Warden is found.

It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs, AND MORE...

175 PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT

a) **LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:** No planning received for the period.

b) **SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:**

1. 1070/22/HHO, Wayside, Lower Street. **Conditional Approval.**
2. 3288/22/FUL, Easton Farm. **No Decision Yet.**
3. 3289/22/LBC, Easton Farm. **No Decision Yet.**
4. 3853/22/ARC, Gerston Point. **No Decision Yet.**

c) **ENFORCEMENT & OTHER PLANNING ISSUES**

Please note that the Enforcement Lists are confidential and issues concerning Enforcement cannot be discussed at a public meeting.

South Hams District Council are responsible for the enforcement of all planning breaches, the Parish Council have no authority to deal with issues of this nature. Please will all parishioners continue to report full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported to Enforcement via www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach

176 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Summary of the Highways meeting with Devon County Council & Agree Next Steps
Councillors have been provided with an overview of the meeting, a detailed scheme and provisional costings will be provided by Peter Everitt. Details of a village gateway have recently been received for consideration. It was noted that the village sign requires repair. Land ownership for the site of the sign will be clarified and a new position for the signage will be provided to Highways for approval. Once permission to erect a new sign has been approved, we will then agree the type of sign and content.
- b. Town Park Car Park: Lease Renewal & Maintenance, consideration of options for guaranteed parking.

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No update re lease. Cllrs Lees & Pascoe met with contractor last night, one more quote is required before we can approve a contractor at the March meeting.

With regard to the parking area we will formulate a note for vehicles that are inconsiderately parked/untaxed or unroadworthy. White lines will be added to help with the parking issues.

c. Aspirational Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan - Public Rights of Way and connectivity.

KTC has been in touch re connectivity – the potential of a footpath between Kingsbridge and Salcombe. The Council resolved to support increased connectivity between local parishes. Cllr Lees will now connect with KTC Councillors for initial discussions. Confirmation of this will be forwarded to Ward Cllr Pearce.

d. Options for the May Coronation of King Charles III. The Councillors resolved to purchase heavy cotton drawstring bags for the children of the primary school. The cost for the bags will be fully covered by Councillor Pearce, Councillor Long and Councillor Gilbert via their Localities allowance.

Following discussion it was agreed that the playing field (or village hall if raining) is the site for a party. People to bring their own food/drink. Entertainment to be considered. A short meeting will take place on Thursday 9th, 7.15pm at the village hall, open to anyone who may like to be involved.

177 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

a. Receipts & Payments: Month 11. The councillors unanimously resolved to accept the payments.

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West Alvington Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
77	SCRIBE Annual Fee	12/01/2023	72	Annual Scribe Fee	Scribe Accounts	471.00	94.20	565.20
83	Ground Maintenance	30/01/2023	WAPC Burial Ground	Burial Ground Cuts	South Hams Elite Propert	80.00		80.00
88	WAPC Hall Hire	02/02/2023	Monthly Hall Hire	Village Hall Booking	West Alvington Village H	20.00		20.00
87	Village Hall Utilities	03/02/2023		Village Hall Electricity	EDF Energy			
85	P3 Cuts	03/02/2023	70	P3 Contractor	Mathias Property Solutio	304.00		304.00
82	Cleaning Materials etc	03/02/2023	75	Village Hall Cleaning	Amazon	42.57	8.52	51.09
90	Maintenance/Repair	03/02/2023	73	Village Hall Maintenance	Ace Fire Equipment	45.00	9.00	54.00
86	Village Hall Cleaning	03/02/2023	74	Village Hall Cleaning	Cornwell's Cleaning & M	236.25		236.25
89	Maintenance/Repair	03/02/2023	PAT Test	Village Hall Maintenance	Do It All Services	40.00		40.00
Total						1,238.82	111.72	1,350.54

b. Governance:

1. The Annual Precept Submission of £23,211 has been provided to South Hams District Council.
2. Bank Signatory Agreement: It was approved that all non-serving councillors and village hall committee members would be removed from the bank accounts and that Cllr S Lees, Cllr D Winser and Cllr L Carr would be added to the bank accounts as signatories.

178 NEXT MEETING DATES: 2nd Mar, 6th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 6th Jul, 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov – WA Village Hall.

Meeting Ends 20:24 hrs

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.

Distribution List: All WAPC Councillors. **For Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, Tree Warden Shirley Worrall, 2 WAPC Notice Boards