

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2019

The Council met in the village hall at 7.00pm. There was an attendance of 6 Parish Councillors, 4 Parishioners, County Councillor Mr R. Gilbert and District Councillor Mr S. Wright.

Apologies Apologies received from Cllr. Liz Chin and District Councillor Mrs. J. Pearce.

Open Forum There seems to be a bit of a decrease in the amount of dog mess at Woodhouse Lane but there has been reports of some in the burial ground and in the playing field.

The Chairman welcomed Lisa Garside, the executive head of West Alvington Primary School. She thanked the PC and the WATAG for putting up the speeding signs that the children had designed. There are currently 38 pupils in the school and 11 in the nursery. She is keen for the school and Council to work together closely and hopes to attend more meetings in the future.

County Councillors Report Cllr. Gilbert reported that there had been a landslip at Longbrook but it had been cleared quickly, mainly down to Mr D. Horton who cleared most of it on the Sunday after the event. The parking regulations for care workers is to be relaxed, a system similar to the blue badge system is to be introduced. There are delays in the new faster broadband in certain areas this doesn't apply so much to the village but outlying areas will have to wait a bit longer.

He would like to be kept involved with any future WATAG plans for the village between highways and the PC.

District Councillors Report Cllr. Wright reported that the 2019 Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategies had been approved. The Council also plans to incur up to £60 million of capital over the medium to long term to fulfil the development acquisitions including a Health and Well Being Hub in Dartmouth. It also includes £15.291 million to enable the immediate roll out of Office development on a brown field site in Totnes. Construction of 7 chalet style beach huts at Beesands and to include a new play park, single deck additional parking at Shadycombe Car Park in Salcombe, construction of 5 employment units in Batson and £8.5 million for community housing. The JLP has been adopted. The new audit committee will now consist of 7 members. The Malborough, Stoke Fleming and Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted. There will be a website link to the new Neighbourhood Plans portal so that councils may learn from each other. The issue of contaminated recycling cost money so everyone is being encourage to clean products before recycling them. The Council achieved an IESE bronze award for IT transition demonstrated its success during storm Emma (the beast from the east) and for significantly reducing our carbon footprint by flexible working from home. The signing of the waste procurement with FCC.

Chairmans Report The Chairman, Mrs G. Rossetti reported that the playground inspection had once again shown that the play area fencing is in need of urgent repairs. This work will be undertaken under the 106 agreement payment. There was also concerns raised about the play equipment and a possible 'finger trap' problem. The Clerk will contact Sovereign Play Equipment about this.

The parish noticeboard is in a very bad state and is beyond repair. It was agreed that we get some prices for a new one. Ryan at the Ring O'Bells has said that we can use the noticeboard outside the pub for letters, notices etc. it will need some revamping as the backing is a bit tatty. The possibility of a new one at Tacket Wood was also raised. We will return to this subject in May. It was also raised that there are no school warning signs, WATAG will look into this with highways.

Declarations of Interest There were no declarations this evening.

Village Defibrillator Cllr Alayli had been doing some research into defibrillators and funding and has contacted the BHF. Their funding for the current year had ended but would be resuming again in May. It was agreed to revisit this matter again at the May meeting after the elections. Mrs Garside asked if the school could be involved in any fund raising required to meet the costs. Her offer was gratefully accepted. We will keep the school involved.

WATAG Update The posters designed by the school that had been put onto plastic boards are going up, 2 so far the rest to follow. There is to be an article in the Gazette about the posters and the school children's involvement in trying to control traffic issues through the village.

Joint Neighbourhood Plan Cllr. G. Rossetti reported that there had been no further meetings of the Steering Group and that some topics have gone out to sub committees for their meetings. There will be further updates as things progress. From the questionnaires put out to members of the public, there was a return of 60 from West Alvington Parishioners, 75 from Churchstow and 600 from Kingsbridge.

Website Cllr. G. Rossetti has carried out some work on the website to get it looking more inviting and user friendly. There are pages for parish societies to put there events on etc. It was agreed to leave any further changes until the new council is formed in May. He was thanked for his hard work.

Planning Applications and Updates Application no. 0447/19/HH0 for Mr & Mrs M. Rossiter Householder application for extension to dwelling, conversion of garage to playroom, replace roof concrete tiles with natural slate, new dormer, new roof to dormers, section of roof, windows and cladding at Stonewells, Woolston, West Alvington TQ7 3BH --- It was proposed by Cllr. G. Rossetti and seconded by Cllr. T. Head that this application be approved with the rest of the council in favour.

Police Report No Police presence at the meeting but the Chairman had received an email from PC Jo Pengilly. PCSO Paul O'Dwyer has gone to pastures new for a temporary period of 3-6 months. There was 1 assault and 1 public order offence in our parish in the last month. However marine crime is on the increase and the public are warned to be vigilant.

Approve the Minutes of the last meeting These were signed and confirmed, copies of which had issued to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Financial Re

port The Clerk reported the following balances:

Lloyds C/A 4980.64
Lloyds S/A 857.51
Lloyds PP/A 499.98

No cheques to be drawn this meeting.

Items for the next meeting At the next meeting following the formation of the new council, there will be an election of officers and parish representatives.

Date of the next meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the village hall. (Thursday 2nd May has to be cancelled due to the Elections being held in the hall)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

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