

CHURCHSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllrs Roger Hind (Chairman), Y. Tarr, A. Masters, G. Stewart, J. Woodley, E. McLaney, S. Mammatt, Dist. Cllr I. Bramble, John Taylor (Clerk).

Open Forum: Police Report. P.C. Steve Mullen and Dave Gibson attended and reported that there had been little criminal activity in the parish. However, a spate of robberies from building sites had occurred in the area and the public were being asked to be watchful over sites during the Xmas holidays. The Parish Council reported that drivers were still speeding through the village. PC Mullen replied that he hoped to hold a speed check in the near future. The Police were informed of the proposed Diamond Jubilee Celebrations for 4th June next year and they hoped that it could be arranged for Police Cadets to attend. These are 14-17 year olds who are learning about the work of the Police Service. All agreed this to be a good idea. PC Mullen asked to be kept informed of the next Parish Council Meeting and the Clerk noted this down.

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Minutes of the previous meeting of 16th November were signed. Matters arising were that Chairman had written to the South Hams Business Park Management over the proliferation of advertising signs at the entrance to the park. A reply had been received from Mrs Chapman stating that the matter would be raised at the AGM of the Management Company.

Finance: A discussion took place on the proposed Precept for 2012/2013. It was agreed to hold the Precept again at £3500.00 and the appropriate form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk for sending to the District Council. Former financial officer, Adrian Masters, reported that the Audit Commission had previously queried the high balance of current account funds held by the Council. Council agreed that it felt justified in holding the same Precept as the proposed increase in expenditure for the year would reduce the balance of funds held.

Planning: Appl. 11/3056 for Mr Maher was supported.

Appl. 11/3065 for Trustees of Bowringsley Trust (Conversion of redundant stone buildings into two dwellings) was considered by Council. No objection was made.

Snow Warden Scheme and Community Self-Help. The Parish Council agreed to join this scheme whereby a Snow Warden is appointed and free gritting salt is provided by Devon County. Self-help is about communities coming together to help each other in times of extreme weather. The Snow Warden must be nominated by the local council and have received training by DCC. The Snow Warden is the key point of contact

between the local community and DCC and delivers training to community volunteers and keeps a register of helpers. Cllr Roger Hind agreed to act as Parish Snow Warden and he would contact Adam Keay at Devon County to arrange training and the delivery of (say) three tons of salt to Silvergates from where it would be distributed. Volunteers were needed from the parish. Eddie McLaney agreed to service Scotts Close-Adrian Masters to do Sorley and Geoff Stewart the Tithe Hill area. Volunteers were needed for Woodlands and the top of Pump Lane by the pub and road to the shop.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 4th June 2012 Council discussed the preparations for next year's Jubilee event and Chairman made copious notes. It was suggested that a Public Meeting be held early next year so that hopefully more parishioners could get involved in the planning and execution of this national celebration.

District Councillor Ian Bramble gave a report in which he said that approval had been granted by the District for the erection of a temporary **'Weather Mast' at Torr Quarry**. He regretted this decision and hoped it would not lead to the automatic approval of a full blown Wind Turbine in the area.

The next Parish Council Meeting was arranged for Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

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Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 16th November 2011

Attending: Cllrs R.Hind (Chairman), Y. Tarr. E.McLaney, G. Stewart. A. Masters, J. Woodley, Dist. Cllr Ian Bramble, John Taylor (Clerk). Apology S.Mammatt.

Minutes of the Meeting of 19th October were signed. Matters arising - Chairman reported on receiving a letter from Mr G. Seager Berry (Hon. Sec and Treasurer of Churchstow PCC) thanking the Parish Council for cheque of £350.00 towards the costs of the Churchyard grass cutting. Regarding the roadside signs at the BusinessPark, Chairman had not received a reply from Mrs Chapman and it was agreed that the Parish Council approaches the District Council for advice.

Planning. No objections were made to the following applications. 11/2741/11 (extension at 11, Glebeland for Mr Maher. 11/2732/11 (erection of agricultural dwelling at Warcombe Barn) for Mr C Lidstone.

Re: Proposed wind turbine at Chivelstone - Chairman agreed to write supporting the objections to this planning application which will affect an AONB.

Snowwarden Scheme and Free Gritting salt. Clerk reported he had contacted Devon County Highways Department (01392-380160) trying to clarify the details of this proposed scheme. Official query no. 11443672 dated 15th November was logged, and

Clerk was informed that the 'team' would answer to Chairman R.Hind within 10 days. Following a discussion, it was generally agreed that the scheme was not thought through and there were practical problems in distributing salt from 1 ton dumper loads.

Financial. Cheque raised for £96.13 for membership of Devon Association Of Local Councils.

Consultation Document. A review of Statement of Community Involvement has been published. Councillors can obtain by clicking on to www.southhams.gov.uk and send their comments by 16th December to strategic.planning@swdevon.gov.uk. Dist. Cllr Ian Bramble reported that he felt practical aspects of the document were unclear.

The next Meeting was arranged for 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th December.

Following this meeting, a Public Meeting was held to discuss the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations to be held next year in June, and the involvement of the community.

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th October 2011 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllrs R. Hind (Chairman), S. Mammatt, Y. Tarr, G. Stewart, J. Woodley. (Apol. Ian Bramble). Clerk John Taylor.

Minutes of the Meeting held 7th September were signed.

Matters arising: Council was still waiting for an E-mail from Adam Keay regarding Snow Wardens and the provision of salt.

Planning Matters: No objections were raised to the following applications

11/2305 for Mr Bewick Change of use of Barn

11/2307 for Mr Bewick Listed Building Consent

11/2308 for Mr and Mrs Taylor new UPVC window Crossways

11/ 28/2302 for Mr Brooking extn to garage, Archery Road

Trees at Whitehall Manor. Exemption Order 3201 noted i.e. Fell T1 Turkey Oak and T3 Holly. Replanting of 1 no. Beech.

Financial Matters. The Annual Audit was completed and the statutory notice was posted on the Notice Board. Audit Fee of £60.00 paid. Action West paid £60.00 for computer service. It was also noted that the Uncontested Election of May 2011 had incurred expenses (as detailed) and the account will be payable in April 2012. Admin £44.00 Returning Officers fees 42.30. Nomination Packs 22.00 Postage and Printing

15.00. Cheque paid for £350 towards the Churchyard grass-cutting. Precept payment of £1750 paid into account.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 4th June 2012 Parish Council discussed this and agreed that the parish should take part in these celebrations, possibly join the national Beacon Scheme where over 2000 bonfire beacons would be lit throughout the UK, and providing pig-roast and similar attractions. It was agreed that a PUBLIC MEETING would be arranged for 8pm on the 16th November at the Abbots Room to discuss this proposal and hopefully form a committee to plan the event. Cllr John Woodley would request permission from the landowner of the proposed field. The Parish Council agreed to contribute towards the expenses although a nominal admission charge would be made. The public meeting was to be advertised locally.

Other Business. It was agreed that the signs outside the Business Park were ugly and possibly an infringement of planning. Chairman to write to the owners.
Christmas Lights. It was agreed that Council would make a grant of £250 from Community Funds to Mike Langman in respect of his expenses in providing the illuminations. These lights were now considered to be 'a local feature of Christmas' and had raised approximately £15,000 for charity.

Next Meeting arranged for 7pm on Wednesday 16th November 2011.
