

CHURCHSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 6pm on 27th November 2012.

In attendance: Cllrs Roger Hind (Chair), Adrian Masters, Yanine Tarr, Eddie McLaney, John Taylor (Clerk) and Mark Wilson and Andy Rigby (Bibio Ltd).

Planning Matters The Application ref 11/2629/12 - retrospective householder application for extension at Pullyblanks Granary, Churchstow was considered and no objection made.

Correspondence. Letter received from Liz and Edward Perraton regarding the 17th Cent. barn at Gratton Farm reporting that they had been refused funding to convert the barn to commercial office use (the Bank thought the project unviable) and therefore they would be submitting an application to convert the barn with a different interior use offering residential accommodation for lease rental.

Telephone Box. The Council agreed to pay the additional premium of £13.23 under the Public Liability Insurance Policy in respect of the Telephone Box.

Meeting with BIBIO LTD. Mr Mark Wilson addressed the Council and reported on their meetings and correspondence between the Architects (Rogers & Jones) and Mr Richard Jackson of Devon County Highways. Written notes of the meetings were distributed to the Parish Council from which it was apparent that direct access to the A379 from the proposed site would be non-acceptable. Mr Wilson discussed the current thinking on the development, taking into account all the comments raised by Parishioners at the Public Meetings and by the Parish Council, and, in detail, outlined Bibio's views on the relevant highway issues and a feasible layout for the site. The Parish Council was pleased to note that parking for the village and a play-area were included in the plans. Mr Wilson stressed that Bibio was now under time -pressure and that they had progressed to the stage where a large financial commitment would have to be made to provide the required assessments and seek planning approval. The views of the community were sought.

Conclusion. Following a lengthy discussion the Parish Council members agreed that a meeting with officers of the Highway Authority would be very helpful to discuss the traffic matters in more detail. Cllr Adrian Masters agreed to formulate a letter to the Highways Dept to arrange this discussion.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th Nov. 2012

Attending: Cllr Roger Hind (Chairman), Cllrs. Steve Mammatt, G. Stewart, Y. Tarr, John Woodley, Dist. Cllr Simon Wright, Apols A.Masters and E McLaney, 6 Members of the Public.

Public Forum. Chairman welcomed parishioners to the meeting. He said that the Parish Council was trying very hard to gauge the feelings of the Parish with regard to the proposed development of

Affordable Homes on a site off Pump Lane. The Council had carried out a 'Needs Survey' and had called previous public meetings on the matter. The meetings had been widely advertised and written opinions obtained from parishioners. A lengthy discussion followed and it was evident that there were many concerns over this proposed housing, in particular the use of Pump Lane as a short cut to Salcombe and Thurlestone and the increase in traffic that the development would generate. The site entrance and the 'No Right Turn' at the junction with the A379 which attracts road users to Tithe Hill, were other concerns. The Chairman stated that these points together with all the written responses would be noted and discussed further at the Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes of the meetings held on the 10th and 24th October were signed.

Affordable Homes project. Chairman reviewed all the comments and opinions submitted and a lengthy discussion followed. Summing up, Chairman stated that it was clear that many of the points raised have got to be dealt with. The support of the Parish was needed before the project could proceed. It was agreed that the Clerk would make a draft of a letter to Bibio (the Developers) bringing up the whole list of points raised and in particular the traffic problems. This letter would be discussed fully at the next Parish Council Meeting before being sent.

Finance Payment made £45.00 for adverts in the Salcombe Gazette .

Planning Noted that Planning Permission granted to Little Court for alterations.

Telephone Box Chairman agreed to look into the Insurance of the telephone box.

Bus Stop. No objection raised by Council to the placing of a Notice Board inside the shelter.

Cllr Simon Wright addressed the meeting on behalf of Ian Bramble who is recovering from an operation. Cllr Wright agreed to look into the enforcement of the landscaping conditions at Holditch Barn.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 on
Thursday 20th September 2012.

Attending: Cllr. Roger Hind (Chairman), Clls S. Mammatt, Yanine Tarr, G Stewart, E. McLaney, John Woodley, Ian Bramble (Dist. Cllr), J Taylor (Clerk) Apol: Adrian Masters.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 22nd August 2012 were signed. There were no matters arising.

Planning: Council raised no objection to the following applications:

11/2056 Mr Pratt - extension and conversion at Little Court

11/1938 Mr Reeves - temporary agricultural workers dwelling Home Farm.

Application 08/1968 Erection of 2 Wind Turbines at Torr Quarry raised unanimous objections.

Chairman is to make formal letter of objection. Cllr Arian Masters had advised that he was making a personal objection to the scheme.

Appl. 11/1939 Mr Wilson - erection of agr. Building over dung heap was referred to site visit as some points needed clarification.

South Hams D C Planning advised that the proposed general purpose agricultural building at Mary Mills, SorleyGreen, did not require prior approval and may be erected. Also, Permission Granted to Alex Perraton to convert barn to offices and retain existing rendered masonry external finish.

Financial Matters: Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had approved the accounts and the statutory public notice had been displayed on the notice board.

Code of Conduct: Correspondence from the Monitoring Officer at South Hams District Council advised that council must adopt a new Code of Conduct and new Registrable Interests forms will have to be completed. Clerk to contact the authority for a supply of applicable forms for completion as soon as possible.

Affordable Housing project: A further public meeting was necessary and a date of 10th October at 7pm was agreed upon to be held in the Church Hall. Chairman and members agreed that this was the time to plan for the future and insist that land be reserved for a carpark, play area and community hall.

Telephone Box: Cllr Eddie McLaney said that insurance could pose a problem in efforts to retain the box. Chairman would look into adding it to the Parish Insurance policy.

Dist. Cllr Ian Bramble addressed the meeting and reported on the proposed alterations to council tax benefits and business rates which are coming from central government. Much more will be heard about these issues.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Webmaster note: The minutes of meetings April-August 2012 were not made available electronically.

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A public meeting was held on the 1st March 2012 at 8pm at the Abbot's Room to discuss the forthcoming Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations which will be held over the weekend of 2nd - 5th June. In addition to members of the Parish and District Councils, 19 members of the public were in attendance. Chairman of the meeting was Cllr. Roger Hind.

Following lengthy discussions and exchange of views, it was generally decided that:-

The Parish would participate in the national beacon event in which over 2000 beacons would be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man and overseas. The beacons would be lit between the hours of 10pm and 10.30pm on Monday 4th June. Churchstow would provide a beacon in Reeve's field. Clerk would register the beacon with the Queen's Pageantmaster for inclusion in the Commemorative Book for the Royal Library at Windsor. A disco would be held in a marquee. Parishioners would be asked to provide timber and combustible material.

The Parish Council will order 144 Commemorative Mugs for children of the parish and for sale.

On Tuesday 5th June a street party would be held in the car-park. 2pm Children's entertainer in the Abbot's Room and at 4pm a party in the car-park. Parishioners to bring their own food etc.

500 leaflets will be printed to advise all households in the parish of the celebrations. These will be numbered to permit entry into the free raffle draw.

Volunteers are required to assist in all these arrangements.

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd March at the Abbot's Room.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Abbot's Room on 1st March 2012.

1. In attendance: Cllrs R. Hind (Chairman) A. Masters, G. Stewart. E. McLaney, Y. Tarr, J. Woodley, Dist Cllr I. Bramble, Clerk J. Taylor. Apol. From Steve Mammatt.

2. Affordable Housing in Churchstow. Mr Mark Wilson from BIBIO addressed the room prior to the Council Meeting on the above subject. He stressed that very early discussions were taking place with a local landowner to provide possibly 16 homes at a site off Pump Lane. He produced plans for a possible development admitting that the scheme was at least 2 years away and planning problems were considerable. Houses would be for local persons only who fulfilled a strict criteria. Space to provide a village hall and community land could be allocated. Evidence of demand was provided by housing waiting lists.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January were signed. Matters arising were that the number of advertising signs at the business park and traffic islands had not been reduced and this proliferation of illegal signs was causing an eyesore in the parish. Chairman to take this matter up again. Regarding the red telephone box in

the village, Cllr John Woodley was given contact numbers at BT to make further enquiries on 'adoption' of the installation.

4.Highways. Letter read out from Devon County detailing the closure of the A379 between the hours of 1900 to 0600 for essential roadworks. Work could take 4 weeks from 24th February.

5. Planning. No objections were raised to the applications 11/0267 and 11/0306 for Mr Girling at the Business Park for solar installations.

6. Finance. A donation of £50.00 was approved to support the South Devon Domestic Violence and Abuse service (a registered charity). Clerk would show details of the charity on the notice board.

7. The Parish AGM was arranged for 7.30pm on the 2nd May 2012.

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm on the 22nd March (prior to the Jubilee meeting).

CHURCHSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25th Jan. 2012 at 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr R. Hind (Chairman) Cllrs Steve Mammatt, Adrian Masters, Yanine Tarr, John Woodley, Eddie McLaney, Geoffrey Stewart. John Taylor (Parish Clerk). Apology from Dist. Cllr Ian Bramble. No members of the public.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December were approved. No matters arising except that it was reported that the Snow Warden scheme was on hold due to the exceptionable mild weather.

Planning Application 11/0017/12/F was considered by the Parish Council. This application is a resubmission for conversion of redundant stone and cob barn at Gratton Farm into a commercial office/studio. The previous application had been refused by South Hams D. C . and the appeal had failed. Letters were read out from Mr Alex Perraton, Mr and Mrs Rob Warner and BBH Architects of Dartmouth. Decision: The Parish Council supported the application making mention that they considered it important to save an old building and provide employment. The visual impact would be minimal.

Financial Matters. Cllr G. Stewart in his capacity as Financial Officer, now has the appropriate mandate from HSBC bank, Kingsbridge.

Cllr Steve Mammatt publicised the **Kingsbridge Music and Food Festival** to be held last weekend in May. Helpers would be welcome.

A discussion took place regarding the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**, including the possible road closure of Pump Lane. It was agreed that a Public Meeting be arranged to draw in parishioners. This was arranged for THURSDAY 1 MARCH AT 7.30pm at the Church House Inn. Everyone interested are urged to attend.

Other matters: John Woodley would like to see the old telephone box retained and Clerk agreed to look up the old paperwork. He doubted he could now find a contact as it was all done 'on line' and the department concerned appears to have been scrapped. Advertising boards are still littering the verge at the business park and Chairman agreed to follow up on this complaint. It was also noted that verges at Bantham Island and other places are now attracting illegal signs which at one time would have been promptly removed by the County Council.

Next Meeting: Thursday 1st March.