

MINUTES OF CHURCHSTOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20th MAY, 2015

Present: Councillors: Roger Hind – Chairman
Yanine Tarr
John Woodley
Paul Williams

S.Hams District Councillor: Ian Bramble
Devon County Councillor: Rufus Gilbert

Apologies: Councillors Geoff Stewart
Eddie McLaney

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. Hind reported that Bibio, the contractor who was building the affordable homes in Churchstow has gone into receivership. The concern of the other councillors was how this would now go forward, how soon can a new contractor be found, who owns the land.

Cllr. Hind also wished to congratulate both Ian Bramble and Rufus Gilbert on their successful re-election.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 15TH APRIL, 2015.

The Minutes of the above meeting were read and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

4. REPORTS FROM CLLRS. IAN BRAMBLE AND RUFUS GILBERT

Loddiswell and Aveton Gifford, Green Party was the only opposition, no Labour or Liberal candidates, Green Party got 531 votes which was reflected throughout the district, Conservatives were returned with two thirds of the vote. 25 seats – 2 Liberals, 3 Green Party, 1 Labour which produced an authoritative result.

Concerns are going to be Housing, Local Plan, whether or not we are able to have a land supply over the next 5 years. This is marginal at the moment, no vast quantities of land being submitted for development.

Roger commented that land costs so much, are the Council looking at Affordable Housing or Council Homes. It was explained that “affordable” means 80% of market rent, Cllr. Gilbert pointed out that it would be reduced by benefits the State pays, if the wages are so low which would reduce the rent to less than 50%.

Potato Processing Plant – this is still currently under investigation. It has not been put on the Agenda for next week – 27th May, 2015.

Neighbourhood Plan – Ian is in favour of Churchstow doing this as any matters arising would be enshrined until 2031. Those Parishes not already in the system would be disadvantaged. One or two Parishes have combined to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and we should re-visit the information gathered from our questionnaire.

Cllr. Gilbert reported that he had cleaned up the litter at Stumpy Cross, he commented that a member of our parish was a prolific writer. Totnes Cross has now been fixed. He felt that the smaller the job the harder it was to get done whilst the larger more costly jobs are easier to organise. Coles Cross has been allocated £50,000, this was flooded last winter and will now be fixed.

Outcome of boundaries have been published. East Allington goes into Stokenham, losing Kingsbridge but picking up Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Modbury and Ringmore. This would make 16 parishes (10,000 people).

Number on electoral role triggers it, second homes are the problem. We have until the end of June to comment on the name. The changes will happen in two years after the next election.

One County Councillor lost her seat Maldon/Stoke Gabriel.

It was reported also that Cllr. Bramble has been voted as Chairman of SHDC. Cllr. Gilbert is on the Executive of SHDC – front line services. Roads are definitely better than two years ago.

Cllr. Hind congratulated both Cllr. Bramble and Cllr. Gilbert on their positions.

DCC will continue to try and get more funding. They would like devolved powers but are unlikely to get them yet. If Manchester makes it work it might be rolled out to more cities.

5. APPROVAL OF QUOTATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

The quotation received from AON for £193.34 was accepted. Sue to write and accept.

6. PARISH MAINTENANCE FOR 2015

The Clerk had received a quotation for 2015 from Peter Burridge. The costs had not gone up and were the same as 2014. Cllr. Woodley asked if it was possible to get the grass cut to the right of the church gate. Sue to write and accept quotation and to ask about the grass cutting.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 11/1028/15/F

After looking at the Plans for Construction of domestic garage/workshop - it was agreed to support the above planning application

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Loddiswell Parish Council regarding the naming of roads. Chairman, Cllr. Emma Hemmins replied that they had used names of persons for two paths, Harvey Way and Philips Path but had to get delegated authority to do this. Cllr. Bramble reported, that he found no reference to delegated authority in the Minutes for 2010.

The Clerk had received a report from Dave Gibson – Community Police. Only one crime was recorded in Churchstow for 2014/15 – a make off without payment from the local caravan site.

Compared to the previous year when there was 1 public order offence, 1 assault, 1 burglary, 1 theft, 1 possession of class B Drug, 1 Criminal damage.

The figures for this year do not include the burglary at the Business Park as it was just outside the cut off date.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10TH June, 2015 The Vestry, Church House Inn

Signed:..... Date:.....

Cllr. Roger Hind - Chairman