

**MINUTES OF CHURCHSTOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015**

Present: Councillors: Roger Hind – Chairman  
John Woodley  
Paul Williams  
Geoff Stewart

S.Hams District Councillor: Ian Bramble

Apologies: Councillors Yanine Tarr  
Eddie McLaney  
DCC Councillor Rufus Gilbert

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.** The Chairman, Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies we received from Cllrs. Tarr and McLaney and DCC Cllr. Rufus Gilbert.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015.** These were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported that she had delivered the accounts to the Parrott and Parrott, Accountants, Cllr. Stewart replied that these had now been returned to him.

The Clerk reported that Peter Burridge would continue to do the grass cutting in Churchstow and that he would tackle the narrow strip to the right of the church gate.

4. **REPORT FROM CLLR. IAN BRAMBLE.** Cllr. Bramble reported that Devon and Cornwall Housing are looking for a new contractor to take over from Bibio. Cllr. Stewart was concerned that the actions of SHDC contributed towards the downfall of Bibio. Cllr Bramble also expressed his concerns regarding this too. Cllr. Stewart was also concerned that if this went back to Planning we could get the problem of them insisting on an entrance onto Pump Lane and also could insist on building more “open market” homes on the site to the detriment of the parking and the play area. There was also concern about the mud running down onto the road which might eventually block the drains. Cllr. Stewart to find out who owns the land and to ring Javine Spencer. Cllr. Bramble to forward contact information of Sue Coulson, Chief Executive.

Potato Processing Plant – waiting to hear as to whether it would be on the next Development Committee meeting.

Cllr. Stewart reported that Cllr. McLaney asked him to speak on his behalf regarding the shortfall of £1725 after paying all expenses. Both Cllr. McLaney and Cllr. Stewart feel that the Parish Council should contribute towards this as the majority of parishioners were behind this action and what Richard Martin has achieved has been amazing. Cllr. Hind suggested that this should be put on the

agenda for the next meeting in order to discuss this fully. The Council would like Richard Martin to give details of accounts of how much had been spent to date. Cllr. Hind felt that once we have all the information we could make a claim for compensation to SHDC.

It was suggested by Cllr. Bramble that we run everything past Richard Honey for a legal point of view in case it prejudices a future decision.

SHDC has a lack of land – there is a need for a 5 year land supply.

It was confirmed by Cllr. Bramble that Malcolm Elliot has retired. Ms. Anna Henderson-Smith has taken over his position. The Planning Department is understaffed and concerns are that they are not processing Planning Applications quick enough and that Agency staff are being used.

The three components are now in place. Annual savings 2011/12 recurring 3.3 million per year which is significant. This has been signed off by Council Auditors and there is no reason to think that this cannot be achieved.

80 people have left DC at the end of May – at the first meeting voluntary redundancy had to be offered. The Executive Council has been reduced to 6 members. 31 Councillors as opposed to 40.

With regard to the ongoing problems of the swimming pool in Dartmouth, the Council have had concerns about further liabilities but our committed to this project.

Cllr. Hind reported on a recent successful meeting with Cllr. Cohen. (Salcombe) and Cllr. Williams (Churchstow) with our MP Sarah Woolaston. Cllr. Williams reported the MP had expressed positive interest and support for our local initiative seeking amendment to the Localism Act 2011 providing guaranteed voting rights for Parish/Town Councils on planning/local applications when voted on by District/County Councils. Positive support is sought from Parish/Town Councils, initially in the South Hams. Dr. Woolaston offered to arrange and attend a further meeting in July with interested parties invited to discuss the initiative and promote Localism.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

No. 11/1228/15/VAR – Oldfields Farm, Churchstow – removal of condition 11 (holiday use restriction) of planning approval 11/1347/00/F to allow buildings for residential use. -  
Supported

No. 11/1147/15/F – South Hams Business Park Management Co. Ltd – Demolish part of Industrial building and rebuild to match existing.  
Supported

No. 11/1158/15/F – Extension to existing industrial unit. Unit 6E and 6J South Hams Business Park.  
Supported

The Clerk to confirm the above by email to SHDC Planning Department

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Woodley reported that the Camp Site Shop at Parklands has started putting up notices again and getting away with it.

Cllr. Bramble reported that County Hall had now published their results regarding Bus Services and have scaled back the cuts. Loddiswell in now not lose their service.

Cllr. Stewart is extremely concerned about the speeding through Churchstow. We will contact PSO Dave Gibson about training to use Speed Gun.

Cllr. Stewart asked about the Defibrillator – Sue to contact Graham Worrall

Cllr. Bramble has a fund of £2000 to spend if Churchstow had a project it wished to put forward for around £500 - £700.

There was concern about “boy racers” – black tyre marks around roundabout. Cllr. Woodley suggested that if we hear these, we keep notes.

Clerk to write to Police giving them dates of our meetings in order that they may attend.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 – The Vestry, Church House inn. 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9 pm and the Chairman thanked those who attended.

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

Cllr. R.Hind - Chairman