

## Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – 19.30

**Present**        **Roger Hind – Chairman**

**Yanine Tarr**

**Paul Williams**

**John Woodley**

**Ian Bramble – SHDC**

**Jody Fendick – Clerk**

**Apologies**    **Eddie McLaney**

**Geoff Stewart**

**Rufus Gilbert – DCC**

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.** The Chairman, Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr McLaney, Cllr Stewart and Cllr Gilbert
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES.** Cllr Hind mentioned that he'd spoken to Adam Keay regarding the matter of the carriageway eroding on Church Hill. Mr Keay had been to assess the situation and seemed to think that no action was necessary (At least from DCC's point of view)
4. **CLERK'S REPORT.** The Clerk queried whether the Parish Council had its own dedicated website. There is a Parish Council page on a local community website, but no website exclusively for the PC. By the end of March 2016 there will be new Government legislation demanding that all Parish Councils will need to have their agenda's, minutes, accounts, expenditure, roles and responsibilities of councillors online, on their own website for the public to access. Grants have been made available to set this up. Although the deadline for this is 11/02/16, Jody to see if we can get an application in asap and get the website designed and built before the March deadline.

The Clerk also asked for further information regarding the snow wardens. Following a brief discussion, it was decided that this was an unnecessarily complicated procedure and we would be better off implementing some measures of our own.

The Clerk also reported that the defibrillator was ordered and the electrician arranged. Jody to liaise with St Austell brewery to see if they would contribute towards the cost of the installation of the defibrillator cabinet.

## **5. REPORT FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL – IAN BRAMBLE**

Cllr Bramble reported that 106 monies had yet to be paid by:-

Lower Warcombe Farm,

Land at Sorley Tunnel Centre

Norton Farm

Budget Settlement/Council Tax – Has just changed. There will be a maximum council tax increase of 1.99% or £5. SHDC will opt for the £5 increase. This will leave a budget shortfall of just over £1million, if they opt for the 1.99% it will leave a shortfall of £1.75million. These are predicted figures for 2020.

Confusion in Devon and Cornwall Homes as to what Bibio left behind. Cllr Hind reported that SHDC are being helpful and supportive. Cllr Bramble to see if he can get us some clarification on the issue. It is a complicated situation as Kier, administrators and SHDC are all involved.

## **6. ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

**DCC's Current Position on Pot Hole Repair** – Cllr Gilbert not at tonight's meeting to discuss this matter but it was decided to try and use our Facebook page for reporting potholes. We could then collate this information and take our list of most frequently complained about potholes to DCC and appeal to them to start repairing them. Jody to action.

**Precept**– Our Precept application was filled out and electronically delivered to SHDC in January. Cllr Hind signed the hard copy which will be posted. We requested a 10% increase which takes our total to £6522.00

**Architects letter – Churchfields.** Tom Rogers and Sean Fox from Roger and Jones Architects in Plymouth gave the Parish Council a brief presentation on a proposed additional 39 properties to be built on the land adjacent to the current new housing site. The plans comprise of 20 starter homes and 19 bungalows. The plans are very much in their early stages but the architects wanted to gauge the reactions of the local community and felt that an initial meeting with the Parish Council would be a good start.

**Planning applications –**

I	Home Farm	(0029/16/FUL)	Approved
II	Furneaux Hatch	(2648/15/HHO)	Approved
III	Silver Gates*	(2941/15/FUL)	Approved
IV	Culverwell	(0207/16/HHO)	Approved
V	Unit 1A South Hams Business Park	(3133/16/FUL)	Approved

\*Cllr Tarr declared an interest prior to the Silver Gates Application and left the meeting room, while the remaining councillors reached their decision.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The proposed car park at Churchfields is now **not** being built. The area that had been allocated for this is going to be grassed over. The play park that was also anticipated is not going ahead either. According to the site manager – The land where they were intending to build it, is too steep. Cllr Hind to investigate this.

We need to check if Mike Langman has received his annual cheque for £50, this is for maintaining the area around the church bus stop. Cllr Stewart should be able to let us know if a payment has been made recently.

The area on the roadside at the entrance to the Southhams Business Park is looking unkempt and scruffy. The signage is tatty and the grass and bushes need a general tidy. Jody to approach the Business Park Manager about this.

Anyone wanting further information about the current new properties in Churchstow, need to register their interest with DCH and Devon Home Choice as soon as possible. Telephone number - 0300 123 8080.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 19.30 at the Church House Inn.

***Meeting Ended 21:25***

Signed and Approved ..... (Chairman)      Date.....

