

Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th September 2016 – 19.00

Present **Roger Hind - Chairman**

Yanine Tarr

Eddie McLaney

John Woodley

Geoff Stewart

Ian Bramble – SHDC

Jody Fendick – Clerk

Apologies **Paul Williams**

Rufus Gilbert - DCC

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams and Cllr Gilbert.
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Hind.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES.** There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
4. **CLERKS REPORT.** The Clerk provided details and costs of VAS sign and some further details. The cost of the signs are between £1200-£1600 each. This doesn't include installation. The Clerk to source cost from a local electrician and report back to the Parish Council. We also need to establish definite power sources for both signs as it was agreed at the meeting to purchase two of the signs. The Clerk to also contact the highways department to check whether we need to seek permission to erect the signs.

Neighbourhood plan – We need to focus on our neighbourhood plan over the next few months. Some initial steps were made last year and a questionnaire was delivered locally. It was the general opinion of the Parish Council that we collate any existing

information but also create a new questionnaire and make a 'fresh start' on the plan. Clerk to begin this over the next month or so.

5. REPORT FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL – IAN BRAMBLE

Cllr Bramble gave us further information regarding the plans to create a Local Authority Controlled Company. Cllr Bramble is to let SHDC know at the next meeting that a significant amount of the parishioners and the Parish Council are strongly opposed to this as he is. Cllr Bramble to give us more information at our next meeting. A decision on this will be made at the next district meeting and the referendum will be based on a simple 50% majority vote.

Cllr Bramble also informed the PC that there are plans to build 31500 new homes across Plymouth, West Devon and The South Hams. Of these 6000 will be in the South Hams.

The Road from Loddiswell to California Cross (B3196) is becoming increasingly dangerous and Cllr Bramble has urged us to support Loddiswell in their plans to Lobby DCC to improve the condition and the safety of this road. There are early discussions taking place about involving local land owners to instigate the improvements themselves.

Cllr Bramble suggested we add local enforcement issues to our agenda and also for the Clerk to regularly forward the list of enforcement notices to the rest of the Parish Council.

There are no further developments on the car park at the moment. There is still no transfer of land and Cllr Bramble is continuing to pursue this. The PC have suggested that they raise a complaint against the Solicitor acting on behalf of the landowner for the unprofessional way they have handled the matter so far. Cllr to take advice from SHDC solicitors on the best way to approach this.

6. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Potato Plant Compensation Letter – The Parish Council read and approved the letter written by Cllr McLaney seeking compensation for the perceived errors made by SHDC. Some small amendments were suggested by Cllr Bramble. Cllr McLaney to amend the letter accordingly and the Clerk to send. The PC thanked Cllr McLaney for his efforts.

Abandoned Black Van at Sorley Cross – The van has been removed.

Removal of Post box at Sorley Cross – The Clerk to investigate why the postbox has been removed and to report back to the PC.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

New Housing Development in Churchstow. - The Clerk to arrange a date for an open meeting at the church hall in Churchstow, in order for the Parisioners to meet with the Architects and be provided with full details of the plans. Further information about this meeting will be available on our website, our Facebook and Twitter accounts and will also be advertised locally.

The Parish Council also would like to make it clear that they are currently **NOT** supporting the proposals and have insisted on a fair and frank consultation between the Parishioners and the Planners/Architects before they make a decision as to whether they will support or oppose the application. The PC also asked that the Architects remove the labelling 'Phase 2' from the plans, as this implies a pre-agreed continuation of the first phase, which was supported by the PC.

Finances. Cheques were written by Cllr Stewart (Treasurer) and countersigned by Cllr Hind (Chairman) for our ground maintenance and our Internet hosting. The PC would like to record our thanks to Cllr Stewart for his efforts in keeping our accounts and also to Malcolm Toone for redesigning and maintaining our website.

Meeting Ended 21:25

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