

## Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 19.30

**Present**        **Roger Hind - Chairman**  
**Yanine Tarr**  
**John Woodley**  
**Geoff Stewart**  
**Ian Bramble – SHDC**  
**Rufus Gilbert - DCC**  
**Jody Fendick – Clerk**

**Apologies**     **Paul Williams**  
**Eddie McLaney**

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams and Cllr McLaney.
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 has spoken to DCC regarding the VAS and had been told that they prefer to have just one sign and move it between positions in the village. Still trying to establish the exactly where the power will come from. May have a better deal regarding cost of the VAS – Still aiming to have the sign installed before Christmas.

5. **REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL – RUFUS GILBERT** There has been money allocated for pothole repair on Pooley Lane. Phase 2 Broadband is happening imminently. 40 million has been allocated across Devon and Somerset. There have been expressions of interest to tender. None of whom are BT. In addition Phase 3 aims to reach 99% of all areas. Devolution – There are discussions between Devon and Somerset to work together on key issues; Economy, Health, Social Care and Wellbeing, Infrastructure and Productivity. Documents outlining plans are available online. Position of elected Mayor is disappearing – due mainly to lack of interest. Libraries in the local area are all going really well. Kingsbridge in particular is extremely popular and customer led.

Recycling in Devon stuck at 54%. DCC will no longer subsidize recycling in district councils. They want to encourage the public to do so instead.

6. **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. SHDC are confident that they can sell services to other local authorities. However, what services are to be sold and who we will sell to has not been made clear yet. The generally feeling is that Council Leaders are enthusiastic about the plans but there are many Councillors who are still apprehensive.

7. **ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

**Potato Plant Compensation Letter** – Following a response from SHDC rejecting our claim for compensation. The PC agreed to pursue the matter with a further letter. Cllr Stewart to liaise with Cllr McLaney and action.

**Grass Cutting** – Following a disappointing year from our current contractor. The PC decided to source another contractor over winter, to be in place to begin maintenance in early spring.

**Progress of Car Park Site** – Cllr Bramble is still conducting enquiries into this matter. PC have also suggested buying the land ourselves.

**Planning Issues** – There were no planning issues. Cllr Bramble to check details of a planning issue we received no correspondence about.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There have been reports of vehicles been vandalised at the Potato Processing Plant site and at Aveton Gifford. Our local PCSO has advised us to be extra vigilant.

Clerk to contact Adam Keay regarding overgrown trees obscuring some of the traffic signs.

PC also discussed the possibility of widening the road near the new housing development. To improve safety for those living in local area and accessing shop/pub/post office/church etc.

Cllr Stewart to draft a letter to Grant Thornton regarding a £50 fine we incurred due to late accounts information. The PC believe the fine is unfair and have asked for the accounts to cancel it. Clerk to check and post letter.

**Finances**. Cheques were written by Cllr Stewart (Treasurer) and countersigned by Cllr Hind (Chairman) to pay for the hire of the Church Hall for our consultation meeting.

***Meeting Ended 21:40***

**Signed..... Roger Hind (Chairman)**

