

## Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 19.30

**Present**        **Roger Hind - Chairman**

**John Woodley**

**Geoff Stewart**

**Paul Williams**

**Eddie McLaney**

**Ian Bramble – SHDC**

**Jody Fendick – Clerk**

**Apologies**    **Yanine Tarr**

**Rufus Gilbert - DCC**

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Tarr 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 had several more quotes for the VAS sign. The PC just need to decide how it's going to be powered. It was pointed out that DCC have recently covered the cost of the VAS mains connection for Malborough (There was a recent article in the Kingsbridge Gazette) The Clerk is to contact Adam Keay at DCC to enquire if Churchstow could have a mains connection/installation too.

TAP Fund Application. It was decided at the meeting to apply for the TAP fund again and ask that we spend the money on some new village signs. It was suggested that we ask a local artist to help us come up with a design. Clerk to also speak to Thurlestone Parish Council to see where they got their signs from and whether they needed permission from the Council in order to erect the signs. The application needs to be in before 19.12.16. Clerk to action.

**REPORT FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL – IAN BRAMBLE** - Councillor Bramble asked what the general feeling was about the planning proposals. He also asked whether we, as a PC felt slightly pressured into making a decision regarding the new development. The general consensus of opinion is that the development is too large for the village and that we did feel some pressure. Upon the advice of Councillor Bramble, The Parish Council have decided to contact the developer and advise them that we need more time in order to consult our Parishioners further and look at the housing needs and requirements, this will be more apparent from our Neighbourhood Plan – Which will be in place early next year. The Clerk to contact the developers to let them know that we need more time.

Loddiswell PC have contacted DCC highways department regarding their plans to liaise with local landowners in order to create safer pathways along the B3179. There is also some discussion regarding creating a joint local Parish group for lobbying purposes.

Councillor Bramble is still concerned about the condition of the road on the way to Totnes 'The Mounts'. This particular stretch of road is in notoriously bad condition with lots of potholes and lack of clear edges etc. The Clerk will contact highways to highlight and also to discuss with Counsellor Gilbert next time we have a meeting.

## **7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

**Potato Plant Compensation Letter** – Following a response from SHDC rejecting our claim for compensation. Cllr McLaney and Cllr Stewart have drafted a response. This asks that SHDC look at the moral argument for this case and the financial implications for the Parishioners in Churchstow who were left significantly out of pocket. The Clerk will send this letter to the council leaders John Tucker and the planning director Robert steer and also email a copy to all elected Council Members to see if we can get some support from them. Clerk to report back as soon as we have a response from SHDC.

PC also need to check if the first barn that has been built is too close to the road. According to planning regulations it should be 25 m away from the existing hedge row.

**Pump Lane Signage** – The Clerk to look into sourcing signage for Pump lane.

**Progress of Car Park Site** - Nothing new to report. Cllr Bramble, along with members of the PC are continuing to pursue this in the hope that it will be resolved soon and we can take ownership of the land in question.

**Planning Issues** – There were no planning issues.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Finances.** Cheques were written by Cllr Stewart (Treasurer) and countersigned by Cllr Hind (Chairman) to pay for grass cutting.

Jody to contact David Reeves who has kindly suggested we use some of his land for a village get together sometime in the future.

Jody to contact potential new parish councillor to arrange meeting and explain what the role involves.

The Parish Council will not have a meeting in December

***Meeting Ended 21:05***

