

Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2017 – 19.30

In the Churchhouse Inn, Churchstow

Present Roger Hind - Chairman

John Woodley

Geoff Stewart

Eddie McLaney

Yanine Tarr

Rufus Gilbert - DCC

Ian Bramble – SHDC

Jody Fendick – Clerk

Apologies Paul Williams

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams.
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 arranged a demonstration for the New VAS, which will hopefully be installed in the Spring. TAP Fund Application – Applied for. We are requesting money to enhance the village with some hanging baskets etc. The Clerk to liaise with The Kingsbridge In Bloom Project. We are hoping to get some new Churchstow Signage too. Neighbourhood Plan – To keep moving forward with it. Precept – need to decide how much to ask for. Cllrs Hind and Stewart are to discuss in the next few days and let the Clerk know how much to request.

5. **REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL – RUFUS GILBERT** – Government have allowed a 3% raise in council tax for the next 2 years. One in every four persons in Devon is over the age of 65 and consequently will require additional healthcare. There will be more money for repairing potholes. Some money has been made available for Road Improvements – This can be used for a variety of projects to enhance the community. Funding could cover equipment and tools, materials, training – The list is not exhaustive. Phase 2 of Broadband is now been rolled out. And all properties within 1km of the Cabinets should be receiving Super-Fast Broadband.

6. **REPORT FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL – IAN BRAMBLE**. 1.5 million pounds from Central Government has been put aside for affordable housing. SHDC have to decide whether they will build new homes or buy existing ones. They will also look at whether these properties need to be in the South Hams or if it would be more prudent to buy in other areas such as Plymouth or Torbay. South Hams also to look into buying office space/blocks to generate an income. LACC – A decision is expected to be reached by the end of January. SHDC voted against holding a referendum for this, primarily due to the costs involved. Ian Bramble stressed the importance of Parish Council who disagree with these plans to let SHDC know.

7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Potato Plant Compensation Following a lack of response from SHDC, the PC have decided to send an email asking that the matter be looked at urgently. Ian Bramble to chase this up.

Progress of car park site – The PC have decided to contact the Law Society with a complaint regarding the proposed sale of the land. As the land in question is clearly in dispute and has no planning. As well as the obvious conflict of interest.

Planning Issues – 3886.16/HHO. The Parish Council had no objections to these plans.

New Housing Development Proposals – **The PC have decided to consult the Parish one final time. This will be done over the next few weeks and will hopefully establish local opinion.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Finances. Cllr Stewart informed the PC that the reious Clark had not received her final payment. This was authorised by the PC and a cheque had been sent.

Our next meeting will take place on 8th February at 19.30

Meeting Ended 21:50

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