

Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 13th July 2017 – 19.30

In the Churchhouse Inn, Churchstow

Present

Roger Hind - Chairman

Geoff Stewart

Paul Williams

Yanine Tarr

John Woodley

Lucy Barrett-Burn

Rufus Gilbert - DCC

Ian Bramble – SHDC

Jody Fendick – Clerk

Apologies

Eddie McLaney

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from 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.** VAS sign will be up within the next few weeks. The delay has been sourcing a contractor to actually put it up. Following the success of our community gardening days. We aim to continue to keep working with locals to keep on top of the grass. Cllr John Woodley is going to take responsibility for the grass verge next to the churchyard and main road once his strimmer has been repaired. We are going to order some dog fouling signs too, as this does seem to be an issue in Churchstow. We haven't been awarded the Highways Maintenance grant – Yet. Just need to supply Devon County

Council with some more information. One of our parishioners has suggested a local village newspaper. The PC are keen to pursue this and we will be talking to him more about it.

5. **REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL – RUFUS GILBERT** –Skanska has taken over from South West Highways and road repairs are ongoing. Cllr Gilbert suggested the clerk contact Adam Keay at DCC Highways to ask why the main road through the village was been re-dressed despite it having been attended to in the last few years. Cllr Gilbert also kept us updated with DCC’s funding for elderly care and education.
6. **REPORT FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL – IAN BRAMBLE.** Cllr Bramble expressed his concerns regarding SHDC plans to borrow substantial amounts of money to invest/buy commercial property. Cllr Bramble feels that this is a high risk plan and ultimately could see local tax payers footing the bill, should the scheme fail. Cllr Bramble asked the PC to consider the situation and vote as to whether or not they were in favour of the venture. All six councillors that were present voted **AGAINST** the plans. This is something that we will discuss with the community at our annual parish meeting.

7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Community Gardening Scheme. Is going really well. We have managed to keep on top of the mowing etc. We think it may be a good idea to give the volunteers their own patch to look after. The Parish Council would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone that has helped so far.

Planning Issues – There are no current planning issues.

Annual Parish Meeting – Will be on Thursday 10th August 7-8pm and will be followed by our usual meeting.

Day/Date of meeting change This has been changed to the second Thursday in each month.

Account – Our accounts were checked and signed off by the Treasurer and Chair. They will be sent to the auditors. All accounts will be available to view on our noticeboard, website and Facebook page from the 20th July as per the Transparency Code.

Our next meeting is to be held on Thursday 10th August 2017. Following or Annual Parish Meeting. To be held in the Abbot’s room in the Churchhouse Inn.

Meeting ended at 21.09

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