

**Minutes for Churchstow Parish Council meeting**  
**Wednesday 16th November 2017- 7pm**  
**Church House Inn, Churchstow**

**Present**

Cllr Hind

Cllr Tarr

Cllr Barrett-Burn

Cllr Woodley

Cllr McLaney

Cllr Stewart

Cllr Bramble - SHDC

Cllr Gilbert - DCC

Jody Fendick - Clerk

**Apologies**

**Cllr Williams**

**WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Hind.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES.** There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**CLERKS REPORT**

**I – Dog Fouling Sign – have been ordered – PC agreed to pay £60+VAT**

**II – Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting has been set up and SHDC are aware that Churchstow PC intends to create a plan.**

**III – Gardening Contractor – has been found and is doing a great job. Lots of ositive comments from locals. The PC are still keen to pursue the Community Gardening days’ to keep costs down.**

Cllr Rufus Gilbert – Advised that the situation at present is closed and the merger will not proceed. He was asked why he voted in favour of the merger, we now need to consider what may happen in the future, the Government has advised that it will NOT be stepping in if a council goes bankrupt, however, they can allow a removal of the public expenditure cap to the aid of the council in need.

SHDC will not be the only council in need of assistance and an alternative will be required. Priority at the moment is to 'Balance Their Books'  
Cllr Gilbert advised that by voting for the merger, as Kingsbridge were indifferent to it, Cllr Gilbert was acting in the interests of his ward.  
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Councillor Bramble SHDC - Following the decision against the merger, meetings are now taking place to discuss the Budget for 2018.

### **ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

**New Housing Proposal** –Shaun Fox (Developer) has been asked to supply SHDC with a Housing Needs survey, to prove that there is a requirement for further housing in the area. PC will not let this affect our own housing needs survey which will form part of our Neighbourhood plan.

#### **Planning Issues –**

Gratton Farm (Conditions attached regarding ownership been a local person/family or having solid local connections)

Scotts Close - No objections

**Our next meeting** – January- date TBC .

Meeting ended at 20.35