

**Minutes for Churchstow Parish Council meeting**  
**Thursday 14th June 2018 – 7.30pm**  
**Church House Inn, Churchstow**

**Present**

Cllr Williams  
Cllr Barrett-Burn  
Cllr Woodley  
Cllr Stewart (Chair)  
Cllr Bramble - SHDC  
Jody Fendick - Clerk

**Apologies**

Cllr Hind  
Cllr Tarr  
Cllr Mclaney  
Cllr Gilbert – DCC

**Also Present**

Tom Sylger-Jones – Lead Planning Officer SHDC

**WELCOME, APOLOGIES** Cllr Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Gilbert, Hind, Tarr and Mclaney

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES.** Cllr Stewart asked if the Clerk could make the minutes more detailed to reflect the amount of discussion that the PC has when talking about local issues

**CLERKS REPORT**

**I – TOM SYLGER-JONES (Planning officer - SHDC)** came to speak to the Parish Council about the invitation to join with Kingsbridge and some other smaller Parish Councils to produce a joint Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs Stewart, Woodley and Williams expressed serious concerns about Churchstow "sharing" KB's suggested Neighbourhood Plan . The concern is to safeguard Churchstow itself as a Parish with its own individual requirements rather than just be "lumped in" as a satellite Parish adjoining KB. It was

appreciated there could be advantages in sharing KB's plan as discussed but not to the detriment of the independence of Churchstow in deciding its own needs which could at times differ from KB's (e.g. future ribbon development). Further discussion & decision is required on this matter. They were keen to find out if they could have certain terms built into the plan which would give them presiding authority on decisions directly affecting Churchstow and its residents. This was also discussed at length by the members present and a decision will be made in the next few weeks.

**II – VAS DATA** – The speed camera is up and running again. By early July we will have a full month of data with the 'slow down' sign flashing to compare to the month of data we have when the device was recording but the sign wasn't flashing. This way we will be able to identify how effective the sign actually is.

**Cllr Ian Bramble** – The 'Seamoor Lottery' will generate money from local parishes to go towards local charities. There will be small cash prizes to win. It has cost SHDC £20,000 to set it up. 50% of the money contribution will go to the charity, 10% into a pool, 20% on prizes and 20% towards admin

The maximum prize payout will be £25,000 but this will be paid from an insurance policy not the charity funds. SHDC are aiming to improve their refuse collections for public litter bins, dog waste bins and bottle banks. If you see any that need emptying, please report to SHDC. There is to be a review of car park charges in the South Hams. Also additional electric charging points are to be installed in some car parks. SHDC are keen to fall in line with Government Policy to reduce pollution.

A detail business case of affordable homes is been produced by SHDC. More information to follow.

Currently there are 900 empty homes in the area. Of this, 254 have been unoccupied for more than 6 months. This is for a variety of reasons i.e the owners are in residential/care homes, there are tax issues or unable to sell etc

## 1. **ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

**GRASS CUTTING** – We will continue to use Bayleaf to cut the grass and have been extremely satisfied with their service so far. However for the months of July and August we would like to encourage locals to join us for a couple of Community Gardening mornings to help keep the village trim and tidy. Hopefully they'll be three dates – One in July and Two in August.

**Sign – Children/Elderly People** – The PC agreed to order a sign of this nature for the village

**Planning Issues** –1 x application – Aune Valley - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**Accounts** – Churchstow PC currently has £17,329.00 in one bank account and approximately £7,000.00 in the other. Our accounts are been audited at the moment, so our treasurer was unable to provide an exact figure

2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

The PC needs to check formal detail such as its Standing Orders etc

Some of the hedges need trimming, as they are obscuring some road signs. In the interests of road safety ( & to encourage reduced speed through the village) The Parish Council will contact residents of a few properties whose overgrown hedges were concealing a proper view for motorists of the 30 mph restrictive speed signs when entering the village. This is to be dealt with at our community gardening morning.

The PC are inviting all parishioners to a September ‘End of Summer’ BBQ – Date and Venue TBC.

The first edition of our Parish Magazine ‘The Churchstow Chimes’ will be coming out in August (Many thanks to Nick Bremer who is designing the magazine)

**Our next meeting** – Will be our AGM at 7pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at The Church Hall Churchstow.

Meeting Ended at 21.40

Signed ..... Cllr Roger Hind (Chairman)

Date.....