

Minutes of Churchstow Parish Council AGM

Wednesday 29th June 2016 – 19.00

Present **Roger Hind - Chairman**

Yanine Tarr

Paul Williams

John Woodley

Geoff Stewart

Ian Bramble – SHDC

Jody Fendick – Clerk

Apologies **Eddie McLaney**

1. **WELCOME.** Cllr Hind welcomed everyone to the meeting. The new Parish Clerk Jody Fendick was introduced to those attending.
2. **SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS YEAR.** Cllr Hind talked us through what the Parish Council has achieved this past year. The installation of the defibrillator behind the pub in the village. The training events for CPR, hosted by the Parish Council and facilitated by Kingsbridge Estuary Rotary Club. The dementia awareness events we've attended. The proposed VAS traffic calming sign that we hope to have in place by the autumn. The newly completed housing development and the proposals for more.
3. **REPORT FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL – IAN BRAMBLE**
Cllr Bramble spoke at length about devolving the local authority primarily into: Health, Transport, Infrastructure and Industry. He also confirmed that there will be a higher turnover of local authority temporary staff within SHDC to implement new systems and clear existing backlogs. ½ Million pounds has been allocated to this. Cllr Bramble also talked about the possibility of the local authority becoming a limited company and his own personal reservations about these plans and the high risks they carry.

A Neighbourhood plan is important in terms of the community coming together to decide what they want for the village over the next few years. The plan is applicable until 2032 so it's important

that locals are consulted and cohesive thought is given to the future of the Parish.

There are valid concerns surrounding the Potato Plant. The water that will be used to wash the potatoes will contain Nitrate solution which will then leech into the River Avon. This coupled with further concerns that the Hydrocarbon runoff from the hard standing at the plant; brake dust, diesel lorries etc has resulted in the Potato Plant Management having to provide SHDC with a robust strategy on how they propose to keep these potential pollutants to an absolute minimum.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The issue of traffic speed through the village will hopefully be tackled with the erection of one or possible two VAS's. These will also record and store data regarding speeding and other traffic issues. The 'No Right Turn' sign opposite the pub junction is ineffective and local opinion is that there will be a serious road accident before too long.

The land which had been allocated to Parish Council for a car park and a play area is still an ongoing issues. The land title has not changed and no offer has been accepted by the liquidators. SHDC are currently assessing the situation and their legal team are looking at the validity of the land purchase.

It is hoped that the Parish council will still be able to purchase the land, as originally agreed to use for the benefit of the village.

With regards to the new housing proposals (39 new dwellings) Cllr Hind explained that the Parish Council had been given a presentation in March but there are still no further developments.

Cllr Hind thanked everyone who had attended and the AGM ended at 20.10.

