

CHITTLEHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October 2017 at The Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton.

Those present: Councillor Mr M Ives, (Chairman), Councillors, Mr H Hooper, Mrs A Davies, Mr C Timberlake, Mr P Bradbury, Mr I Waldron, Mrs P Shallcross, Mrs R Rawle, Mr R Edgell, Mr W White and Mrs R Warren (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Mrs S Rowe, Mr T Kirby and Mrs M Edwards.

No response: 0

Members of the public: 1

Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 6th September 2017 and the Planning Minutes of the 6th September 2017 and the 2nd October 2017.

Chairman, Cllr Ives, thanked Cllr Kirby for Chairing the last meeting in his absence.

A member of the public attended the meeting. She was concerned about traffic speeding on the road from Townsend Cross towards Deptford. The speed limit is 30mph on this stretch of the road but drivers often exceed this especially when not many cars are parked along the road. Mrs Warren to ask the Police if they can monitor the speed on that stretch of road.

Councillor Edgell spoke about the Leaders Programme and distributed information leaflets.

MATTERS ARISING

Highway Matters: Any matters will be reported.

Police: PC Lansdell has forwarded the new monthly report. There were no relevant local issues. The police have produced packs about door step crime and the Parish Council have asked for some to be sent to them. South Molton Police Station now has a Facebook page. This can be found by typing, South Molton Police, into the space bar.

Playing Field:

With regard to our application for a grant under the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme, we have been awarded £1000.00. The wood chip will now be ordered.

It was decided that when the chippings are replaced on the play area, membrane will be laid around the edges under the chippings.

North Devon and Torridge Local Plan: No news.

Eastacott Cross: Nick Russell from Historic England is arranging to meet the Highways Department to arrange repairs.

Umberleigh Railway Bridge: A warning sign has been put up showing an adult and a child. It is small and not on the same side as traffic going over the bridge. If a vehicle is coming towards you it would hide the sign. Cllr Edgell to investigate.

The Square: Cllr Edwards has arranged for someone to tidy the top beds in the Square.

Rate Demand. Land at Umberleigh: This matter has now been resolved.

Affordable Housing: No further news.

Lerwell Beech Tree: An ecological report has been obtained and permission will now be applied for to have the work undertaken to improve the vision on the bend.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Finance:

The Budget for 2018/19 was discussed and will be finalised by the next meeting. This is due to the news that the Parish Grant will be halved this year and will go altogether next year. We will still receive the Council Tax Support Grant in 2018/19. However, the amount will reduce in line with the Councils own funding cut.

Payments made: £ 1018.00 Mrs R Warren. Wages, Petty Cash, and Expenses.
£ 215.00 HMRC. Income Tax.
£ 120.00 Grant Thornton. Annual Audit.

Any other Business:

It was reported that a breather pipe on the verge opposite Ashleigh Villas was causing concern. Mrs Warren to investigate. The Parish Councillors discussed the increased problem of fly tipping and expressed their concerns about the situation. Cllr Ives volunteered to do the reading at the Remembrance Service. He will also be laying the wreath

The meeting ended at 9pm. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on the 15th November 2017 in the Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton.