

Alverdiscott & Huntshaw
Parish Council Meeting
Held in Alverdiscott Hall
On 11 January 2017

Present

Mr A Rickard (Chairman)
Mr P Butterworth
Mr F Courtenay
Mr D Easterbrook
Mr P Ley
Mr C Webber
Mr S Robinson (District Councillor)

Apologies

Mr P Denard
Mr E Staines
Mr G Dezart (County Councillor)

Absent

Mr A Clements

The Chairman noting a quorum was present declared the meeting open.

- Item 1 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Councillors Dennard & Staines and County Councillor Dezart.
- Item 2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th November 2016. Chairman pointed out no Broadband had Arrived yet in the parish. Despite it being promised at the November meeting. The minutes were approved, Councillor Easterbrook approved and Councillor Courtenay seconded. All in favour.
- Item 3 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING - Councillor Staines had not yet been able to get hold of Nigel Evans concerning all the lorries through Stoney Cross And Gammaton. Councillor Rickard said he had contacted Devon County Council and was told “to get on and live with it, it was a classified road there was nothing they could do about it”. Councillor Rickard had also managed to get hold of Angela Dalzell and she would be very pleased to see the plaque in the bus shelter in memory of Dave. Councillor Denard to get it sorted. All in favour.
- Item 4 TO CO-OPT A NEW COUNCILLOR to represent Alverdiscott. Mr Bruce Millar of Alscott Gardens had contacted the Parish Clerk requesting to fill The available space. Chairman asked him to say a few words to introduce Himself to the Parish Councillors. Bruce went on to say he was originally from the Midlands and moved to Wrafton where he was involved in Rugby And Scouts when his boys were younger. He had previously worked in China and Melasia and had lived in Alverdiscott for about 2 weeks. Councillor Easterbrook proposed he was elected and Councillor Webber seconded. All in favour.
- Item 5 REPORTS
5.1 Visiting County Councillor
 There was none

5.2 Visiting District Councillor
Chairman welcome Councillor Robinson to the meeting. Councillor Robinson said he had recently seen Councillor Dezart and had said He was having a problem with his emails, so this is why he does not Always attend meetings. Councillor Robinson went on to say County Elections will be held in May. Picket over wharfs at East The Water going out for re-tender. Tantons moving slowly onwards. Environment Agency wants the building raised. Torridge District Council offices moving to Riverbank House. Committee and Full Council meetings held in Town Hall. Local Plan 50% of proper infrastrucuter. 6000 houses being built in Bideford. Councillor Easterbrook remarked houses being built but hospitals are not being extended. Infact beds are expected to be reduced. It is possible future Devonians would be born on way to Hospital in Exeter due to the lack of beds. The ones planning these future plans are on enormous salaries. Chairman thanked Councillor Robinson for attending.

5.3 Parish Clerk
Parish Clerk read the Police report received it was also pointed out John May from Eastleigh had recently had sheep hurdles stolen which he reported to Police and they had little interest in the matter. But after Complaining about a week later they were then very concerned and rung back few times. There being several other incidents in the area of quad bikes and cans of diesel being stolen.

Item 6 COUNCILLOR ANDY RICKARD report on Highways. Councillor Rickard reported he had recently attended a Highway meeting, they were informed if Councillors were interested they could become responsible for cutting hedges, Filling pot holes and cleaning signs in the Parish and/or other parishes. Full training would be given. Landowners are responsible for cutting their own hedges, but if all else fails Devon County Council could be contacted to cut the and then in turn invoice in the Landowner. Councillor Robinson felt it Should be County responsible for contacting Landowners if edges are not Dealt with. Chapter 8 funding is available for training and Tap Fund could Be used to purchase strimmers and other items. It was decided to get Victor Goth to attend a meeting and if there was enough interest then put an article in the Local Rag to see how much interest there was. Funds also available for Snow Warden to purchase equipment. Salt Bins will be filled on request.

Item 7 QUESTIONS
Southdown was reported to the Chairman that things were still not sorted and Still on going and the planning was not finalised. Report to Torridge the Parish Council are still against any development. Straw bales around the boundary have been replaced with soil banks and does not muffle so much noise. Councillor Easterbrook reported grants from Deepmoor are still available for improvements. The Planning at Bulworthy will be for 2 house To be built inside the existing barn. That will bring the total number of houses there to 9

Item 8 BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT DISCRETION OF CHAIRMAN
Everything already covered.

- Item 9 FINANCE
 9.1 Consider and authorize Schedule of Payments
 1.1 Payment to Parish Clerk
 Travel Expenses - Administration –
 Nothing claimed at this meeting.
 1.2 Parish Clerks salary for 1 January 2017 £412.50
All in favour
- Item 10 PLANNING
 10.1 Examination Committee Report
All in favour
- Item 11 FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING in Huntshaw Hall on
 8 March 2017.
All in favour

Signed: *P Denard*

This *8th* Day of *March*

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