

ASHPRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm
in Ashprington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Green, Cllr Widdicombe{Chair}, Cllr Oswald, Cllr Peters & Cllr Stocks.

In attendance: Mr M.Read, Parish Clerk, District Cllr Tucker, P3 Coordinator Pam Macey and one member of the public.

1 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda .

2 Apologies - County Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Phillips,Cllr Evans,Tree Warden R.Bowles ,

3 Police Report

No Crime Report was received for October.

4 The minutes of the Parish
signed and approved.

uncil meeting dated October 3rd 2013 were duly

5 Matters Arising from the July meeting not on the agenda .

Plaque at Tuckenhay Cllr Green reported that the plaque is being refurbished and there will be a short ceremony followed by its placement in the bus shelter.

Noticeboards/Bus Shelter It was agreed to refurbish the boards at Bow Bridge and the external one in Ashprington, possibly applying for grant aid for the work.

6.P3 Footpath Report

The condition of the path adjacent to Lower Gribble Plantation is causing concern and its condition has been reported twice to DCC by the Clerk. There is a tree down in Crownley Woods which has caused the closure of the wood temporarily. There is to be a "Task Day" in the wood at the end of the month. The P3 representative will attend the P3 workshop on November 19th.

7.Tree Warden Report

Nothing to report.

8.Planning

01/2263/13/TCA Phillips. Coombe House. Fell one eucalyptus. No objection and approved by SHDC.

01/1997/13/TCA S.Roberts. Rosewood. Various tree works. Approved SHDC.

01/2525/TCA 6 Holly Villas. Scots Pine -remove 1 branch. Oak remove 3 branches. No objection.

01/1961/F. R.Parkes. 7 Bridge Terrace. Replace extant planning approval 01/1553/10/F. Approved SHDC.

9.Various correspondence put into circulation for the Councillors.

10 Finance

Bank Balances Treasures A/c £7354.59, P3 - £406.49 , Cemetery A/C £487.71

Accounts Payable - Poppy Appeal, British Legion - £125{approved at October

Meeting} SLCC - Annual Subscription 2013/2014 - £75.00. Aqua Sacs, Property Repair Systems - purchase of 40 sacks. - £250.00.{nb this sum reimbursed by DCC}.

11.Village Hall Report.

The Winter Lunch is at 12.30pm for 1pm on December 7th. Tickets cost £10. The next AVH meeting is on November 19th.

12.Ash Meadow Report.

A successful bonfire event was held on the 5th of November. Compost is available. Roger and Dolly Marsden of Church Close have joined the Committee. Work parties will meet regularly on Saturday mornings. The meadow has been cut and wild seeds are to be planted. Habitats are to be created for wildlife. More coppicing is planned.

Another compost bin is planned. Work has been carried out on the willow trees. The shredder is due soon.

13. District Councillor Report.

The Boundary Commission has agreed that Ashprington and Tuckenhay parish will be linked with Harberton, Cornworthy and Dittisham parishes and known collectively as "West Dart".

SHDC will combine more functions with West Devon DC in future with more operations fulfilled online. 97 jobs will be cut leading, eventually to savings of £3.5 million. Without action, the operating budgets would not be met.

Cllr Tucker will ask the landowner to attend to the damaged wall on the main Totnes road.

Other Business

14.1 Emergency Plan

The Council decided to review and revisit its Emergency Plan, which includes guidance on flooding. Peter Dale at DCC has agreed to review the Parish Plan and Cllr Stocks is liaising with him. She will be joined by Cllrs Green and Oswald. Another 40 Aqua Sacs are to be purchased next week.

14.2 Duncannon Lane

The ownership of Duncannon Lane is still unclear. The Clerk has written again to the Chair of the Sharpham Trustees in an effort to establish ownership once and for all. The Trustees meet on November 15th and will report back to the PC.

War Memorial 240 spring bulbs are to be planted near the memorial.

Cllrs Stocks and Evans will attend the Cluster Meeting with SHDC on November 11th. TAP Fund bid likely to be a joint bid for weed spraying-bids to be in by 20th January

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday December 5th, 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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