

HITTISLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mark Brown, Bernard Curtis, Brian Howell, Gill Fisher, Richard Gard (chairman), Cathy Wetherden and Ruth Curtis (clerk); MDDCllr Derek Coren;

1. **Apologies: Cllrs** Libby Turrell (vice chair), MDDC Peter Heal, DCCLr Nick Way
2. **Declarations of interest:**
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 31st July 2018** were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 Highways

Update on current matters

- Slow Down Please signs are now up.
 - Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund (HMCEF)- Cllr Gard read out correspondence regarding the flooding at West Studham from Devon Flood Risk Management (FRM) team who confirmed that the matter should be referred back to Highways. Cllr Gard & the road warden (RW) re-reviewed the situation and the proposal is to scrape away the mud and sludge at the bottom of the hedge on opposite side and install a pipe through the hedge to the fence, subject to the landowner's collaboration. Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control. Costs likely to be £250 for pipe and diesel. This is not a complete solution but we can assess the impact of the improvement in the Spring. Councillors resolved to proceed with the proposal.
 - Two areas where there are serious fall aways – on the road past Easterbrook (both sides) and on the road before Coltsfoot from ford direction (3 cones mark the area near the Woods for Sale sign). The road warden's suggestion is to put in our own pipe under the road to drain into ditch on opposite side. It would need fencing to finish and the road would need to be closed for a couple of hours. Councillors agreed the work. The section on the road past Easterbrook needs Highways involvement.
 - Blocked drains Hittisleigh Mill – Cllr Brown & Fisher have looked and the drains are totally blocked and silted up. The need clearing out and then jetting. Cllr Brown to report this via the website (can also report flooding).
- 4.2 Community Garden S106 project – open invitation to village hall Saturday afternoon to view proposed plans. Clerk to update Jo Williams, Planning Obligations Monitoring Officer, with progress and check re: any new process given that in future proposals for S106 funds need to be put in at the time of planning decisions.
- 4.3 Other matters arising
- FOSACH – thanks received for our donation of £100. Next meeting is 1st October in the village hall and all welcome.

5. **Planning**

JW Mann Ltd 2701/18/FUL (West Devon) – Development of new farm shop and ancillary cafe with supporting secondary areas consisting of storage, WCs, offices and kitchen space (resubmission of 1255/18/FUL) - responses by 8th October – councillors discussed the application at length and were unclear whether it was being called in to Planning Committee by West Devon DC. Councillors confirmed their objection to the application, restating the concern re: highways, traffic and safety and the A30

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junction and the exit from A30 towards Exeter. In addition, the following comments were made: 1) visual impact (location near national park), 2) it is a greenfield site, and 3) local knowledge indicates that Highways England used this site for building flyover on the condition that the land is returned for agricultural use. The clerk to draft reply and circulate among councillors and submit agreed response.

6. Payments

- Touchwood signs £180. All approved.

7. Correspondence

7.1 For response

- CPRE Devon's Real Housing needs 12 October seminar

7.2 For information

- MDDC Sale of Crediton Council Offices – contracts are not yet exchanged
- RSN bulletin broadband item – universal services option by 2020 - 10 mbps. Infrastructure will be put in place to achieve these speeds. Fibre can go on poles.

7.3 New correspondence - none

MDCCLr Coren noted that MDDC no longer puts any waste in landfill. Single use plastic (SUP) in MDDC owned premises (eg leisure centres etc) is being phased out. MDDC greenest council in England!

Next parish council meeting Tuesday 27th November