

## **Malborough Parish Council**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010  
In the Village Hall Annexe commencing at 7.45pm

**Chairman:** Cllr. T.J. Yeoman ( Chairman of Malborough Parish Council )  
**Present:** 6 members of the Parish Council and 3 Local Government Electors  
**In Attendance:** PC Mullen, PCSO Gibson, the Tree Warden and the Clerk  
**Apologies:** Sir Simon Day, Cllr. Pedrick.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 had already been agreed and signed as a true Record.

### **1. Police Report – PC Mullen**

In the last 12 Months 45 crimes have been recorded in the parish out of a total of 980 for the whole of the Kingsbridge and Salcombe area. This is year so far there have been 5 crimes reported in the parish against 250 in the whole area.

PCSO Gibson has held a number of police surgeries during the year at Cumber Close and other locations in the village. These have been published on the forces website and with mail drops to houses. There has been a good response to these surgeries and they have made the Police more accessible to parishioners.

Speed monitoring has been carried out in the parish on the A381 and on Collaton Road, this will continue throughout the coming year.

PCSO Gibson has offered to run Tag Rugby sessions at the school and the Police will also be visiting the school to talk to the pupils about personal safety and other issues.

There have been less problems with antisocial behaviour from young people over the last year and the Police have been able to obtain some funding towards the Wheels Park.

PC Mullen thanked the Parish Council for their support over the last 12 months and look forward to working with you in the coming year. Cllr. Yeoman replied that the Police Surgeries have been well received and he thanked PC Mullen for the donation to the Wheels Park and all his and PCSO Gibson's work within the parish.

A parishioner asked about the upcoming Bolt Head Classic and whether there would be a one – way traffic system through Combe as there had been problems in that area last year. PC Mullen answered that there would not be a one way system but that there would be more marshals directing traffic and also 2 police motorcycles as well as other police. The parishioner added that a marshall was needed in Combe, PC Mullen said he would organise this.

Two parishioners thanked PCSO Gibson for his help in dealing with the young people as there have been far fewer problems this year.

**8.00pm PC Mullen and PCSO Gibson left.**

### **2. District Council Report – Dist. Cllr. Carter**

Dist. Cllr. Carter said that he had had another very busy year and to give an idea of this he gave a summary of his commitments during the year. He attended 16 Council meetings at SHDC, 16 Planning meetings, 6 planning training sessions, 11 site meetings, 7 beach management meetings, 2 Green team meetings to discuss cutting carbon, 2 Code of Conduct training sessions, a scrutiny review and a shared services review as well as attending Salcombe Town Council and Malborough Parish Council meetings. Dist. Cllr. Carter reported that he had also attended site allocation meetings with the Princes Foundation to discuss affordable housing sites in the area and had then attended site meetings to discuss specific sites in Salcombe and Kingsbridge.

Cllr. Rendle asked about cost cutting measures at SHDC, Dist. Cllr. Carter replied that the Chief Executive was now shared with West Devon and staff had been lost over the year due to natural

wastage and had not been replaced.

### **3. Chairman's Report – Cllr. John Yeoman**

This year has been one of steady progress and we as a Parish have made progress on a number of fronts and we are nearly there, after many years of calls are we there yet.

First the Affordable Housing on the allotment site or Great Park as the field was called and the Council would like to continue the policy of calling new developments after the old field names. The Planning Permission has been granted and this coming week Hastoe the Housing Association will be awarding the contract to the builders so there should be progress, real progress at last.

Because of this site the village was taken out of the site allocations for new houses up to 2016 that were the cause of concerns earlier in the year. This was so that we could have 100% affordable houses to rent as an exception site and not be subject to the part affordable, part joint ownership and part market houses if the site was included in the site allocations. There could also be another development close to the village that will include affordable housing that the council was made aware of when we had our meeting in the church, I think the surroundings made those present behave well!!,

But that site has yet to be put in for planning and be considered properly by the Parish. So like buses no development for years, then two arrive at once.

Allotments The allotments have been created since last year's report. The land was fenced by the District Council in creating the site for the affordable houses. Tony and David Lidstone rotovated the grass and then Barry Baker dunged the land for us. After which Tony ploughed it up and then it was left a while for the weed to grow. This was then sprayed off and allowed to wilt and then Tony again rotovated to give a good tilth that should be easier for people to dig. The container to be used as the communal garden shed was delivered but the lorry could not put it where we wanted it, in the 10 minutes the lorry was unloading the traffic ( the drivers) was getting overheated!! So it was dropped inside the gate and Phil Shepherd helped us out by moving it with his fork lift. These local farmers and Graham Hocking whose land it is have all helped us out and did it all for nothing and the Council is really grateful and thanks them again. Just another way in which the wider community relies on the farming community.

Since that, the plots have all been marked out allocated and occupied including a plot for the school. We had a meeting with all the plotholders to agree the draft agreement for the conduct of the allotments at which they elected their own committee to oversee the day to daily workings, maintenance of the communal areas and the management of the water supply, with the Parish Council in the background as the final arbiter for disputes. There has been a lot of activity in the field and judging from the meeting we have a band of happy diggers.

Wheelspark we have made a great deal of progress in the last year in our fund raising towards our wheelspark. First off was a £5000 grant from Sir Simon which was very useful to enable us to get further funding. The Council thanks him very much for his help. Then we were awarded £15000 from the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group which doubled what we had. To this has been added a contribution of £3000 from Salcombe Town Council, £650 from the Police and £150 from Cllr Carter. In the beginning the rest was coming from a sale of S Hams Council property, the proceeds of which were to be spent in the ward. But unfortunately this has not materialized, as the process went forward more difficulties came out of the woodwork. The Parish Council has applied for other funding to close the gap to be able to build it in the autumn, but we will not know about the Devon capital Fund until July. So you still have a month or two to oil your wheels and brush up on some stylish moves. As a Council we will need a short term, 3/4 months from S Hams to cover the VAT and because the LAG grant is paid in arrears. I told you last year that £5000 had been allocated to our play areas, that the children could pick what they wanted up to the £5000 and S Hams would fit it, it is still coming so we live very close to Hope!!!

The village has been well supported by the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group this year, as well as the £15000 for the wheelspark, the Kingsbridge and Malborough football club has also been awarded £15000 towards their new Pavilion/ Changing rooms. This local action group is made up mainly of private sector volunteers with a few public sector representatives and they are administering £1.8m, money which comes from European Agricultural payments to be spent on the wider rural communities. This is given out

in grants to help small business, community facilities, recycling, local food and tourism in the southern two thirds of the S Hams area We can also help organizations to develop their ideas and do studies to develop a feasible bid. Sorry for the commercial but I am the Chairman, although that cuts little ice when Marlborough applies, and the scrutiny for the wheelspark bid was as intense as any other.

On the financial side the precept was increased by £500 to help towards what will be tight fiscal year with the timing of expense on the wheelspark. When this is built our finances will go back to normal and we can save up for the next big project. We will need to do a new parish plan because we have done almost all the things asked for in the first one.

During the year the Council has helped financially in and around the village. We have supported the Haig fund and the CAB and the Village hall to help towards the grass cutting. We have also contributed towards the changing room floor for the swimming pool in the School and tricycles for the outdoor area of the Preschool. On a more grown up level we helped the Cricket club towards their all weather strip and helped the local Police cadets. The Council has been one of the founding members of the Village website and we put in £100, half for the Council and half for the Messenger. The website is successful and I must congratulate Chris Musgrave on setting up a simple, popular, by the number of hits, website that is economically very viable.

The cycle track is a well used facility for both us and Salcombe and we are awaiting new signage, something we have been promised for a long time. At least DCC have agreed not to plant thorns by cycle tracks any more a bit late for us though.

The old perennials of speeding in the 30 limits and road sweeping have been the main stays of most complaints. The police have visited with speed guns. As far as Road sweeping is concerned we are still struggling to get sense about the amount we are due, this is especially important when the District Council is talking of passing over services such as sweeping to be managed by parish councils.

The Council has had a lot fewer planning applications to deal this year, most have been completely straightforward and dealt with by S Hams as we would have wished. There was one where this Council had reservations as to the height of a new house amongst bungalows which was passed despite our District Councillors putting our case and asking for a site visit which would have made things plain to the planning committee.

This year we welcomed Ann Smallman to the council to take the place vacated by Barry Sweetman. I must thank Ann and all the councillors and Nicola for their help and support. Also I know we thank Ann Kendall every year for her work on The Messenger.

#### **4. Primary School Report - Jane Day**

Jane thanked the Council for their invitation to speak and said that the school has been very busy since October. It is a year since the Federation with Stokenham and both schools have benefited from Federation. The teachers have held inset sessions together and have been able to share ideas and good practice and the children have also enjoyed close links with the pupils at Stokenham. Loddiswell primary school have asked to join the South Hams Federation and a 6 week consultation period has begun to achieve this. Loddiswell will hopefully join in September at the start of the new academic year.

There have been many different activities in school during the year. Including an Eco week in the Autumn Term, a Chinese theme week and a Piracy themed week. The Tree Warden runs a popular eco club after school and the children are enjoying working on the allotment.

The school has strong links with Kingsbridge Community College with the Year 5 and 6 classes spending time there with various activities.

The new vicar, Kirby Haye has been working closely with the school and they are very pleased to have his involvement with the school.

Jane thanked the Council and the community for all the support towards the school. DCC has given a grant of £48,000 to the school so that the Church Institute can be demolished and the old school house garden can be revamped. The pool should be open soon and with grants from the Guild of Arts and Crafts and Hope Cove Weekend the school were able to buy materials for the children to make a mosaic to decorate the outside of the school house, the children really enjoyed this project and the mosaic looks

lovely.

Jane again thanked the Council for the opportunity to come and give a report. Cllr. Yeoman thanked Jane for coming and showing such enthusiasm for the school.

**5. Tree Wardens Report**

The Tree Warden has been involved with the Free Tree Scheme our parish had one application for trees but the trees were not planted in the parish. Trees from the tree nursery have been used for a boundary hedge and another site has been found to use as a new tree nursery.

Two applications for tree felling were approved.

The Trees for Health organisation is very concerned about its nursery at Combe Royal being under threat if the land is sold to DCC, they would be grateful for any support in their plea to keep the nursery.

Cllr. Yeoman thanked Eva for all her work in the parish over the last year.

**6. Feoffes – Cllr. Mrs Boyce**

Travel grants have been given to 8 students and 13 residents have received lifeline alarms. If any parishioners qualify for money spent for educational purposes or on piper lifelines please contact Cllr. Boyce.

**7. Open Forum**

A parishioner mentioned that the drain on the main road between Luckhams Lane and Alston Gate needs clearing, this will be reported to Highways.

The Tree Warden mentioned the large quantity of rubbish outside the Old Vicarage, Dist. Cllr. Carter answered that it is trade waste but the owner of the property will not pay for trade waste collection so the dispute is being dealt with on a higher level at SHDC. Cllr. Rendle said that it needs to be cleared quickly as there are bottles which could cause a hazard to motorists if they smash onto the road. Dist. Cllr Carter said that he would ask Chris Lucas to get the problem sorted out as soon as possible.

Cllr. Rendle mentioned that there are a number of potholes in the road at Cumber Close, particularly near the entrance.

Cllr. Mrs Boyce reported that the Church is having a consultation with the village on plans to re-order the inside of the Church. The plans are available to view in the Church, the idea is to make the building more user friendly. The Church would like the opinions of the parishioners before any decisions are made.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm**