

A meeting of the parish council was held on Wednesday 9th APRIL with Cllr Terry Edcombe (in the chair) and Cllrs Graham Davis, Karen Lawrence and Cathy Heath, present: PC Steve Mutton and CSO Stacy Thorn and D.Cllr Bill Hitchins were also present along with 4 residents.

### **Matters raised:**

- Old Chapel Inn - Environmental Officer had confirmed they had investigated matters raised and had considered there was not a problem. DCC will look into the matter of overgrowth on wall of front car park overhanging into the highway.
- An invitation had been sent to Kingsbridge Police Inspector to attend Annual Parish Meeting but no acknowledgement had been received\_ The clerk had telephoned 9 days prior to meeting and arranged for an e-mail to be sent on.
- BoS verges: DCC Mike Watts had written confirming he has revisited the area and has been assured by the builders that all damage to road (verges and kerbs \!Will be repaired on completion of the works) Dukes Mill Easton will be patched this year and iffurtds are available will be surface dressed in 2009. In meantime any dangerous potholes will be filled.

### **Parish Council Vacancy.**

Two letters had been received requesting consideration for ttle first vacancy caused by Cllr Owen resigning upon taking up editorship of the Bigbury News. However, as no resident from BoS had applied for consideration, Cllr Owen had written asking to be considered again to fill the vacancy. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Jim Owen should be co-opted back on to the parish council. The remaining application will be considered when the matter of the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs Mitchell is discussed.

Planning SHDC notices received: \_

D Stevenson: redevelopment Sedgwell Sands, BoS. GRANTED

Roland Park Estates: replacement of garage, Rathvendon, BoS. GRANTED

(UPDATE - Glenthorne, Marine Drive, BoS. SHDC has sent notification that this application has been withdrawn).

### **Financial**

Cheques were drawn to cover costs of 7th edition of Walk on Wildside, cutting of some footpaths, hire Bigbury Memorial Hall and subscription to Devon Playing Fields Association. SHOC had sent £240 for recycling credits from last year's skips.

In order to allow PC Mutton and CSO Thorn to continue on their duties it was agreed to invite them to bring their report forward instead of addressing the Annual Parish Meeting after the parish council meeting

**PC Steve Mutton** reported on police work in the parish during the past year stating that reported crimes had gone down from 31 for year ended March 2007 to 9 for year

ended March 2008. Those reported included one from a motor vehicle and other sundry thefts. He asked that anyone holding any events should contact him at Kingsbridge Police Station, giving at least one month's notice - he will attend if duties allow. CSO Stacey Thorn pointed out that in previous years residents had contacted police where there were instances of cars parked in no parking areas - however, from May onwards this matter has been handed over to DCC who, in turn have handed the matter over to SHDC. However, in the case of roads being blocked, that is still a matter for contacting the police.

**Date of next meeting** Wednesday 14th May in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm