



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. James  
 Councillors: Cllrs, J. Medland, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, G. Abbott, Seymour-Smith, and J. Giles

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

**669. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. Sharp, Davey and Johnston had sent apologies

**670. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**671. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present

**672. POLICE REPORT**

A Police Report was not available, and a representative of the Police was not present.

**673. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons was not present and a report was not available.

**674. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 5 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**675. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 656 – Cllr. James confirmed that he had not met with Mr. Newcombe, but still planned to do so.

Cllr. Abbott arrived at 8.10 p.m.

**676. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment:

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN FEBRUARY 2012</b>							
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<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
15.02.12	B. Williams	468	£650.00	£650.00		Grass Cutting Aug - Nov 2011	
15.02.12	M. Fenner	469	£156.23	£156.23		Salary	
15.02.12	Devon County Council	470	£1,574.40	£1,312.00	£262.40	Salt Gritter (net reimbursed by DCC from Cllr. Parson's locality grant)	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£2,380.63</b>	<b>£2,118.23</b>	<b>£262.40</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>							
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th December		4,414.70			£4,998.35		
					0.5 Interest June 11		
					0.5 Interest Sept 11		
					0.5 Interest Dec 11		
		463	64.2				

	464	£156.43	
	465	£420.00	
	466	£117.20	
		<u>£757.83</u>	
			<b>£4,999.85</b> At 19 October - £185.67 P. Plan
Balance at 19th January		£3,656.87	<b>£4,813.18</b> Available to Council as Reserves

Cllr. McDougall proposed the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Seymour-Smith and unanimously agreed. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The Clerk informed the meeting that she would be submitting a VAT reclaim form for £584.20.

**677. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. ABBOTT RE. PURCHASING LAND TO EXTEND THE PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL PITCH AND AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. JAMES RE. THE EXTENSION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER BANK WALK.**

Cllr. Abbott informed the Meeting that he would be meeting with Sarah Tarragon, who may be able to help with ideas for raising funds to purchase the land re. the playing field. Cllr. Giles would be preparing an application to the Football Foundation for funding. There was no update on the river bank walk.

**678. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE TO NOMINATE A RESIDENT WHO, THE COUNCIL BELIEVES, HAS SHOWN SIMILAR TRAITS, AS HER MAJESTY, OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE LAST 60 YEARS**

Cllr. Seymour Smith proposed that Mrs. Sheila Cholwill be nominated to attend a garden party and a Service at Exeter Cathedral to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, having shown selfless service to the community of Bridgerule over many years. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The Clerk passed the relevant forms, for Mrs. Cholwill to complete, to Cllr. Seymour-Smith.

Cllr. Giles arrived at 8.25 p.m.

**679. PLANNING**

The following application had been received:

1/0010/2012/FUL          Solar panels on agricultural building (16 module 4KWP array)  
Churchtown Farm  
Bridgerule

**Interest:**                      None declared

**Recommendation:**      Cllr. James proposed the application be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

**680. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Abbott asked the Clerk to report blocked drains on Churchtown Hill, which had caused very dangerous ice conditions recently. The Clerk will contact DCC Highways. A short discussion took place regarding the road from Burnards House to Bridgerule, particularly along the section by Mr. Chilton's house. The Clerk will send a further letter to Simon Phillips, DCC Highways, pointing out that the condition of large sections of the road are still causing grave concerns with regard to safety.

**681. EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

Cllr. Sharp was not present to give a report. However, Cllr. James informed the Meeting that some residents had been ringing Cllr. Sharp at home, asking if he could grit various locations in Bridgerule.

Cllr. Abbott informed the Meeting that Cllr. Sharp had gritted the dangerous section of Churchtown Hill and the road up to Borough Cross. The Clerk pointed out that the Council had agreed the location to be gritted and because of cost it had been decided that no other locations could be done. Cllr. James proposed that the Clerk prepare an article for the Buzz, explaining the situation and also thanking Cllr. Sharp for volunteering to do the work. Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**682. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that a quote had been received regarding the drainage work required and the possibility of an insurance claim was still being investigated. He explained the work covered by the quote. A discussion took place regarding the plans for the Hall, including heating, wall retention, etc. Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked for some feedback on the plans. Cllr. James asked if costings

had been prepared for the entire work necessary to bring the plans to fruition. They have not. Cllr. James and Abbott felt that a totally new building is required as opposed to refurbishment. Cllr. James pointed out that he felt an eco-friendly hall was a major requirement. Cllr. Seymour-Smith explained that he felt the plans were for a new hall, and went through various aspects of the plan again and that the discussions with the architects had been very productive. Cllr. Seymour-Smith will be, as agreed at the last Meeting, sending various questions that need answering, to the Clerk, for forwarding to Mr. Smale, Solicitor.

**683. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received 18<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February**

1. DCC – monthly newsletter
2. TDC – Hls Area Advisory Mtg – change of date to 23rd April (**circulated to Cllrs**)
3. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs**)
4. NALC – Planning Explained (Booklet) (**File**)
5. NALC – Guide to Neighbourhood Planning (**File**)
6. DCC – invite to Chair/Clerk to attend Reception to celebrate contribution made By Parish Councils to the Life of Devon (**forwarded to Cllr. James**)
7. DCC – guidelines on snow clearance liability (**circulated to Cllrs**)
8. DALC – Event re planning (**circulated to Cllrs**)
9. TDC – electoral register update (**file**)
10. Broadband DCC – Devon and Somerset
11. CCD – Primary Connection Points
12. DALC – new website and log in details (**in file**)
13. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs**)

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs' attention.

**Correspondence Sent – 18<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February**

1. DCC – gritter invoice – requesting copy invoice
2. Cllr. S-Smith – reply re. end of financial year budget reserve
3. All Cllrs – reminder re. nomination for Jubilee Exeter Cathedral Service

**684. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James confirmed that an open day had taken place at the affordable houses at Canal Rise. The three bedroom house is still available. He explained again the criteria for being eligible to buy an affordable house and the equity details. Members of the Holsworthy Property Trust will be presenting details of its work to Parliament on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

**685. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**686. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Various Cllrs. had received queries regarding the turning off of the street lighting. The Clerk confirmed that, as discussed at previous Meetings, it is a Policy of DCC, to phase out all night lighting throughout Devon by next year. At the moment the lights are going off at approximately 12.45 a.m. and coming back on at approximately 5.00 a.m. She was requested to find out what the timings in the summer would be. She will also prepare an article for the Buzz regarding this subject.

**687. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signature ..... Date .....