



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr. J Medland  
Councillors: Cllrs. J. McDougall, C Seymour-Smith, S Cholwill, P Haydon, K James, J Giles.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk.

**1798. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Beadle, Hale and Elliott  
County Cllr Parsons

**1799. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1800. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**1801. SOUTHFIELDS OPEN SPACE**

No one has come forward to make the area into allotments, so the area will remain as open space. To discuss the grass cutting thereof at the next meeting.

**1802. PITWORTHY SOLAR FARM**

Mr James Jenkinson from Foresight Group talked to Cllrs about the Pitworthy Solar Park, and the proposed plans to extend the life of the park from 25 years to 40 years.

Cllr Medland asked if there was any chance of further contribution to the parish, which there will be once Torridge have approved planning. A form will be sent to the clerk at this time.

**1803. POLICE REPORT**

Nothing reported in Bridgerule

**1804. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No report.

**1805. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

No report.

**1806. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. McDougall proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

**1807. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.



**1811. HIGHWAYS**

Potholes at:  
Churchtown and Scotland  
Woody Park Hill  
Littlebridge  
Holladon Farm  
Short & Abbott

The general standard of the sides of the roads, and the current lack of maintenance.

Broken signs:  
Sign by Cllr Seymour-Smith  
Bridgerule sign at Bridgemoor Cross  
Hopworthy @ Dux Cross

Road by Highlands

**1812. PARISH HALL**

Main kitchen is almost complete with the floor to be done next week.  
7/8 Volunteers coming in at the weekend to take the main floor up, and the new floor will be laid the following Tuesday.  
£1000 received from a charitable Trust.  
Defibrillator case is going up outside in the next week. Training at the hall on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm onwards.

**1813. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence 15/02/17 – 14/03/17**

Received

1. Thomas Carrick – NHW Updates
2. Public Sector Executive – Updates and Newsletters
3. Broxap – E Sales
4. Laura Forsey – Torridge Adverts
5. Communications – Healthy People Newsletter
6. DCC – Pinpoint Poster
7. DCC – Independence Poster
8. Chris Parkhouse – Taxi Policy Consultation
9. Emma Walker – Weekly List
10. Jo Farr – Grant Thornton
11. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
12. RoSPA – Notification of inspection
13. Devon Communities Together – Training Events
14. Cllr Seymour-Smith – Minutes
15. Cllr Beadle – Apologies
16. James Jenkinson – Contact Details
17. Highway Community Enhancement Fund – Update
18. Cllr Medland – Website Response
19. Sarah Delbridge – Stakeholder Briefing
20. DCC – Pinpoint Update
21. Ross Keri – Stakeholder Letter
22. Sandra Cawsey – Police Contact Sheet
23. Harry Roper – North Devon Hospice

24. Healthwatch Devon – Newsletter
25. Simon Toon – Council Tax and Rates
26. Elaine Lester – Recycling Leaflet
27. Westminster Briefing – Women in Government
28. Mark Langley – Thanks

Sent

1. All Cllrs – Forwarded Emails
2. All Cllrs – Minutes & Agendas
3. James Jenkinson – Pitworthy
4. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes for website
5. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
6. Cllr McDougall – Minutes and Planning.
7. Highways – Road Issues
8. Website Response

**1814. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

No Report.

**1815. CLERK’S REPORT**

A consultation on taxi licences has been sent through. The Cllrs didn’t feel this was of interest to the parish.

**1816. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

None

**1817. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.34

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