

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th April, 2009 at 8:00pm in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James
 Councillors: Cllrs G. Cooper, G. Abbot, J. Stoneman, Chilton, Giles, and C. Seymour-Smith

In Attendance : Parish Clerk

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. K. Davey

103. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose

104. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no Members of the Public present

105. POLICE REPORT

A Report was not available.

106. ADOPTION AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF 18TH MARCH, 2008

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March, 2009 were recommended for approval by the Chairman. Cllr. Abbott seconded the recommendation and this was unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

107. MATTERS ARISING

Item 89 – refers to Item 81 of Minutes dated 18th February, 2009 – Cllr. Cooper confirmed that he had investigated the price of gates. It was decided that at this time the cost was too much. Cllr. Cooper said that he had identified and spoken to the main perpetrator who was allowing a dog to foul in a public place. In light of new restrictions being introduced by TDC, the Parish Clerk would obtain posters outlining the restrictions which could then be placed in prominent positions in the village, particularly those areas where incidents of dog fouling were most prevalent.

108. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - MARCH INVOICES PAID IN APRIL 2009

<u>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</u>							
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
15.04.09	Mrs. M.R. Fenner		£616.00	£616.00		Salary Jan - March inc.	

TOTAL

£616.00	£616.00	£0.00
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COUNCIL RECEIPTS

Date	Paid By	Gross	Net	Reason
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TOTAL

£0.00	£0.00
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109. PLANNING

The Planning Applications detailed below had been received and after discussion the recommendation detailed were approved:

Applications

1/1187/2008/FUL Proposed garage, summerhouse and pond

Tamara
Under Road
Bridgerule
Ms V. Pyle

Interest Declared: None

Recommendation: Approval

The following permissions had been received:

Permissions

1/0159/2009/FUL Removal of Condition 3 of permission 1/1166/2008/FUL
1 & 2 Littlebridge Cross
Bridgerule

1/0091/2009/FUL Conservatory
Brooklands
Bridgerule

1/0021/2009/FUL Local needs dwelling
Land adjacent
Brugia
Bridgerule

110. HIGHWAYS

There were no Highway issues to discuss/report.

111. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received – 18th March – 15th April 09

1. Governors – Bridgerule & Bradford Schools – Proposed Federation (e-mailed to Cllrs)
2. The Boundary Committee – further draft proposals (e-mailed to Cllrs)
3. Living Options – See Hear Centre – poster (shop)
4. Audit Return 31st March 2009 – for completion by 22 June 09
5. CCD – Parish Plan Drop In Surgery 24th April (copy taken for 6th April Mtg)
6. B. Williams – acceptance of grass cutting offer
7. TDC – Torridge View Magazine (placed in Shop)
8. DCC – Torridge Service Users' Guide (placed in Shop)
9. Boundary Committee – further draft proposals
10. TDC – Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Agenda 27th April
11. L. Packer – various (dated 9th April received 15th)

Correspondence Sent – March 18th - 15th April 09

1. Knowle Contractors – enclosing cheque
2. J. Preece – TDC Planning – returning completed Parish Survey
3. B. Williams – contract grass cutting 09 - accepting
4. K. Abraham – accounting declining services for 09/10
5. J. Elson – cheque and letter re. facilitation of a Parish Plan mtg
6. L. Packer – cheques and letter re. Parish Clerk invoice and Parish Plan invoice
7. Creative Play – maintenance contract
8. C. Neep – school ramp
9. HM Customs & Excise – VAT reclaim (£256.65)
10. B. Lyons – grass cutting – declining quote
11. Annual Parish Mtg. invitations to report

The Clerk brought the following to the attention of the Meeting:

Item 4 – Financial papers are now with the accountants for preparation of the annual accounts. These should be ready for discussion/agreement at the next Council Meeting on 20th May, 2009

Item 6 – Mr. Williams had agreed to the revised budget as detailed in Item 3 of Sent.
Item 11 – Cllr. James read this letter out (he had received a copy). The Clerk asked the Meeting if they wished her to acknowledge receipt of this letter. It was agreed that this was not necessary.

Sent

Item 7 – The Clerk confirmed that Creative Play would inspect the playground equipment they had installed, annually, in October. The cost would be £235 plus VAT, and this included any repairs necessary. They will contact the Clerk prior to inspection with a date.

112. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported to the Meeting that he had been appointed as Chairman to the Steering Group. Mrs. Cindy Neep had volunteered as Secretary and it had been agreed she would hold this position. The next meeting of the Steering Group has been arranged for Thursday, 7th May and will be publicised within the village and internet. Pyworthy's Steering Group are holding a meeting on 5th May and Cllr. Seymour-Smith hopes to attend.

113. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James had nothing to report.

114. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Letters to various Parish organisations had gone out, inviting them to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and give a report on their activities over the past year. In the letter, the Clerk had asked for a reply by 8th May.
- The Clerk had met with PCSO Beverley Harvey. There had been an incident at the school, youths apparently climbing on the roof. The person who had reported this had subsequently had his/her vehicle damaged. This is being investigated. PCSO Harvey is visiting most parishes; one of her visits to Bridgerule will be via the Mobile Library and she asked me to inform the Council that this service was in great danger of ceasing; people must "use it or lose it". She is also attending the coffee/tea mornings in Bridgerule and hopes to attend on an 'ad hoc' basis the Parish Plan meetings. She feels a new hall is essential, as a focal point for the village and to allow those vulnerable people, who may not see people on a regular basis, to have somewhere to meet.
- The Clerk had obtained a further quotation for upping the insurance of the playground equipment to £7,000. This quote increased the premium for the whole insurance from £228.94 to £366. It was agreed the Clerk would obtain a further quotation, reducing the level of insurance for the equipment to £5,000. She would report back to the Council at the next Meeting.
- A resident of Bridgerule, Amanda Linney, had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council. It was agreed that she should be invited to attend the next Council Meeting in May to discuss this.

115. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Cooper brought to Councillors attention an article he had read which reported that millions of Pounds are being spent on playgrounds throughout Somerset and Devon. It would appear that Torridge are not of the same mind as other District Councils.

116. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

117. CLOSE There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

Signature

Date

Date

