

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr. J Medland

Councillors: Cllrs. James, J McDougall, P Haydon, K Elliott, S Cholwill, C Seymour-Smith

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. Member of the public

#### 1364. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Giles, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Johnston, PCSO James

#### 1365. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

#### 1366. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

A member of public asked the meeting if there would be a call for a riverside walk to be created when the Environment Agency reinstate the fencing. Cllr James will speak to the landowner. Cllr James also informed the meeting he is looking at means of extending the cycle way down to the village. The TAP fund has allowed for a picnic bench to be installed down by the river.

#### 1367. POLICE REPORT

The clerk informed the meeting of the couple of thefts in the area that PCSO James had informed her of.

## 1368. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

There is a push to get the hospitals into private hands, closure of Holsworthy Hospital has been threatened and Clirs are fighting to retain the service.

#### 1369. DISTRIT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr James was returned unopposed as District Cllr. The TAP fund has been secured, with £700 to go to Pancrasweek for the hall and canal walk.

#### 1370. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 be approved. Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

#### 1371. MATTERS ARISING

1355 Vodafone Sure Signal Project, the council support the project itself, but do not want to finance it.

## 1372. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

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COUNCIL	EXPENDITURE					-	
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	Reconciled
15.04.15	R Perry	584	£136.00			Salary April	Wages
15.04.15	DALC Membership	585	£158.15	£103.42	£20.68	Memberships	Membership
	TOTAL		£294.15	£103.42	£20.68		
Bank Ac	counts						
Current Account					Reserve Acc	<u>count</u>	
Balance at 27th February £1,13		£1,137.90			£7,314.15	Balance at 19th January 2015	
			04.407.00	_	£0.22	Interest February	
			£1,137.90				
	582		£136.00	I			
	302		£130.00				
Balance at 1st April		£1,001.90	-	£7,314.37	Balance at 19th March		
Playing Fi	eld Project Bonus Save	er Account					1
At 31st Oct	tober 2014		£5,060.79				
Interest No	ov/Dec		£0.33				
Interest January 2015		£0.17					
Balance at 30th January 2015		£5,061.29				_	

Cllr. Elliott proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

#### 1373. GRASS CUTTING

Mr Beadle has offered to do the grass cutting for the public areas. It was suggested he try a couple of cuts and work out his costs and put in a quote to the council.

Cllr James has talked to the football club about the possibility of them doing their own cuts.

#### 1374. PLANNING

Dulas Wind Turbine Proposal. It was suggested the Clerk send a letter to David Green @ Torridge about the payments due from the turbine. Community funding is normally available from these projects.

#### 1375. HIGHWAYS

The pot hole on the B3274 by Newacott traveling towards Merrifield has not yet been repaired. The bank at Short & Abbott has collapsed. Furze Cross to Dux Cross has several bad potholes. Dux Lane the roadway is coming apart in the middle. The drains are blocked at the end of Norton Lane.

#### 1376. PARISH HALL

The Post Office has been running successfully for the past two weeks and the internet has been improved. Work is due to start on the new store room in September, to be completed by the end of winter 2016. The completion certificate has been received for the works carried out on the hall this last year.

The Hall Committee asked if the grants would be available for application soon. The clerk informed that she would issue applications once audits and elections were completed.

# 1377. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

## Correspondence 18/03/15 - 14/04/15

## Received

- 1. Paula Hunter (2) Delivery of election papers
- 2. Emily Marshall (2) SunEdison payments
- 3. Thomas Carrick (3) Neighbourhood Watch
- 4. DALC New Staff Member
- 5. Cllr James Tap Fund
- 6. Emma Tomlinson (4) Weekly Planning List
- 7. Dawn Burgess Local Plan
- 8. Angela Jenkinson (5) Devon Home Choice Newsletter
- 9. Susan Squire Notice of Election
- 10. Jenny Wallace Elections Deadline
- 11. Bridget Bowen (2) Grant Thornton Audit
- 12. Alan Bennett Cleaning Services
- 13. Clerks and Councils Direct Update of Information
- 14. Joe Parish (6) Environment Agency Meeting
- 15. DALC Newsletter
- 16. DALC New Committee
- 17. Pensions Regulator Enrolment
- 18. Cllr Cholwill Hall Dates
- 19. John Allen MCTI Meeting
- 20. Rebecca Russell Walking for Health
- 21. Torridge Exchequer Remittance Advice Grants
- 22. Maureen Fenner Devon Senior Voice
- 23. Mark James Apologies
- 24. Marc James Community Emergency Plans
- 25. Sue Pennington Weekly List
- 26. Cllr Seymour Smith Vodafone Project
- 27. Cllr Johnston Elections

- 1. Emily Marshall (6) SunEd
- 2. PCSO James & Cllr Parsons Agendas
- 3. Cllr Medland Various Correspondence
- 4. Cllr Seymour Smith Various Correspondence
- 5. Paula Hunter Elections Correspondence
- 6. Joe Parish Posters and meeting arrangements
- 7. Susan Squire election Information
- 8. Cllr Johnston Elections

# 1378. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

#### 1379. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk distributed posters for the upcoming Environment Agency meeting.

#### 1380. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

It was queried as to whether anything can be done for speed limit reinforcement within the village. The Clerk to inform the PCSO about the speeding issue.

Cllr McDougall issued Neighbourhood Watch newsletters to all present.

# 1381. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signature	Date