



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th 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 Cllrs are fighting to retain the service.

1369. DISTRICT 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 15th 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.

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

Sent

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.....