

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th July, 2009 at 8.00 p.m. in
Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. Davey
Councillors: Cllrs G. Cooper, K. James, K. Chilton, J. Giles, J. Stoneman, A. Linney, J. McDougall. G. Abbott and C. Seymour-Smith

In Attendance : Parish Clerk
Public: Mrs. R. Hitchins

Cllr. James had sent apologies that he would be late for the Meeting. Cllr. Davey, as Deputy Chairman, took the Chair.

164. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

165. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose

166. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Cllr. James arrived at 8.05 p.m.

167. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Harvey sent her apologies. She is attending a Meeting of another Parish Council. In her absence Cllr. McDougall reported that Criminal Damage of a car in Bayley Gardens had taken place. It would appear that this is a recurring situation with the same vehicle. Cllr. McDougall also reported that a vehicle owned by himself, and whilst on his property, had been deliberately scratched. He informed the Meeting that the request for the use of a speed gun had been denied to Councillors; the reason being 'a conflict of interest'. However, volunteers from the Parish would be considered to use the 'gun'. Any volunteer would be subject to a CRB check. Cllr. McDougall will be trying to find volunteers and will report back to the next Meeting of the Council in August.

168. ADOPTION AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF 17TH JUNE, 2009

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th June, 2009 were recommended for approval by the Chairman. Cllr. Cooper seconded the recommendation and this was unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 3 Abstentions).

169. MATTERS ARISING

Item 146 (Item 131 Minutes 20th May) - The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had received, by e-mail, the forms required to report Highway problems. She had completed and sent one regarding potholes and the kerb, but had yet to receive a reply. Cllr. McDougall informed the Meeting that he had reported the problems on 24th June, receiving a reference number 9279952. Yellow lines have been sprayed around offending potholes, but as yet no remedial work has taken place. Cllr. Giles drew Cllrs. attention to the fact that the cutting of the Football field grass was inadequate. After discussion, the Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Williams, grass cutter, asking him to cut the grass on the field two times in August. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Council purchasing equipment to enable them to carry out the work on the field. The Clerk pointed out to the Meeting that there are insufficient funds in the budget for 2009/2010 to meet this cost. Cllrs. Giles and Stoneman are to investigate possible grant funding for this. Cllr. Stoneman will investigate the cost of purchasing a second hand machine and this subject will be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council on 19th August, 2009.

Item 151 – The vehicle had been removed from the car park. Another vehicle, large trailer, was now parking on a regular basis in the car park. The Clerk will speak to PCSO Harvey to see what can be done and report back to the Council at its Meeting in August.

170. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JULY2009

<u>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</u>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
15.07.09	Cash	399	£25.72	£25.72		Petty Cash
15.07.09	DAPC	400	£14.80		£14.80	VAT element of membership
15.07.09	G. Cooper	401	£83.18	£72.33	£10.85	Bench for playground from Mole Valley
TOTAL			£123.70	£98.05	£25.65	

<u>COUNCIL RECEIPTS</u>				
Date	Paid By	Gross	Net	Reason
TOTAL				

Bank Accounts

<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 19th May 09	3,276.74	£5,072.63	Parish Plan: £2,241.57
<u>Payments</u>			
396	£15.00		
397	£72.45		
398	£528.00		
	<u>£615.45</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	
Balance at 15th July 09	£2,661.29	£5,072.63	Parish Plan: £2,241.57

DAPC – The Clerk explained this payment; membership of the DAPC is compulsory and TDC deduct the cost from the precept in April and pay DAPC direct. DAPC have now become VAT registered and therefore membership now carries a VAT element, hence the payment. After a short discussion Cllr. Davey proposed that all accounts presented should be paid. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal, which was carried. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

171. PLANNING

Applications

1/0502/2009/FUL Change of use of land to rear from agricultural to a gard
Roseville Cottage
Bridgerule
EX22 7EJ

Interest Declared: None
Recommendation: Approved

1/0573/2009/FUL 1 x 3 affordable and 1 x 4 bed open market and play area
Plot 26
Littlebridge Meadows
Bridgerule

Interest Declared: Cllr. Giles – personal interest
Recommendation: Would like confirmation of the affordable house and which house
Has been allocated as such. Approved.

1/0610/2009/FUL Proposed straw barn & general purpose agricultural building

Nortons
Bridgerule
EX22 7EL

Interest Declared: None

Recommendation: Approved

1/0593/2009/FUL Proposed new garage
1 Littlebridge Close
Bridgerule

Interest Declared: None

Recommendation: Approved

Permissions

1/0437/2009/FUL Agricultural building for milking parlour/milk storage area and
Holladon Farm collecting area for cows
Bridgerule

Cllr. James reported that a Meeting had taken place between Mr. A. Orchard, Mrs. M. Bailey and L. Steel (TDC) and himself regarding the proposed plans for buildings owned by Mr. Orchard adjacent to the Post Office. Mr. Orchard is keen to progress matters. Cllr. James explained the financial and planning elements involved. TDC are looking into the financial aspects again and will come back to Mr. Orchard as soon as possible. Cllr. James will update the Council at its next Meeting in August and this will be placed on the Agenda. Cllr. James also updated the Council on the proposed Little Bridge Farm development. He will attend a meeting of TDC's Planning Committee on 23rd July when this will be discussed; again he will report back to the Council in August.

172. HIGHWAYS

There were no matters to discuss.

173. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received – 17th June – 15th July 2009

1. CDD – Drop in Surgery on setting up Parish Plan
2. PCSO Harvey – re. untaxed vehicle in car park
3. Clerks & Councils Direct – July edition
4. TDC – Proposed dog control measures
5. TDC – Unitary Structures
6. DAPC – July newsletter
7. North Tamar Community Transport – volunteer driver posters
8. TDC – update of electoral register
9. Devon Talk – Summer edition
10. Go North Devon – transport available/cancer help
11. TDC – Feedback Report Parish Workshop 28th May
12. The Playing Field – Summer edition
13. Audit Commission – query

Correspondence Sent – 17th June – 15th July 2009

1. J. McDoughall – confirmation of co-option as Cllr.
2. A. Linney – confirmation of co-option as Cllr.
3. M. Balsdon – Primary School, confirming invite and contact in Sept.
4. P. Hunter TDC Elections Officer – confirming co-option
5. Audit Commission – answering queries

The Clerk brought the highlighted items to the attention of the Meeting.

Item 13 of Received and 5 of Sent – The Clerk has provided the Audit Commission with detailed evidence of Staff Costs. They had a query regarding playground equipment and Fixed Assets. The Clerk explained that this item has never been entered as a Fixed Asset in any previous Returns and asked the Commission for their guidance on this.

174. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that he and Cllr. Cooper had been invited, by CCD, to attend a 'Drop In' Surgery on Parish Plans. He said the surgery had been informative, although geared to Councils who have yet to start the Plan procedure. The next Meeting of the steering group will be on 7th August. The questionnaire would be going over to CCS for processing, with a view to circulation in September/October; the plan being that volunteers will take questionnaires to residents of the Bridgerule Parish, asking them to be completed and stating they will be collected a few days later.

175. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James had previously reported under other Items.

176. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had not received a reply regarding the ramp at the School (see Minute 135 May 2009). After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write again, asking for confirmation of 'Licence to Use'. The letter would also draw the School's attention to the waste bins (cause of vermin activity) and the lack of a secure 'bung' and the need to have the bins emptied on a regular basis.

177. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Davey asked if any progress had been made regarding the flooding at 'The Steps' bungalow owned by Mrs.Houghton (discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May). No one was aware of any progress and Cllr. Davey asked that it be placed on the Agenda for the August Meeting. Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that volunteers are required for the 'Soak a Bloke' stocks in Revel Week.

178. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting will held on Wednesday, 19th August, 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

179. CLOSE There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Signature

Date

