



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th July, 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, D Hale.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. 2 Members of the Public. Cllr Parsons, PCSO James, B Beadle

1431. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J Giles

1432. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1433. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No questions.

1434. POLICE REPORT

PCSO James informed the meeting that the bimonthly update would be available later in the week. There have been a couple of thefts from gardens in the village a few weeks ago, but there is nothing else to note.

The PCSO would encourage people to report such thefts.

St Peters fair went off with no arrests made.

Cllr McDougall asked if there was possibility for speedwatch within the village. PCSO James said he would look into it.

1435. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Boundary Commission are looking at reallocating parishes which would give Cllr Parsons more, but also taking Bradworthy out into Hartland. Cllr Parsons has objected to these plans, based on the extra work load and not being able to get around to all the parishes.

Holsworthy Rural Transport – Looking to build capacity to make sustainable. £100,000 has been secured for two new buses, and they are looking at further funding to be able to expand the service. DCC are cutting bus services to meet budget demands.

Roads budget has been hit with cuts, historically the funding system has been unfair to minor roads, only receiving 1/3 of the overall budget. There is a new 'spray jet patching' repair process that is being trialled in Devon and is getting good reports, also being cheaper than current pothole repair costs.

Holsworthy Hospital – Concern that the NDHCT have decision over where the beds will be. Fighting to keep beds at Holsworthy. Criteria will be listed in September, they are currently looking for 40 people to trash out the criteria. Cllr Parson would encourage people to write to the CCG to object to bed closure.

DCC are looking at other parties to bid for Broadband coverage for rural areas.

1436. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr James informed the meeting that the Recycling service has resumed.

1437. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. McDougall proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th June, 2015 be approved. Cllr. Elliott seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1438. MATTERS ARISING

1421 Playing Field Update – Topographical Survey has been done. Torridge want an ecology report done on the tree at the end of the field. Cllr James proposed and Cllr Elliott seconded the proposal that if this had to be done, it was ok to go ahead.

1439. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JUNE 2015						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
15.07.15	B. Beadle	598	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	Grass Cutting
15.07.15	Davisons	599	£72.00	£60.00	£12.00	Accounts Fee
15.07.15	R Perry	600	£181.81	£181.81	£0.00	Wages
15.07.15	Bridgerule FC	601	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	Grass Cutting
TOTAL			£653.81	£641.81	£12.00	
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 1st June 2015		£6,526.49		£7,314.63	Balance at 17th April	
				£0.24	Interest April	
			£6,526.49			
	590		£272.60			
	583		£102.00			
	585		£158.15			
	592		£220.00			
	594		£181.81			
	595		£9.79			
Balance at 1st July 2015			£5,582.14		£7,314.87	Balance at 19th May
Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account						
At 30th January 2015			£5,061.29			
Interest Feb/Mar			£0.33			
Interest Apr/May			£0.33			
Balance at 30th May 2015			£5,061.95			

Cllr. McDougall proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1440. VODAFONE PROJECT

Vodafone are paying installation costs, the only ongoing cost is electricity to run boxes. The Parish Council have agreed to support the project by making a one off payment for 2015 towards each sites Vodafone box. Cllr James to investigate and see if it can be taken from District Councillors Grant money. The amount of the payment will be decided once Cllr James has looked at Grant Money availability. Proposed Cllr McDougall Seconded Cllr James. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

1441. NEW COUNCILLOR

It was proposed by Cllr Seymour-Smith that Mr Brian Beadle be co-opted as a new Councillor for Bridgerule. This was seconded by Cllr McDougall. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

1442. PLANNING

Nothing to report

1443. HIGHWAYS

The banks at Short & Abbott is still awaiting repair, as is the end of Norton Lane.
Furze Cross – Roly Poly need a sign saying it is unsuitable for vehicles
Bridgemoor Cross – The Bridgerule Sign is broken.
School Sign by the River
Norton Lane – Pothole
Dux Lane – Hole and Subsidence

1444. PARISH HALL

Building will start on the new store room soon after the Revel.

1445. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence 17/06/2015 – 14/07/2015

Received

1. Joe Parish – EA Payments
2. Cllr Cholwill – EA Payments
3. Cllr Seymour-Smith – Minutes
4. John Allen – MCTI
5. Cllr Parsons – Apologies
6. John Allen – Holsworthy Hospital
7. John Allen – Press Release from NDHCT
8. Prepared Media – Newsletter
9. Emma Tomlinson (3) – Weekly List
10. Devon Communities Together – Conference
11. Lorraine Inch – Holsworthy Area Advisory Group
12. Alethea Porteza – Devon Home Choice Newsletter
13. Corido Commemorative Plaques – Bench Sales
14. Thomas Carrick (3) – NHW Newsletter
15. Piper Architecture – Planning Application
16. Harry Roper (2) – South Molton Recycling
17. Angela Jenkinson (3) – Devon Home Choice Newsletter
18. Emily Marshall (4) – SunEd Payment
19. Sue Priest – Electoral Roll Update
20. Sue Pennington – Weekly List
21. Customer Services Roads & Transport – Conference
22. All Cllrs – South Molton Recycling
23. Cyan Teak Furniture – Bench Sale
24. Healthwatch Devon – Newsletter
25. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
26. Chris Hitchins – Grant Request
27. Cllr Medland – Various Correspondence
28. Ross Plain – Grant Thornton Queries

Sent

1. All Cllrs – Emails as above
2. Wayne Slade – Accounts queries
3. Chris Hitchins – Grant pack
4. Cllr Cholwill – EA Cheque
5. Ross Plain – Audit queries
6. PCSO James – Agenda
7. Cllr Parsons – Agenda and Dates for all meetings
8. Joe Parish – EA Cheque
9. Piper Architecture – Planning
10. Torridge – Planning Response

1446. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Several trees have been planted down by the river. Some scrub needs clearing from the Football Field. Thank you to Mr Gary Abbott for cutting the football field for free.

1447. CLERK’S REPORT

Nothing to report

1448. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

‘No Ball Games’ sign – a neighbour to the play area has complained about balls in the garden. To be added to the sign to use playing field instead, and add ‘by order of the Parish Council’. To look at the possibility of putting a higher fence.

The Noticeboard put up at the end of Cllr Hales lane is to stay.

Pyworthy School is to close. Bridgerule School looking for an all-weather playing surface and are looking at funding for sports hall.

The revised figure for the open gardens £2356 raised for the Air Ambulance.

1449. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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