

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in  
Bridgerule Village Hall

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. J. Giles, J. Medland, K. Chilton, C. Seymour-Smith, A. Linney, K. Davey and J. McDougall

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

As Cllr. James was not present at 8.00 p.m. Cllr. Seymour-Smith took the Chair.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Stoneman had given his resignation as a Councillor to Cllr. James. She would inform the Electoral Services Officer at TDC to enable the relevant documentation to be sent to advertise the vacancy. The Electoral Services Officer will notify the Clerk, after the 14<sup>th</sup> October, whether there will be an election or whether the Parish Council can co-opt.

**383. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr. K. Davey, County Cllr. B. Parsons and PCSO Harvey

**384. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**385. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

Cllr. James arrived at 8.05 p.m. and took the Chair.

**386. POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police Report

**387. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**388. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 359 – Cllr. Giles informed the meeting that the posts were still awaiting collection.

Item 372 – As Cllr. Abbott was not in attendance to provide further information and the time of year had passed to do such maintenance, Cllr. Giles proposed that this subject be dealt with in the financial year 2011/2012. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**389. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies and was not in attendance.

**390. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment:

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN SEPTEMBER 2010</b>						
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
15.09.10	Torrige District Council	428	£101.05	£86.00	£15.05	Dog bin Dux's Cross
15.09.10	M. Fenner	429	£631.40	£631.40		Salary
15.09.10	St. Bridget's PCC	430	£500.00	£500.00		Grant

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,232.45</b>	<b>£1,217.40</b>	<b>£15.05</b>
<b>Council Receipts</b>			
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 19th August	1,438.20	£4,932.92	of which £832.98 is Parish Plan grant
<u>Payments</u>		0.5	Interest March 10
427	100	0.5	Interest June 10
Balance at 19th September	<b>£1,338.20</b>	<b>£4,933.92</b>	At 19th Sept. £382.98 Parish Plan

Cllr. James handed the Clerk a letter from St. Bridget's P.C.C. requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Cllr. James proposed an amount of £500 be granted to St. Bridget's P.C.C. towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr. James proposed that the accounts presented should be paid. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Annual Return 2010 had been signed off by the Audit Commission.

**391. TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET FOR 2011/2012**

The Clerk had circulated two draft budgets prior to the Meeting. She required clarification from Councillors on certain items contained within the Budget. A lengthy discussion took place encompassing all aspects of the Budget. The Clerk will prepare a further Budget to be presented to Cllrs. at the Meeting of the full Council on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

**392. PLANNING Applications**

1/0672/2010/FUL          Erection of conservatory to rear  
Railside  
Bridgerule

**Considered by Cllrs. James, Davey and Seymour-Smith previously, due to the lack of Council Meeting in August and recommended for approval.**

1/0681/2010/FUL          Proposed barn  
Sanctuary Lodge  
Bridgerule

**Interest:                    None declared**

**Recommendation:      Cllr. James proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)**

1/0739/2010/FUL          Removal of condition from original planning permission to allow garage  
6 Littlebridge Meadow    to used as living area  
Bridgerule

**Interest:                    None declared**

**Recommendation:      Cllr. Giles proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)**

**Permissions**

1/0672/2010/FUL          Erection of conservatory to rear  
Railside  
Bridgerule

**393. TO DISCUSS THE RECENTLY CANCELLED BUS SERVICE**

As the decision had been made by DCC, without any consultation with Bridgerule Parish Council or Cllr. Barry Parsons, had been implemented, it was felt there was nothing to discuss. The Clerk drew Councillor's attention to Item 23 of Correspondence Received, an e-mail from Cllr. Parsons.

**394. HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk informed the meeting that DCC had cancelled the Highways' Surgeries, the reason given was that they were not well attended. The Clerk pointed out that the Holsworthy Surgeries had been extremely well attended. The Clerk had received notification regarding DCC's Winter Service in relation to Highways; this had included a map of the primary network in relation to the salting network and the secondary salting network. She circulated the map which also indicated where the saltbins are located. A form had been enclosed asking various questions regarding the saltbins. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to complete the form and return to DCC.

Cllr. Medland brought to the meeting's attention a complaint he had received regarding the speed of traffic from Jewells Cross towards Borough Cross. The Clerk pointed out that this is not a Highways issue and she would inform the Police to see if they could assist.

**395. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received from 21<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

1. Rural Services – weekly update
2. J. Jarroudi – volleyball posts available – copied to Cllr. Giles
3. Rural Services – weekly update
4. Rural Services Network – monthly update
5. R. Haste – re dog fouling bin Dux's Cross
6. Ruby Read – newsletter
7. Rural Services weekly newsletter
8. DCC – monthly newsletter
9. L. Gough – mobile library – **e-mailed to cllrs.**
10. L. Gough – reply to MF's query about Mobile library
11. Highways DCC – cancelling future Highway surgeries
12. TDC – licensing policy – any comments
13. J. Richardson-Dawes – DCC – cancellation of bus service **e-mailed to Cllrs**
14. Cllr. Parsons – reply to my e-mail to him re. 13. above
15. Cllr. McDougall – sign post
16. Torridge View – Summer issue – in village shop
17. Police Authority – no Liaison Meetings for 12 months
18. TDC – Review of Licensing Policy
19. DALC – AGM and Annual Report
20. Environment Agency – Flood pack
21. TDC – County Village Hall Grant Scheme (**e-mailed to CSS and GA for info**)
22. Pam Johns, Sec. of Chamber of Trade Holsworthy re. bus service
23. Cllr. Parsons – bus service
24. DCC – Public Meetings with Leader – closest Bideford 16<sup>th</sup> November or Okehampton 25<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 p.m.
25. TDC – cultural strategy meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September re. draft findings
26. Cllr. Stoneman - resignation

The Clerk brought the highlighted items to the attention of the Meeting.  
Item 15 – The Clerk confirmed she had informed DCC Highways.

**Correspondence Sent From 21<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

1. Cllr. Stoneman, Mr. G. Cooper & Mr. S. Rickwood – thanks for fencing work
2. B. Williams – request for estimate of costs for grass cutting 2011/2012
3. R. Haste – TC – request for dog fouling bin Dux's Cross

4. K. Davey – FOBS – enclosing £100 cheque
5. Cllr. James – re. Cllr. Stoneman's resignation
6. Cllrs. SS and GA – budget for Parish Hall
7. M. Harris – TDC re. Parish Plan
8. S. Cholwill – forwarding e-mail re bus cancellation

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

**Correspondence Received 1<sup>st</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

1. TDC – Holsworthy Area Advisory Group – Agenda 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.
2. National Housing Federation – Affordable Housing – booklet
3. Village Green Sept Issue
4. Clerks & Councils Direct – September issue
5. NALC – Big Lottery Grant Funding
6. B. Williams – grass cutting costs 2011/2012
7. NTCTA – poster re. ring and ride (placed in shop window)
8. DCC – Winter Service on Devon's Highways (copies given to Cllrs)
9. L. Gough – DCC Mobile Library permission to park outside village hall (reply 2. sent)
10. Minutes of MCTi Mtg. 24<sup>th</sup> August – housing survey/Showfield appeal
11. DCC – Public Meeting – 18 November Memorial Hall – 6.30 (in village shop)
12. DCC – Emergency Planning
13. DCC Sept. newsletter – Elections
14. Cllr. Chilton – various – Exchange
15. DCC – Parish Paths – at Clerk's request – maps/forms to be given to Cllr. SS

**Correspondence Sent 31<sup>st</sup> August – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

1. B. Williams – grass cutting costs held
2. L. Gough – permission re. mobile library
3. Cllr. Chilton – reply discuss Exchange

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

Item 10 – The Clerk informed the meeting that the Community Council of Devon (CCD), with Holsworthy Town Council, would be carrying out a housing survey in the early part of November. This survey for completion will be circulated to all households within Holsworthy Town.

Item 14 – to be discussed under Exchange of Information.

**396. PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith had little to report. A joint meeting of the Village Hall Committee and the Steering Group had taken place.

**397. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James had nothing to report, but did explain various aspects of affordable housing.

**398. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**399. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.**

Cllr. Chilton raised the following:

Street light needed near the garages near The Green and leading to Bridge Park – The Clerk informed the meeting that Tarka Housing Association is still 'trialing' solar lighting in Bideford and she had been trying to speak to a surveyor at the Association without success. She would keep trying.

Car parking on the road through the village towards Borough Cross – it was agreed that this is a public highway without restrictions and therefore therefore the Council could not do anything. If a vehicle was obstructing an entrance the house owner should inform the Police.

Parking on corners in Littlebridge Meadows – the Clerk said that the Police patrol that area on a regular basis and if they see dangerous parking will deal with it – again if a resident sees this happening he/she should inform the Police immediately. The Police cannot act if a vehicle is not contravening the law when they patrol.

Flooding B3254 between Borough Cross and Jewells Cross – this is not a Highways problem. The Clerk had contacted SW Water last year, who informed her the problem was down to the landowner. She will contact SW Water again.

**400. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

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