

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th February 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. K. Chilton, K. Davey, G. Abbott, J. Medland, C. Seymour-Smith, J. Giles, J. McDougall and S. Sharp

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

PCSO Harvey

Members of the Public

454. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Linney and County Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies.

455. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

456. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Sheila Cholwill told the Meeting that as part of the celebrations for the Royal Wedding on 29th April, 2011 the school children would be provided with a commemorative mug. She asked if the Council would be willing to donate a sum of money to this. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that funds should be provided to supply commemorative mugs to the school children of Bridgerule; the invoice being addressed to the Council. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

457. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Harvey reported that TDC are providing financial support for a proposed range of activities within Holsworthy. The ATC had been sent a list of these by James Jarroudi and had circulated this to all Cllrs. prior to the meeting. PCSO Harvey explained the details of the activities. It was agreed that an article would go in the Buzz, placed on the website, in the village shop (possibly with a form for people to complete if they are interested), and in the School and PCSO Harvey had visited the Over 50's Club and some people had expressed an interest. PCSO Harvey confirmed that to be successful each activity would need a good number of members.

She then reported that it had been a quiet period, crimewise, although theft of heating oil/diesel was still a problem, and people must be made aware of this.

Cllr. Medland pointed out that parked cars continue to be a problem at the entrance to Littlebridge Meadow.

458. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January, 2011 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

459. MATTERS ARISING

Item 443 (and 423 of mtg. held on 17th November 2010) – The ATC read out an e-mail from the Highways Department; lack of funding means no sign can be provided, and as it is the responsibility of DCC they cannot delegate authority for this. The request for relining work has been passed to the Superintendent of Highways for the area.

Item 443 (and 433 of 17th November) – Cllr. James gave a brief update; the Holsworthy Property Trust were looking at taking on the building, doing necessary work and renting the properties out. To recoup costs this would be for a period of approximately 5 years. He explained how this would work and confirmed that it had Mrs. Orchard's agreement. Cllr. Abbott asked if there was a need for Mrs. Orchard's property, and Cllr. James explained that although the Trust was not aware of anyone at the moment, it was likely that when the properties had been refurbished applicants would appear. Cllr. James also confirmed that the Contract with the Eastcotts has to be amended regarding the finishing of

the road and that he had spoken to Mr. McIntosh about the green area at Littlebridge Meadow and the payment of £1K to the Council in relation to this.

460. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were presented for payment.

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN FEBRUARY 2011						
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COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
16.02.11	Cash	437	£17.58	£17.58		Petty Cash
TOTAL			£17.58	£17.58		
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>			<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th January 2011		3,130.66			£4,932.92	of which £832.98 is Parish Plan grant
Transfer of VAT reclaim to Reserve A/c		325.91				
Transfer from Reserve to Current		<u>£262.97</u>			0.5	Interest March 10
		£3,067.72			0.5	Interest June 10
	434		56.25		0.5	Interest September 10
	435		613.36		0.5	Interest December 10
	436		<u>262.97</u>		325.91	Transfer from C/A re. vat reclaim
			932.58		<u>262.97</u>	P. Plan transfer to C/A
Balance at 19th December			£2,135.14		£4,997.86	At 19th Jan. 11 £570.01 P. Plan
					£4,427.85	Available to Council as Reserves

Cllr. McDougall proposed the payment be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Giles and unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

461. TO DISCUSS AN OFFER, RECEIVED FROM BRIDGERULE PRIMARY SCHOOL, TO HOLD FUTURE FULL MEETINGS OF BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE SCHOOL'S PREMISES

The Clerk referred to Item 452 of the January Minutes. She had subsequently e-mailed Mrs. Neep to ask for confirmation in writing of the offer and confirmation that the future dates of the Meetings of the Full Council (including the Annual Parish Meeting in April) could be booked. Mrs. Neep has replied that at the moment only child size chairs are available and she will contact the Clerk again shortly. It was agreed to return to this subject at another meeting.

462. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF BRIDGRULE PARISH COUNCIL PURCHASING LAND TO EXTEND THE PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL PITCH

This Item had been placed on the Agenda at the request of Cllr. Abbott. Cllr. Abbott informed the Meeting that Mr. Hale had decided to sell land around the playing field and had offered the land to the Council. The price mentioned was £18K for one acre. The Clerk asked how the Council would fund buying the land. After a brief discussion, Cllr. James proposed that Cllrs. Abbott and Giles enter into discussion with Mr. Hale and will also pursue fund-raising. Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

463. TO DISCUSS THE EXTENSION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER BANK WALK ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE RIVER

This Item had been placed on the Agenda at the request of Cllr. James. Cllr. James gave a brief historical report on the land in question. This land belongs to the Hale family and the suggestion is that the 'walk' continues as far as the trees go. It was envisaged that the Council would lease the land; the insurance element would have to be investigated. After a short discussion, Cllr. James proposed that he continue discussions with Mr. Hale to secure the areas further down under the trees and to come up with

a lease arrangement. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

464. PLANNING

Application

1/0035/2011/FULM Proposed solar voltaic park and associated buildings
Land at Bradford
Manor Farm
Pyworthy

The ATC had contacted the Planning Department, as requested in Item 449 of January, 2011 Minutes. As the application may have an impact on Bridgerule, the Council have the opportunity to make comments. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that the Clerk write to the Company involved enquiring about volume of traffic, type of vehicles and inviting a representative of the company to attend a meeting of Bridgerule Parish Council to explain the application in more detail; to also write to the Planning Officer at TDC explaining the Council's concerns re. traffic and enclosing a copy of the letter to the Company concerned. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. James then invited Mr. Derek Hilleard to present his proposals for The Pump House.

Cllr. James proposed suspending Standing Orders. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was unanimously carried. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Mr. Hilleard gave extensive details (both historic and present) regarding the site. He then showed Cllrs. plans that had been drawn up for the proposed building. He explained that a lot of work has already gone into this project and further work and meetings, for advice, with Officers at TDC (including a Pre-Planning Meeting) are required before a Planning Application is applied for. After discussion, Cllr. James thanked Mr. Hilleard for attending the Meeting and stating that that he felt the whole of the Council is supportive of his plans and consider it to be an exciting project. Details of the project can be viewed on www.bridgerule.co.uk clicking on Bridgerule News and follow the link to The Pump House.

Cllr. James proposed returning to Standing Orders. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Permissions

1/0980/2010/FUL Extension to agricultural building to cover feed area
Borough Park
Bridgerule

465. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk has reported various large potholes within the area. Cllr. McDougall confirmed that the work required at Furze Cross had been carried out. (Item 446 of Minutes for January, 2011).

466. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that a Meeting of the Committee had taken place; an enormous amount of work will be required to get the project of building a new village hall off the ground. He said that Martin Rich of CDD was giving advice; it is possible that a questionnaire will be prepared where all residents of Bridgerule will have the opportunity to state their views on the project. Cllr. Seymour-Smith also reported on an event in Exeter that he and Cllr. Chilton had attended. They had obtained invaluable information on what is required to successfully apply for grant funding; the preparation of a Business Plan being first and foremost. It is thought that approximately £700K to £800K would be required to build the Hall. The next meeting of the Hall Committee will take place on 28th February at the School.

467. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The list had been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the Meeting.

Correspondence Received 19th January to 16th February 2011

1. Rural Services weekly newsletter

2. P. Hunter – nominations and no. of proposer etc.
3. Cllr. SS re. ownership of Hall etc.
4. Rural Services – monthly newsletter
5. TDC – Agenda Hls. Advisory Group 31st January. (e-mail to all Cllrs)
6. DCC – Community Emergency Planning Pack
7. Rural Services weekly newsletter
8. DALC - Maintenance Community Self Help Schemes
9. DALC – Localism Bill
10. DALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 29th June
11. TDC – update of electoral register
12. DCC – Highways – signing Littlebridge (to be brought up in Highways)
13. DCC – Parish Flooding Survey
14. DALC – Training 2011
15. TDC – Nomination Forms/Polling card
16. J. Jarroudi – active villages
17. J. Jarroudi – active villages 2
18. Cllr. Parsons – salt/grit spreaders (all Cllrs. notified)

Highlighted Items were brought to Councillors' attention.

Item 10 – Cllr. James proposed that Mrs. Sheila Cholwill be nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For .0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Items 8 and 18 – The Clerk explained that she felt these were linked, since they both dealt with the problems experience because of the very bad weather in December. She explained Cllr. Parsons communication which suggests 4/6 salt/grit spreaders (bought from Cllr. Parson's Locality Grant) be shared between parishes (4/5 parishes working together with one machine). These machines being towed by a 4x4 vehicle. She also read out an e-mail received prior to the Meeting from Mr. Alan Weekes (who was in attendance at the Meeting as a Member of the Public) requesting more grit bins at Littlebridge Meadow. She asked Mr. Weekes exactly where he would propose the bins go – the location being within Littlebridge Meadow. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways with this request.

Note – After the Meeting closed Cllr. Sharp asked the Chairman (Cllr. James) and the Clerk whether he could approach residents regarding this subject and also an Emergency Plan. The Clerk gave him the Emergency Pack from DCC (Item 6) and Cllr. James said that Cllr. Sharp's help would be much appreciated.

Correspondence Sent 19th January – 16th February

1. P. Hunter – notification of co-option
2. S. Sharp – confirming co-option
3. A. Johnston – unsuccess co-option
4. Hls Hamlets – cheque
5. Various e-mails to Cllrs. – replying (on computer)

468. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James had nothing further to report

469. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

- She had attended the Holsworthy Area Advisory Meeting where Paula Hunter, TDC, had presented the format for the Election Process. The Clerk now has the blank nomination papers. Cllr. James explained the process of completion and submission. Cllr. Chilton took a form, the others will be distributed at the next Meeting of the Full Council on 16th March, 2011.
- Cllr. Seymour-Smith confirmed that he had lodged the amended Bank Mandate form with the Holsworthy Branch of Natwest.

470. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

Cllr. Giles reported the return of the Moles on the playing field. Cllr. McDougall to supply a trap.

471. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signature Date