



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th April 2014 at 8.25 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr. K. James
Councillors: Cllrs. C. Seymour-Smith, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Cholwill, A. Johnston, G. Abbott, K. Elliott and J. Medland

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Member of the Public

1148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Giles had sent apologies.

1149. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1150. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no questions

1151. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bray had given a short report in the Annual Parish Meeting which had preceded the Council Meeting:

'Over the last 6 months there had been one instance of possession of cannabis and one of theft/damage; there had been a few other 'things' but these came under the category of 'domestic'. Two new Officers had been recruited to Holsworthy, PC's Holm and Franklin. PCSO Bray informed the Meeting that she would be moving, shortly, to work in South Molton. She will let the Council know the exact date and hopefully will be able to introduce her replacement at the next Council Meeting. Sgt. Channing is now back working full-time out of Holsworthy. PCSO Bray said she had also attended the School to engage the pupils in various topics; the Coffee Mornings and foot patrol in the Village.'

Cllr. James thanked PCSO for the work she has undertaken in Bridgerule and wished her well.

1152. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th March, 2014 be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 2 Abstentions).

1153. MATTERS ARISING

Item 1130 – County Councillor's Report – The PC had circulated Mr. Pound's response to her request for an update on the Post Office, which had been that he hoped to have an update by the end of March. She had sent a further request on 9th April and Mr. Pound had replied stating that, "I have heard nothing about the shop and will now progress an outreach. I will approach Kilkhampton about this and the best times for him. I am in the area on 25th April". The PC asked Cllr. James if he had received an update from Mr. Marsh regarding the village shop premises. He confirmed he hadn't, but Cllr. Cholwill indicated that she had been told by Mr. Marsh that the shop had been sold.

Item 1132 – TAP Fund – The PC asked Cllr. James if he an update on this item. Cllr. James confirmed he is still progressing this.

Item 1136 – Highways – The PC confirmed that she had circulated, to all Cllrs., Mr. Phillips' reply to Cllr. McDougall's report (item 2 of correspondence received). This included a map of all defects in and around Bridgerule which will be repaired "in due course". His reply indicated that DCC has little say over the routes vehicles use, but that any damage which has occurred to private property should be taken up directly, by the property owner, with the contractor.

1154. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN APRIL 2014							-
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
16.04.14	DALC	550	£156.41	£136.12	£20.29	Membership DALC/NALC	
16.04.14	Cash	551	£31.72	£31.72		Petty Cash	
16.04.14	M. Fenner	552	£156.43	£156.43		Salary April	
TOTAL			£344.56	£324.27	£20.29		
Bank Accounts							
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th March		£1,925.59		£5,361.56	Balance at 19th January 2014		
				£497.48	Transfer from Hall re. play area		
				£164.22	Reclaimed VAT		
			£1,925.59				
		546	£117.40				
		547	£156.23				
		548	£334.80				
		549	£30.00				
Balance at 19th April			£1,287.16		£6,023.26	Balance at 19th February 2014	
<u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u>							
At 19 December 2013			£5,028.86				

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1155. TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE STANDING ORDERS, AS REVIEWED BY THE PC MARCH 2014, OF BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL

Copies of the Standing Orders had been circulated with the Agenda. The PC explained the review and Cllr. James proposed that the Standing Orders, as reviewed at March 2014, be approved and accepted. Cllr. Johnston seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1156. TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, AS REVIEWED BY THE PC MARCH 2014, OF BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL

Copies of the Financial Regulations had been circulated with the Agenda. The PC explained the review and Cllr. James proposed that the Standing Orders, as reviewed at March 2014, be approved and accepted. Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1157. PLANNING

No applications had been received.

The PC explained correspondence received (items 12 and 14) from Kate Little, TDC Planning, regarding the 21 day consultation period, and the fact that no extensions to the time limit would be allowed. If planning applications are received immediately after a Council Meeting, to meet the 21 day consultation period, it will be necessary for the PC to contact Councillors to discuss the application.

1158. HIGHWAYS

Cllrs. reported various locations needing attention, including a large pothole outside Jewells Cross Garage, the Dux Cross to Derril road, the road from Dux Cross to Bridgemoor Cross, and a pothole at 'Narraton' Bevill's Hill. The PC will report these on DCC's website.

1159. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith had given the following report at the Annual Parish Meeting, which had preceded the Council Meeting:

'Cllr. Seymour-Smith, in his role as Chairman of the above, circulated information relating to the finances of the Hall and work completed and work to be undertaken. **(Appendix 1)**.

He highlighted the new meeting room, which could be used by the Council for its monthly meetings; there are now 12 Members of the charity and it is envisaged that a grand re-opening will take place in 2016.'

1160. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received 19th March – 15th April

1. DALC – additional info. re. newsletter March **(circulated to Cllrs. with internet access)**
2. S. Phillips – response to Cllr. McDougall's report re. HGV vehicles and Furze Cross
3. C. Pound – response to PC's request for update on PO
4. Rural Services – weekly newsletter **(circulated to Cllrs. with internet access)**
5. NALC – Policy review Survey 2014 (copy of completed form in sent)
6. Rural Services – weekly newsletter **(circulated to Cllrs. with internet access)**
7. Rural Services Vulnerability Service – Broadband **(circulated to Cllrs. with internet access)**
8. DALC – April newsletter part 2 **(circulated to Cllrs. with internet access)**
9. TDC – agenda for Holsworthy Area Advisory Meeting 7th April **(circulated to Cllrs. with internet access)**
10. NHS England – notification that the Endsleigh Dental Practice in Holsworthy will close 27th June.
11. DCC – Change to Fare Car Services **(circulated to Cllrs – Cllr. Cholwill for The Buzz)**
12. K. Little TDC – 21 day consultation period re. planning applications
13. DCC – Devon Remembers World War 1
14. K. Little TDC – 21 day consultation – answering questions raised

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

Correspondence Sent 19th March – 15th April

1. S. Phillips – forwarding Cllr. McDougall's report for comment/action
2. Notice Board Co. – order and cheque for Council notice board
3. Various – request to attend and give report at Annual Parish Meeting
4. C. Pound/L. Tarling Post Office – request for update on village PO
5. NALC – policy review survey – copy of completed form
6. C. Pound – further request for update on PO

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1161. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

1162. CLERK'S REPORT

The PC reminded Cllrs. that the Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on 21st May.

1163. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. McDougall informed the Meeting that work was being carried out to repair the damage done at Furze Cross (as detailed in Item 1136 of the Council Minutes 19th March 2014).

Cllr. Abbott expressed his concern at the lack of interest, as indicated by non-attendance, in the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr. James will be organising the materials to extend the car park (Item 1098 of the Council Minutes 15th January 2014).

Cllr. Medland asked if anyone had information on Bardon's franchise drivers. Cllr. James will make enquiries.

1164. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.55

Signature Date