

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in  
Bridgerule Village Hall

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs, J. Medland, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Sharp, G. Abbott and J. Giles

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

**613. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. Seymour-Smith, Davey and Johnston had sent apologies. PCSO Bray had sent apologies. Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies. Cllr. Giles had sent apologies for possible lateness.

**614. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**615. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present

**616. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Bray had sent apologies.

**617. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies.

**618. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Haydon proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**619. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

The Clerk asked if Item 9 of the Agenda could be heard next. Cllr. James proposed changing the Order of Business to allow Item 9 on the Agenda to be discussed before Item 8. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**620. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU AND A REQUEST FOR A DONATION FROM VICTIMS SUPPORT**

A request had been received from Mr. Ken Chilton that Bridgerule Parish Council considers giving a grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that Torridge, North Devon, Mid Devon and Bude Citizens Advice Bureau receive a grant of £50 from Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a request had been received from Victim Support for a donation towards its work. The Clerk pointed out that after the grant to the CAB, the grant budget of £700 had now been allocated for 2011/2012. After discussion, it was agreed that a donation could not be given to Victims Support.

Cllr. Giles arrived at 8.15 p.m.

**621. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment.

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN NOVEMBER 2011</b>							-
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
16.11.11	M.Fenner	459	£156.23	£156.23		Salary October	
16.11.11	Cash	460	£29.77	£29.77		Petty Cash	
16.11.11	R.A.J. Glover	461	£175.00	£175.00		Grass Cutting Bus Stop	
16.11.11	Torridge,N.Devon,Mid Devon & Bude cAB	462	£50.00	£50.00		Grant	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£411.00</b>	<b>£411.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		

  

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Cllr. Medland proposed the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Haydon and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**622. TO DISCUSS THE RESPONSE FROM DCC HIGHWAYS TO CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE CONDITION OF ROADS INTO BRIDGERULE AFTER USE AS A 'DIVERSION' ROUTE**

The Clerk confirmed that Cllrs. had been made aware of the correspondence. She informed the meeting that she had asked Simon Phillips if the work being carried out, from Burnards House to Bridgerule, (clearing ditches and placing the earth, as a bank, along the highway) had been carried out by DCC Highways and, if so, did DCC consider this work sufficient to make the road less dangerous. Mr. Phillips confirmed DCC had carried out the work and '...the large banks of earth prevent a means whereby it is difficult for vehicles to continually override the edge of the carriageway thus preventing further damage. Also as previously mentioned all the roads in the parish have been inspected with all potholes being reported for repair'.

After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that the Parish Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Phillips expressing Bridgerule Parish Council's dissatisfaction at a) the way in which DCC Highways had not made any provision for large volumes of traffic using all roads into and out of Bridgerule whilst work was being carried out on the A3072 and b) the fact that DCC's apparent solution to the damage caused was already, and would in the future, cause the Burnards House to Bridgerule road remain a dangerous thoroughfare. Cllr. Abbott seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**623. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. ABBOTT RE. PURCHASING LAND TO EXTEND THE PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL PITCH AND AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. JAMES RE. THE EXTENSION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER BANK WALK.**

Cllr. Abbott reported that Jenny Fish, TDC, was assisting in how potential fund raising regarding purchasing the land could be achieved. He asked the Council to consider contributing a sum of money from Reserves towards this. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that Bridgerule Parish Council set

aside a sum of £2K from the Council's Reserves to aid match funding to purchase land to extend the playing field. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

#### 624. PLANNING

The following applications were considered:

##### Applications

1/0971/2011/FUL      Alteration and extension to include addition of first floor and double  
Linthan                      garage  
Bridgerule

**Interest:**                      **None**

**Recommendation:**      **Cllr. Abbott proposed the application be approved. Cllr. James seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)**

1/1067/2011/FUL      Proposed slurry store  
Nortons  
Bridgerule

**Interest:**                      **None**

**Recommendation:**      **Cllr. James proposed the application be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)**

1/1068/2011/FUL      Proposed covered yard and feed building  
Nortons  
Bridgerule

**Interest:**                      **None**

**Recommendation:**      **Cllr. James proposed the application be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)**

1/1070/2011/FUL      Proposed extension to the existing straw storage building to increase  
Nortons                      Storage capacity  
Bridgerule

**Interest:**                      **None**

**Recommendation:**      **Cllr. Abbott proposed the application be approved. Cllr. James seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)**

##### Permissions

1/0846/2011/FUL      Extensions and refurbishment of dwelling  
Little Bridge Farm House  
Bridgerule

##### Refusals

1/0855/2011/FUL      Retrospective application for rebuild of derelict warehouse and conversion  
Merrifield Holt              to live/work unit  
Bridgerule

Cllr. James gave further information on the Refusal and said that he would be having further discussions at TDC about this.

#### 625. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk read out details of a letter received from Michael Newcombe, DCC Highways, regarding a letter she had written in respect of safety issues at Bridgerule Primary School (Item 596, Council Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011). Mr. Newcombe had suggested a meeting to discuss various issues raised, to include a representative of the School. The Clerk gave Cllr. James a copy of Mr. Newcombe's letter.

Cllr. James said he would contact Mr. Newcombe to arrange a meeting and would also contact the School.

**626. EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

Cllr. Sharp circulated a plan of the areas he proposed be gritted. A discussion took place regarding this. Cllr. Sharp confirmed that no one had contacted him about volunteering with the gritting. He would keep the Council informed on any update regarding this subject.

**627. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith was not present had sent apologies.

**628. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence received – 20 October – 15 November 2011**

1. FOBS – thank you for grant
2. K. Chilton – CAB Grant
3. K. Chilton – request for 2011 grant
4. DCC Highways – road closure Weekstone X to Burnards House (received 20 October road closure to take effect 25 October) (all Cllrs. copied)
5. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
6. Road closure and effect on roads in Bridgerule (from various residents)
7. Cllr. Parsons – response re.6. above
8. Cllr. Abbott – volunteering to meet with Cllr. Parsons/S Phillips
9. St Bridget's PCC – thank you for grant
10. Further Correspondence re. Highways and complaint
11. K. Chilton – info. re. grant
12. DALC – Nov/Dec Newsletter
13. Victim Support – request for contribution for ongoing work
14. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
15. Clerks & Councils Direct – November issue
16. Holsworthy Community Transport – info. require Cllrs. for Board of Trustees
17. Ruby Country – newsletter and Posters
18. TDC – Precept form (copy of completed form in file)
19. Cllr. Abbott – copy e-mail to B. Parsons re. playingfield
20. M. Newcombe DCC – Highways – Bridgerule School issues
21. L. Steele TDC Housing Manager – Devon Home Choice System for allocating Social Housing Vacancies
22. S. Phillips – confirmation of work carried out between Burnards House and Bridgerule

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs'. attention.  
Item 21 – Cllr. James gave brief details on this.

**Correspondence Sent – 20 October – 15 November 2011**

1. M. Newcombe – DCC Highways – school and speeding
2. Cllr. Parsons – school and speeding
3. V. Harris – St. Bridget's PCC – grant cheque
4. K. Chilton – request for grant CAB
5. S. Phillips Highways/County Cllr. Parsons – road closure and effect on roads in Bridgerule
6. All Cllrs – re response from B. Parsons
7. Cllr. Parsons – response from S Phillips and PC's reply
8. S. Phillips – request as to how long repairs will take
9. Hls Post – article for Bridgerule – appeared w/c 31<sup>st</sup> October
10. S. Phillips/Cllr Parsons – further complaint
11. S. Phillips – querying work carried out

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs'. attention

**629. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James had nothing to report, but gave an update on the affordable housing in Bridgerule, at Canal Rise – 2 houses have been sold, 2 are still available. He explained the criteria for being eligible for affordable housing.

**630. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated calendars to Cllrs. detailing the meetings of the Full Council in 2012. She informed the Meeting that DCC would be holding Highways' Surgeries (for all members of the public) in the Council Offices in Holsworthy from January 2012. She would give details of the dates and times as and when they are scheduled to take place.

**631. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Abbott confirmed that he had ordered, and paid for, chains for the swing seat (Item 611 Council Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011). An invoice will be passed to the Clerk.

**632. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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