

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th February, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in
Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. Chilton

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

As neither the Chairman nor Deputy Chairman were present at 8.00 p.m. Cllr. Giles proposed Cllr. Chilton take the Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed. (Vote 5 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention). The Meeting commenced at 8.10 p.m.

275. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Stoneman. PCSO Harvey and County Cllr. B. Parsons
Cllr. McDougall sent apologies for possible lateness

276. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

277. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

278. POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report.

279. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January, 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Giles proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Linney seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllrs. James and Davey arrived at 8.20 p.m.

280. MATTERS ARISING

Item 263 – Cllr. Giles confirmed that the fencing had been ordered.

Item 267 – The Clerk confirmed that she had attended a Meeting with Bruce Pedrick, DCC Highways. She handed the letter re. salt bins to Mr. Pedrick, who said he couldn't see a problem with the request, except for the location of the Chapel and the School. He pointed out that they are so close in proximity that it shouldn't be necessary to have two bins. He would reply in writing. The 2 potholes at Newacott Cross had already been identified, along with numerous others and patching work was being carried out. There is absolutely no chance of resurfacing the road past the School to Derril in 2010/2011. The Clerk was informed that the culvert on Churchtown Road, outside Short and Abbott, is privately owned and therefore not the Highways' responsibility. They do get the Lengthsman to clear twice a year. The Clerk would try and find out, from the Highways' Dept., who owns the culvert.

281. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies.

282. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

There were no accounts for payment

Bank Accounts

<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 19th January 2010	19th December 09	2,621.71		£5,072.63	Parish Plan: £2,241.57
	<u>Payments</u>			0.5	Interest - June
		411	£572.00	0.51	Interest - September
-				0.51	Interest - December
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	<u>Receipts</u>				<u>Receipts</u>
	19th January 2010				
<u>Balance at 19th December</u>			<u>£2,049.71</u>	<u>£5,074.15</u>	Parish Plan: £2,241.57

283. TO DISCUSS A DRAFT LETTER, PREPARED BY CLLR. STONEMAN, IN RESPECT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW FOOTPATH BEING BUILT WITHIN BRIDGERULE

Cllr. James explained the background to the proposed footpath. The Clerk read out (in his absence) a letter received from Cllr. McDougall regarding this subject. After a short discussion Cllr. James proposed that he would talk to the owners of the three bungalows who own the frontage, which would become a possible footpath and also discuss with Bruce Pedrick, Highways, the possibility of moving the street light to enable such work to take place. Cllr. Chilton seconded this proposal which was agreed unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

284. PLANNING

No applications had been received and the following permission had been granted:
 1/0873/2009/FUL Conversion of a barn to holiday let
 Tackbeare Manor
 Marhamchurch

285. HIGHWAYS

See Item 280.

286. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received from 20th January to 17th February 2010

1. Freedom of Info. Act – Info received or produced by Councillors (copy to each Cllr)
2. RoSPA – confirming automatic order system for inspection
3. TDC – Draft Winkleigh Airfield Site & Core Strategy exhibitions
4. Police – J9 invitation
5. Holsworthy Senior Council – minutes of 24 Nov. meeting (e-mailed to Cllrs)
6. Cllr. McDougall – apologies for next two meetings
7. NALC – nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Parties
8. DCC – Mobile Library Survey (e-mailed to cllrs)
9. MCTi – Newsletter January 2010
10. Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter – new monthly newsletter
11. Rural Services Network – Feb edition
12. NSPCC – Helpline want help to raise awareness
13. TDC – PPG17 Assessment Focus Group Meetings (assessment of sport, recreational facilities)
14. TDC – vacancy for Parish rep on Standards Committee
15. Parish Council Emergency Planning Support Sessions
16. DAPC – new Model Standing Orders
17. Liberal Democrats – posters and cards re. election

Correspondence Sent From 21st January – 17th February 2010

1. B. Pedrick – DCC Highways – salt bins
2. Memo – all cllrs. re. Freedom of Info., J9 Launch, draft letter re. footpath
3. HM Customs & Excise – VAT reclaim 01.04.09 – 31.01.10 - £158.77

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

Item 8 – The Clerk would complete this as directed by Cllrs. at the Meeting.

Item 13 – Cllr. James explained this. The Clerk supplied Cllr. James with the date and time of the Meetings.

287. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that the Parish Plan Group had met on 10th February. He had circulated, via e-mail and handouts at the Meeting, the figures compiled from completed questionnaires. It is hoped the final Plan will be ready by May or June 2010. He pointed out the negative responses to how the Council promotes what it does, etc., although all Minutes are available on the website, and Cllr. Seymour-Smith updates the content of this on a regular basis. Cllr. James said he would try and get a 'piece' on the Council into the next edition of the Parish newsletter. The Clerk said she felt the notice board, in which Agendas and anything else relating to the Council, is inadequate. It was agreed she would investigate the cost of a new board, although location might be a problem. The possibility of placing articles in the village newsletter and in the local press was also discussed. Cllr. Seymour-Smith said the next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee would take place in the pub on 10th March at 7.30 p.m.

288. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James reported as follows:

- TDC will received £840K from the Government to set up the travellers' site near Pyworthy. He explained how this money would be spent and a general discussion took place.
- He reported that there is a possibility that the buildings owned by A. Orchard, including the Village Shop, may be demolished and rebuilt. This possibility is in the early stages of planning and a pre-planning application will have to be submitted to TDC; at that stage public discussions would take place regarding the application.

Cllr. J. McDougall arrived at 9.05 p.m.

He had come from a Police Liaison Meeting held in Holsworthy and reported that 495 crimes had taken place in 2009. The speed gun project would commence with the volunteers being trained, in approximately 2 months time. He announced that PCSO Beverley Harvey had been named PCSO of the year for North Devon.

289. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report.

290. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

Cllr. Giles reported that the Football Club had yet to purchase a mower – a water leak had to take financial priority. He also said that the Club required new nets and goals posts. Cllr. James said that, as a District Councillor, he would donate money for new nets. Cllr. Abbott reported that Sheila Cholwill had prepared a rota for the cleaning of the village hall, any help with this work would be greatly appreciated.

291. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signature Date

