

Bridgerule Parish Council

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

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James
 Councillors: Cllrs. G. Abbott, J. Giles, C. Seymour-Smith, J. Medland, K. Chilton, J. Stoneman and J. McDougall

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

292. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. Linney and Davey. County Cllr. Parsons
 Cllr. McDougall sent apologies for possible lateness

293. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

294. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

295. POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report.

296. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February, 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Giles proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

297. MATTERS ARISING

Item 283 – Cllr. James reported that he would be speaking to Devon Highways re. this subject.
 Item 288 - Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked if this could be clarified, since it had caused the tenants of the shop some concern. Cllr. James said that as a pre-planning application had not been received he could not confirm that the shop would or would not be included; he believed it would not be included in any demolition.
 The Clerk asked Cllr. Abbott about progress with the refurbishment of the swings. Cllr. Abbott confirmed that this is in hand. The Clerk asked Cllr. Giles about the progress with fencing for the open space at Southfields. Cllr. Giles confirmed that this is in hand, and work should commence shortly.

298. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies.

299. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were presented for payment:

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN MARCH 2010						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
17.03.10	Cash	412	£24.56	£24.56		Petty Cash
17.03.10	M. Fenner	413	£572.00	£572.00		Salary
17.03.10	Devon County Council	414	£1,175.00	£1,000.00	£175.00	Parish Plan questionnaire
17.03.10	C&L Clocks	415	£147.63	£147.63		Parish Plan - Buzz printing
17.03.10	C&L Clocks	416	£85.96	£85.96		Parish Plan - various expenses
TOTAL			£2,005.15	£1,830.15	£175.00	

Bank Accounts			
<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 19th February 2010	2,049.71	£5,072.63	of which £2241.57 is Parish Plan Grant
<u>Payments</u>			0.5 Interest - June
-			0.51 Interest - September
-			0.51 Interest - December
-		£158.77	VAT repayment
-		£5,232.92	At 19th February 2010
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-	£0.00		Payment: £1175.00 Parish Plan
-			£1175.00 Parish Plan questionnaire
-			£147.63 Parish Plan - Buzz printing
			£85.96 Parish Plan - various expenses
		<u>£1,408.59</u>	
		-	Parish Plan Grant remaining £832.98
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		£300	Transferred to Current A/C 17.03.10
Balance at 17th March 2010	£2,049.71	£4,932.92	of which £832.98 is Parish Plan grant

Cllr. Chilton proposed that the accounts presented should be paid. This was seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The Clerk asked if the invoice for the fencing for the open space at Southfields was available. Cllr. Abbott confirmed that he would pass this to her before the next Council Meeting. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that £300 be transferred from the Reserve Account to the Current Account to ensure there was no shortfall prior to the Precept for 2010/2011 arriving in the current account. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

300 PLANNING

The following application and permission had been received:

Applications

1/0155/2010/FUL Erection of an agricultural building
Kents View
Borough Hill
Bridgerule

Permissions

1/0573/2009/FUL 1 x 3 bed affordable and 1 x 4 bed open market and play area
Plot 26
Littlebridge Meadow
Bridgerule

The application was discussed and Cllr. James proposed that Bridgerule Parish Council recommend approval. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Stoneman queried the Section 106 in relation to the permission. He had received enquiries from residents of Littlebridge Meadows as to the possibility of the open space being used for allotments. The Clerk believed that an allocated public open space was for the benefit of all residents of the Parish and that the S106 attached to the approval for the development states that 'the open space works shall

include (but not be limited to) the regrassing of the Public Open Space, provision of landscaping and planting, fencing and bench'. It further states that 'the land shall be considered to be in use as a Public Open Space if it is normally open and available to the public for that purpose'. Cllr. James said he would investigate the S106. Cllr. Chilton queried the progress of the work on drainage behind 'The Steps' bungalow and Cllr. James said he would try and obtain an update.

301. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk confirmed the following:

After receiving an e-mail from Cllr. Seymour-Smith, the road just beyond Jewells Cross, towards Bude, is the responsibility of Cornwall Highways.

Saltbins had been placed at 4 locations: Chapel Cross (near the Primary School), Borough Cross, Merrifield Cross (1 Railway Cottages) and Churchtown (Elm Park).

The excess water problem from Borough Cross towards Jewells Cross, opposite Knowle Plant – Devon Highways had confirmed that they will be dealing with this when finances are available – a new drain is required.

Remedial work to various potholes within the Parish had, and was continuing, to take place.

302. TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF MOLES RE. THE PLAYING FIELD

Cllr. Giles explained the problem to Councillors. The Clerk informed the meeting that Pest Control at Torridge District Council does not deal with this sort of problem. After discussion, Cllr. Stoneman offered to supply Cllr. Giles with mole traps. Cllr. Giles thanked Cllr. Stoneman and accepted his offer.

303. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received from 18th February to 17th March 2010

1. DAPC – Community Planning Drop In Surgery – 19th March (e-mailed to Cllrs)
2. Cllr. Chilton – lighting near the Green
3. Holsworthy Area Advisory Group – Agenda 1st March 7.00 p.m.
4. B. Pedrick Highways – location of new salt bins
5. Electoral Register Update (in file)
6. Village Green – March Issue- page 13 funding for community buildings
7. RoSPA – annual inspection April
8. DAPC – newsletter March/April
9. Cllr. Chilton – re. Northside (see response in sent)
10. Cllr. Chilton – re. Land at Dux (see response in sent)
11. Cllr. Chilton – re. Land at Dux (2) (see response in sent)
12. Rural Services Network March Edition
13. Audit Commission – appointment of external auditor
14. Devon in Touch – monthly edition
15. Devon Talk – Spring edition

Correspondence Sent From 18th February to 17th March 2010

1. Cllr. Chilton – re street light and Tarka Housing
2. Cllr. Smith/Chilton – re. Northside
3. Cllr. Chilton – Dux
4. Cllr. Chilton - Dux

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

Item 2 of Received – The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had been in contact with Tarka Housing who is responsible for the area. The Senior Surveyor had said he would send out a surveyor to look at the possibility of a 'low light' being placed near the garages. He explained that it would be financially prohibitive to erect a 'full' street light. The Clerk will obtain an update for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item 10 and 11 – The Clerk reported that the Environmental Health Officer who had been dealing with the site had confirmed that the site had been cleared up; it is not a Health and Safety issue and therefore there is nothing more TDC can do.

304. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that the Parish Plan Group had met on 10th March. The Group had finished going through the questionnaires. Cllr. Seymour-Smith explained how the Parish Plan would be presented; that there will be ongoing work and how action plans should come out of this. It is envisaged, that, as not everyone has access to the website, the Plan will be distributed with the next edition of Bridgerule Buzz in July.

Cllr. McDougall arrived at 9.10.

Cllrs. Giles and Abbott expressed their disquiet at the way in which the findings regarding the Village Hall had been reported in the Buzz. Cllr. Seymour-Smith clarified the figures, regarding the questions surrounding the Hall, in the questionnaire. The Clerk expressed her thanks to Cllr. Seymour-Smith for the setting up of the website and his continual updating of Council matters; she commented that almost all other Councils would have had to set aside a large amount of money for the type of website produced by Cllr. Seymour-Smith free of charge. The Clerk confirmed that she will be writing a short article for the Buzz regarding Council matters and would also attempt to get something into the local communities section of the Holsworthy Post.

305. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James had nothing to report.

306. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report.

307. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

Cllr. McDougall reported on crime figures since 17th December 2009 in the Holsworthy area: 15 Burglaries, 34 vehicles, 13 Thefts, 2 Damage to Property and 4 Damage to Vehicles. 8 volunteers were now ready for the community speed gun project; however the commencement could be months away. He confirmed that the volunteers will be using a radar speed gun, and that only when laser speed guns are used can court action be taken by the Police. Cllr. McDougall further reported that the Devon & Cornwall Police Service is the third best in the country.

308. 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