

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 at 8.00 p.m. in  
Bridgerule Village Hall

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. Davey

Councillors: Cllrs G. Cooper, K. James, K. Chilton, J. Giles, and C. Seymour-Smith

In Attendance : Parish Clerk

J. McDougall – Neighbourhood Watch

**139. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/2010**

Cllr. James told the Council that if there were no other candidates for the Chairmanship, he would be willing to rescind his statement at last month's meeting that he did not seek re-election. Cllr. Seymour-Smith proposed Cllr. K. James be elected as Chairman of Bridgerule Parish Council for the year 2009/2010. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 for. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**140. THE CHAIRMAN WILL READ AND SIGN THE PRESCRIBED 'DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE'.**

Cllr. James read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He then took over the Chair from Cllr. Davey.

**141. TO ELECT THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010**

Cllr. Cooper proposed Cllr. K. Davey as Deputy Chairman of Bridgerule Parish Council for the year 2009/2010. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. J. Stoneman and G. Abbott sent apologies.  
PCSO Beverley Harvey had sent apologies as she would be late.

**143. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose

**144. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**145. ADOPTION AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2009**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 were recommended for approval by the Chairman. Cllr. Cooper seconded the recommendation and this was unanimously agreed. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**146. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 131 - The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had been unable to contact Mr. Pedrick, Highways, but had informed the central Highways Office of the problems. Cllr. James said he believed there is now a form Parish Councils can fill out and return to the Office (Pyworthy Council have apparently made use of this). The Clerk said she would investigate.

**147. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

**BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JUNE 2009**

<u>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</u>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
17.06.09	R. Glover	396	£15.00	£15.00		Cutting grass & hedge re. Rentokil
17.06.09	Playsafety Ltd	397	£72.45	£63.00	£9.45	RoSPA Inspection & Report
17.06.09	M. Fenner	398	£528.00	£528.00		Salary - April-June 09

TOTAL

£615.45	£606.00	£9.45
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**Bank Accounts**

<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 19th May 09	3,794.37	£5,072.63	Parish Plan: £2,241.57
<u>Payments</u>			
393	£138.00		
394	£333.63		
395	£46.00		
	<u>£517.63</u>		
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	
Balance at 16th June 09	<b>£3,276.74</b>	<b>£5,072.63</b>	Parish Plan: £2,241.57

After a short discussion Cllr. James proposed that all accounts presented should be paid. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal, which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

**148. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE AUDIT COMMISSION'S ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2009**

The Clerk explained the Annual Return. She said that all variances, which she went through, had been explained in a detailed breakdown which would accompany the Return. Cllr. James asked for any questions. There were none. Cllr. James proposed the Audit Commission's Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, as prepared by the Council's Responsible Financial Officer, be agreed. Cllr. Cooper seconded the proposal, which was agreed unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. James and the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer signed the Annual Return for the year ending 2009.

**149. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT DETAILED IN THE AUDIT COMMISSION'S ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2009**

The Town Clerk explained the Annual Governance Statement. Cllr. James proposed that the Annual Governance Statement detailed in the Audit Commission's Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 be agreed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Seymour-Smith and unanimously agreed. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**150. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE INTERNAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009 PREPARED BY DAVID VAUGHAN ACCOUNTANTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

The accounts had been discussed at the Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May and the Clerk asked if there were any further questions regarding them. There were none. Cllr. James proposed the internal audited accounts for the financial year 2008/2009 be agreed. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Davey and unanimously agreed. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr. James and the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer signed the accounts.

**151. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Harvey reported that the Police had been made aware of an individual who, on a regular basis, is driving erratically and at speed through the village. At the moment PCSO Harvey is gathering information on these events, with a view to taking further action. Mr. McDougall asked if it would be possible, as requested previously, for the Neighbourhood Watch to borrow a speed gun. PCSO Harvey said she would look into this. Cllr. Cooper asked if anything could be done about a vehicle, unlicensed, which appeared to have been left in the car park of the village hall. PCSO Harvey said she would look into this. PCSO Harvey reported that she had been making regular visits to Bridgerule and other villages, using the mobile library, coffee mornings, etc. She pointed out that the mobile library was a service which, if isn't used, could be cancelled. A

discussion took place regarding the location of the mobile library when it visits Bridgerule, and instructed the Parish Clerk to write to DCC offering the car park of the village hall as a location.

**152. TO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF THE ROSPA REPORT CARRIED OUT 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2009, AND TO AGREE ANY REMEDIAL WORK WHICH THE COUNCIL DEEMS NECESSARY**

The Report had been circulated with the Agenda. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Cooper should purchase a seat for the playground. It was also agreed that Cllr. Cooper would make regular inspections of the play area to identify any problems.

**153. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

A letter had been received from Amanda Linney applying for one of two vacancies on Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. Davey proposed Amanda Linney be co-opted as a Councillor for Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). A letter was also handed to the Clerk from Mr. John McDougall offering to be co-opted as a Councillor for Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. Chilton proposed Mr. John McDougall be co-opted as a Councillor for Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. Cooper seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**154. PLANNING**

**Applications**

1/0437/2009/FUL      Agricultural building for milking parlour/milk storage area and  
Holladon Farm,      collecting area for cows  
Bridgerule

***Interest Declared:***      None

***Recommendation:***      Discussed prior to Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 and approved

**DCC**

EN/DCC/2842/2009      Erection of canopy on north elevation of existing classrooms to  
Bridgerule C of E      provide covered area for the use of early years children  
(VC) Primary School  
Bridgerule EX22 7EN

***Interest Declared:***      None

***Recommendation:***      Approval

**155. HIGHWAYS**

There were no matters to discuss.

**156. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received – 20<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

1. TTVS Newsletter
2. TDC – Notice of Poll for European & County Election 4 June 2009
3. Lesley Smith – DAPC – answering query by Clerk confirmation of procedure regarding Agenda and Election of Chair.
4. Junk Mail – recycling magazine
5. Bridgerule School – re. one single federated body
6. Westree Company – tree reports if required
7. TDC – results of European and County Election Results (to JS for putting up)
8. Senior Council for Devon newsletter Issue 3
9. M. Balsdon – Primary School reply
10. North Tamar Community Transport Assoc. – poster and cards re. Hospital Hopper
11. TDC – Register of Electors

**Correspondence Sent – 21<sup>st</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

1. Mrs. C. Neep – re. gradient of ramp at school
2. M. Balsdon – re. letter from pupils to Cllr. Giles.
3. D. Vaughan – enclosing cheque

4. Community First – enclosing cheque
5. L. Smith – DAPC regarding Agenda and election of Chair
6. TDC – Planning Decision
7. M. Balsdon – Bridgerule School – reply

The Clerk brought the highlighted items to the attention of the Meeting.  
 Item 9 of received and Item 7 of sent: The Clerk will follow up the invitation from Ms. Balsdon after the school summer holidays.

**157. PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that things are going well. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be on 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 in the pub. It is proposed that the questionnaires will be circulated in September/October and volunteers will be needed for this work. The answers to the questionnaire will go to CDD to be analysed and hopefully the Plan will be ready for publication early next year.

**158. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE EXPENDITURE OF £1,000 PLUS VAT (FROM THE PARISH PLAN GRANT) FOR THE COMPILATION OF A QUESTIONNAIRE AND ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS IN TABLE FORM**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith explained that £1,000 plus VAT will be required from the Parish Plan Grant for the compilation and analysis of the questionnaire. This was a reduction of over £1,000 from the previous quotation. Cllr. James proposed the Council sanction the expenditure of £1,000 plus VAT for this purpose, from the Parish Plan Grant. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**159. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James reported that a meeting had been arranged between Mr. Orchard, Mrs. Maria Bailey, TDC, and Liz Steel, TDC and himself on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. This unfortunately has been cancelled since Mr. Orchard cannot attend. Hopefully another date will be set. There is to be a meeting regarding affordable housing at Bradford next Tuesday. Cllr. James also reported that there is a hold up regarding a S106 agreement and the Littlebridge Development. He explained the situation and told the meeting he had spoken to John Van de Llarschott who had promised to try and resolve the situation.

**160. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Barry Parsons, the newly elected County Councillor, would like to attend a meeting of the Bridgerule Parish Council (along with all other parish councils). He will be in touch when he has settled into the post.
- The Clerk has a large box containing papers relating to the Housing Survey which had taken place in 1999. She asked the Meeting if it was necessary to keep these papers. Cllr. James said he thought not, and Cllr. Seymour-Smith said he had details of a more recent survey in his papers for the Parish Plan. The Clerk will destroy the papers in her keeping.

**161. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Giles reported that the cutting of the grass at the playingfield did not seem adequate. It was agreed that Cllr. Giles would liaise with Cllr. Abbott and Mr. Barry Williams regarding this matter.

**162. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Meeting will held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

**163. CLOSE** There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signature .....

Date .....

