

# Bridgerule Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. Davey  
 Councillors: Cllrs. J. Medland, C. Seymour-Smith, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Sharp and A. Johnston

In Attendance: Parish Clerk  
 Members of the Public

In the absence of Cllr. James, Cllr. Davey took the Chair.

**559. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. James, Abbott and Giles

**560. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**561. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**562. POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police Report, however Cllr. McDougall informed the Meeting that at 28<sup>th</sup> July there had been no reported crimes for the month. He pointed out that it is advisable not to leave windows open which may encourage burglars.

**563. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Davey proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**564. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**565. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment:

<b><u>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID</u></b>						
<b><u>IN AUGUST 2011</u></b>						
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b><u>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</u></b>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
08.08.11	Community First	448	£387.02	£387.02		Insurance 2011/2012
17.08.11	M. Fenner	449	£156.43	£156.43		Salary July
17.08.11	Audit Commission	450	£174.00	£145.00	£29.00	Audit Fee 2010/2011
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£717.45</b>	<b>£688.45</b>	<b>£29.00</b>	
<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
	Balance at 19th June	4,424.17			£4,998.35	
	444		82.14			
	445		156.23			
	446		117.20			
					0.5	Interest June 11

447	50.00	
Balance at 19th June	4,018.60	<b>£4,998.85</b> At 19 June 11 - £570.01 P Plan <b>£4,428.34</b> Available to Council as Reserves

Cllr. Davey proposed the payment be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Seymour-Smith and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**566. 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.**

Due to the absence of both Cllr. James and Abbott no update could be given.

**567. PLANNING**

The following applications were considered:

**Applications**

1/0531/2011/FUL      Extension of building & erection of building between existing buildings  
Holladon Farm      for cubicles and feed area  
Bridgerule

And

1/0599/2011/FUL      4kW solar photovoltaic panels ground mounted on steel frame  
Moorside  
Bridgerule

**Both applications received during July, no Council meeting taking place. Therefore, Cllrs. James, Davey and Medland approved application on behalf of Full Council**

1/0743/2011/FUL      Erection of a dwelling  
Site at Canal Rise  
Bridgerule

***Interest:***

***Recommendation:***

1/0776/2011/FUL      Installation of new package sewage treatment plant to replace existing  
Land adjacent      failed septic tank and soakaway system serving 4 residential properties  
1-4 Railway Cottages  
Merrifield.

***Interest:***

***Recommendation:***

**Permissions**

1/0368/2011/FUL      Change from 40 touring pitches & 4 static caravans to 35 touring  
Highfield House      pitches and 8 static caravans  
Bridgerule

**568. HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported that new lining had been done outside the school and Chapel; it is now possible to report potholes on the DCC Highways' website.

**569. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Cllr. Sharp reported, at the moment, not a lot is happening. He has tried to contact Simon Phillips, DCC, regarding the Snow Warden course; the Clerk suggested that if Mr. Phillips was not replying Cllr. Sharp should contact Cllr. Parsons. Storage of the equipment was discussed and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr.

Abbott regarding this. She will also find out the cost of insuring the equipment and Cllr. Sharp will investigate the cost of salt. This will enable a figure to be placed in the Budget for 2012/2013. The Members felt that whoever used their vehicle to 'tow' the spreader should be reimbursed the cost of fuel by the Council. It was agreed that Cllr. Sharp should prepare and advertisement, to be put in the Village Shop, for volunteer Snow Wardens.

**570. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received 16<sup>th</sup> June – 17<sup>th</sup> August**

1. Rural Services weekly news letter
2. DALC monthly newsletter
3. DALC – appointments of Cllrs. to County Committee
4. TDC – Electoral Register update (**in file**)
5. **School Governors – Federation**
6. DCC monthly newsletter
7. TDC – Polling districts and places review – consultation 4 July to 15 August Poster in Shop
8. **Crimestoppers – circular requesting grant for running costs**
9. **TDC – DCC on line form for reporting – to be discussed at next Hls Area Advisory**
10. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge (**forwarded to Cllrs. James, Abbott and Giles**)
11. MCTi Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> June
12. **B. Williams – dealing with grass/weeds around Hall**
13. Rural Services weekly newsletter
14. Family Workshop – thanks for grant
15. DCC – monthly newsletter
17. DCC – copy of Road Closure – Revel Week
18. **Audit Commission – Annual Return signed off**
19. Rural Services 2 weekly newsletters
20. Ruby Country Update
21. TDC – electoral register update (**file**)
22. **K. Chilton – various comments on Highways (in the main relating to Holsworthy)**
23. **TDC – Area Advisory Group change of date from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October**
24. TDC – proposed closure of Swansea Coastguard – TDC's objection to closure.

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs'. attention.

Item 5 – Cllr. Davey explained this correspondence.

**Correspondence Sent 16<sup>th</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> August**

1. TDC – planning decisions (**in file**)
2. B. Williams – grass cutting right hand side of Hall
3. Family Workshop – grant awarded
4. B. Williams – thanks for work and to include in invoice for grass cutting
5. Planning application decision – Moorside (file)
6. B. Williams – requesting cost of grass cutting 2012/2013
7. J. Emery – insurance cheque

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs'. attention

**571. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In the absence of Cllr. James there was no report.

**572. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk explained that she has started the Budget process for 2012/2013. She will contact Cllr. Abbott re. maintenance of the playing field in this financial year and has contacted Cllr. James re. the grant to the Church for grass cutting. Items to be included in the 2012/2013 Budget will be discussed at the September Meeting of the Council. The Clerk, Cllrs. James and Davey will then meet to finalise the Budget to be presented to the Full Council at its Meeting in October.

**573. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that he had resigned as Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, but would remain as a member. The inspection of the Hall re. asbestos had been carried

out and an electrical survey was due to be carried out. He did not have a date for the next meeting of the Parish Hall Committee.

**574. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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