



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th September 2014 at 8.00 p.m. in
Bridgerule Village Hall**

Present: Chairman: Cllr. K. James
Councillors: Cllrs. C. Seymour-Smith, P. Haydon, S. Cholwill, K. Elliott, J. McDougall and, J
Giles.
In Attendance: Parish Clerk
Members of the Public

1238. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Johnston, Cllr J Medland

1239. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1240. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No Questions

1241. POLICE REPORT

Cllr McDougall has been receiving crime sheets through from Neighbourhood Watch. Nothing to report.
Cllr McDougall will send details of the Neighbourhood Watch information to the Parish Clerk.

1242. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20th August, 2014 be approved.
Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

1243. MATTERS ARISING

Item 1226 – Short and Abbott It was proposed by Cllr James that the Short and Abbott invoice that was credited for works carried out be represented for payment. Seconded by Cllr McDougall.

Item 1234 - Tap Fund The Chairman is working with Malcolm Harris to get the Tap Fund Application completed before Mr Harris leaves in November.

Grass Cutting It was brought to attention that the grass cutting on the playing field and in the play area needs to be shorter and the grass collected. The existing contract needs to be checked on renewal, and put out to tender.

Bank Account An additional signee needs to be put on the bank account. The Parish Clerk to get a mandate from the bank to be completed at the next meeting.

1244. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN AUGUST 2014						
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COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
16.09.14	R Perry	565	£160.00			Salary Sept
16.09.14	Grass Cutting	566	£720.00			Grass Cutting
TOTAL			£880.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 31st July		£2,349.10			£7,311.82	Balance at 19th June 2014
			£2,349.10		£0.62	Interest June
		562	£160.00			
		563	£30.00			
	NOT CASHED	563	-£30.00			
Balance at 31st August			£2,189.10	£7,312.44		Balance at 18th July
Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account						
At 30 April 2014			£5,039.38			
Quarterly bonus June 2014			£10.05			
Interest June 2014			£0.50			
Balance at 31st July 2014			£5,049.93			

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1245. Discuss and Agree the application for a grant from Bridgerule Parochial Church Council

A Grant of £600 was Proposed by Cllr. McDougall Proposal Seconded by Cllr Elliott

1246. Discuss and agree the application for a grant from Holsworthy Family Workshop Resource Centre

A Grant of £75 was Proposed by Cllr. McDougall. Proposal Seconded by Cllr Haydon

1247. Discuss and agree the application for a grant from Bridgerule Village Hall

Interests declared Cllrs Seymour Smith; Cholwill and McDougall.

A Grant of £1200 was proposed by Cllr James. Proposal seconded by Cllr Elliott

1248. HIGHWAYS

Road Closure details sent through from Highways commencing 6th October. Signs are already in place on affected road, Jewells Cross to Littlebridge Meadow.

1249. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that the Post Box was in situ and now in use. They are still waiting for BT to put in phone line. The hall committee are looking to do a leaflet drop to the village informing people of the new facilities.

1250. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence 20/08/14 – 16/09/14

Received

1. Planning Reforms – November 5th Meeting – Forwarded to all councillors with email.
2. Temporary Traffic Order -- Forwarded to all councillors with email.
3. HMRC Important Information for employers – employee allowance (not relevant)
4. Rose Hitchins WW1 Memorial Names
5. Cliff Smith – Post Box
6. Devon Highways Conference and Agenda -- Forwarded to all councillors with email.
7. Roads Campaign - -- Forwarded to all councillors with email.
8. DALC Newsletters– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
9. Joint Advisory Meeting– Forwarded to all councillors with email
10. Planning Updates– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
11. Devon Home Choice Newsletters– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
12. Cliff Smith – Village Hall Grant Application
13. PCSO Mark James – War Memorial Protection
14. DCC Newsletter– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
15. Welcome to the SLCC
16. Village Green Newsletter– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
17. Polling Districts and Places Review– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
18. Alterations to the register of electors
19. SITA UK Remittance Advice
20. The Openness of Local Government Regulations– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
21. Legal Briefing– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
22. Wind Turbine Proposal– Forwarded to all councillors with email.
23. Grass Cutting Invoice
24. CPRE Devon Voice
25. Post Office Public Consultation
26. Barnstaple Town Council environment School

Sent

1. All councillors – forwarded emails as listed above
2. Ken James – Grant Aid and Letters
3. Torridge – Planning response
4. Paula Hunter – New Councillor – Recruitment and Protocol Request
5. WW1 Names
6. Thank you letters to Maureen and Gary Abbott

1251. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was proposed that the Parish Council should write to the contractors of the Pancrasweek Solar Farm, SunEdison, as the largest impact on the work carried out was on Bridgerule, with Bridgerule resident being affected by the road closures, and geographically the site is closer to Bridgerule, and visible from some residents' properties. Clerk to write to SunEdison. Proposed by Cllr McDougall Seconded Cllr Elliott. Interest declared Cllr James.

New War Memorial – The chairman is to discuss with the PCC about a new memorial to include the names missing off the old one.

1252. CLERK'S REPORT

The September course for new clerks was full, but the clerk has applied for the next one in November.

1253. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Giles reported that the walls on the old village shop had been rendered by the builders, and that they had made a mess all over the path and road. Parish Clerk to inform highways.

It was reported that no street lights are left on. Parish Clerk to write to DCC/Torridge, Mr McCormack's replacement to see if they can review the situation with lights left on in rural villages over the winter.

1254. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signature Date