



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th October, 2012 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. J. McDougall, C. Seymour-Smith, P. Haydon, J. Medland, G. Abbott, and K. Davey

In Attendance: Parish Clerk (PC)

County Cllr. Barry Parsons

Mrs. K. Elliott

Members of the Public

819. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Giles and Johnston and PCSO Bray had sent apologies.

820. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

821. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked.

822. POLICE REPORT

Although PCSO Bray did not attend the Meeting, she had asked the PC to convey to the Council that the youth issues in Bridgerule seem to have died down, although she confirmed that the Police are monitoring the situation and making sure the youths are behaving themselves.

823. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. McDougall pointed out that Item 817 should read 'Cllr. McDougall asked what the circulation of the Buzz was'. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

824. MATTERS ARISING

Item 805 – County Councillor's Report – The PC confirmed that after 'chasing' the Cllr. several times, he had sent her an application form, which she will complete. Cllr. Parsons will liaise with the PC once the form is completed

Item 807 – Potholes – The PC brought to Cllrs'. attention an e-mail from Tony Curtis, Highways' Neighbourhood Officer (item 1 of correspondence received). She asked Cllrs. James and Davey if they had notice any repair work/signs. Cllr. James informed the Meeting that the work had been carried out, but unfortunately was already 'lifting'. The PC will speak to Tony Curtis at a Highways' Surgery to be held at the Holsworthy Town Council offices on Monday, 22nd October.

Item 807 – Village Shop/Post Office – The PC asked if Cllr. James had an update on this subject. Cllr. James gave a brief update, as did Cllr. Seymour-Smith but no concrete information was available and Cllr. James will talk/e-mail both Mr. Marsh and Mr. & Mrs. Pearcey. For Cllr. Parson's benefit he gave the background to this subject. Cllr. Parsons offered his assistance.

Item 807 – Planning – Council's observations re. Wind Turbine – The PC has still not received a reply and it was agreed she would now write to Kate Little, TDC, with copies of the unacknowledged correspondence with Mr. Webster.

Item 812 – Telegraph Pole – The PC had not received the number of the pole and Cllrs. James and Davey will get this to her. She will mention it at the Highways' Surgery (as above).

Item 816 – SW Water Meeting with Cllr. McDougall – The PC asked Cllr. McDougall for an update. Cllr. McDougall reported that work to the inspection cover had been completed.

funding than Torridge and informed the Meeting that he had spoken to David Cameron, P.M., on this issue and wind turbines.

Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked Cllr. Parsons if he/TDC could give any assistance should it be likely that the shop/post office will temporarily close. Cllr. Parsons said he would liaise with Cllr. James. Cllr. James confirmed that once he had all the information required from both parties, he would come back to the next Meeting of the Full Council to discuss the way forward, should it be necessary to make alternative arrangements regarding the shop/post office.

Cllr. Parsons left the Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

827. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST, BY CLLR. SEYMOUR-SMITH AS CHAIR OF THE HALL COMMITTEE, TO FINANCE WORK ON THE HALL ROOF AND GUTTERING REPAIRS TO MAKE THE HALL SAFE FROM ASBESTOS.

Cllrs. Seymour-Smith and McDougall registered personal interests. Cllr. Seymour-Smith gave the background to this request. He explained that five quotes had been received. A firm in Barnstaple had quoted £580 plus VAT, and because it was necessary to get the work done as soon as possible, an order had been placed. After a short discussion Cllr. James proposed that Bridgerule Parish Council fund the cost of the work (£580 plus VAT) ordered by the Hall Committee; Cllr. Seymour-Smith to ask the Company, undertaking the work, to invoice Bridgerule Parish Council; the funds being taken from the Council's budget allocated to 'Parish Hall Maintenance'. Cllr. Abbott seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 5 For. 0 Against. 2 Abstentions).

828. TO DISCUSS IDEAS FOR PROJECTS WHICH COUNTY CLLR. PARSONS MAY BE ABLE TO GRANT FINANCE TOWARDS

After discussion, and after comments made by Cllr. Parsons earlier regarding the level of funding he has, it was felt that there are no projects with which Cllr. Parsons could help; having already agreed to give a grant to the Bridgerule Council Playingfield Project.

829. TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, AND RELATED COST, OF A NEW SEAT FOR VINNICOMBE PARK; THE ORIGINAL HAVING BEEN VANDALISED

The PC had been informed that TDC no longer supplies seating. She would continue to try and speak to Ricky McCormack who had indicated that he could give her the name of a supplier. The subject will be carried forward to the next Full Council Meeting in November.

830. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

The PC circulated copies of the Budget and proposed Precept for the year 2013/2014, having taken into account the discussions at the last Meeting of the Full Council.

Cllr. James proposed that the Budget and Precept for the financial year 2013/2014, as presented, be accepted. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

831. PLANNING

The PC brought to Cllrs' attention the following:

Applications

1/0754/2012/FUL New steel-framed building for storage purposes
Bude DIY Ltd
Bridgerule Ind. Estate

Interest: None

Recommendation: After discussion, Cllr. James proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Permission

1/0628/2012/FULM Application for 10 extra caravan sites to replace tent sites for holiday use
Highfield House
Bridgerule

832. HIGHWAYS

Cllr. McDougall reported potholes. The PC asked for the post codes of the area affected to enable her to report them on line. Cllr. McDougall supplied the post codes.

833. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith gave the following report to update the Full Council:

Earlier this year, after confirmation was received from the Community Council of Devon that the Hall Committee is a charity, all the Hall Committee members adopted the Charity Commissions' small charity constitution to replace our old constitution.

The Committee members have been anxious to limit their personal liability since it was explained to us that we are personally liable for any decisions we make regarding the hall. The perfect vehicle for us would have been the Charitable Incorporated Organisation as explained by Cliff at the Parish Council meeting but the legislation to create CIO's has still not gone through Parliament and it doesn't seem to be any further along than when Clive spoke to us.

As we are applying for sizeable grants and our reserves and liabilities will be increasing we have therefore decided to go ahead with the alternative option and form a charitable company limited by guarantee now. By forming the charitable company, we can limit our liability to £1 each. According to the Charity Commission website there will be a fast-track easy changeover to a CIO when it is eventually available so we will get there via this route.

The charitable company has already been formed but the changeover from Bridgerule Public Hall Committee to Bridgerule Village Hall Ltd has to be formalised at a special meeting at which the charitable company will take over all the assets, rights and liabilities of the committee. As you probably know a governing document (constitution) in the case of a company is the memorandum and articles. This is the Charity Commissions unchanged articles for a charitable company. We are using these to make registration with the Charity Commission easier when our turnover reaches the required £5,000. The memorandum comprises mainly of the names of the members and I'll send a copy of this when it has been completed'.

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that someone had complained to TDC about a problem with the water heater and, after a lunch, dishes being washed in cold water. The heater has been repaired, and the hall is now registered with TDC as a place where food is produced.

Cllr. McDougall, member of the Hall Committee, reported that the Committee is looking at getting the guttering replaced, new windows, cavity insulation and it is hoped the total refurbishment will be complete in 3 years.

834. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received 19th September – 16th October 2012

1. T. Curtis DCC Highways – copy of request to Manager for immediate action re Newacott X road surface – reported by PC 2 months ago.
2. DCC – Devon Oil Collective
3. DCC – Heritage Services – new developments
4. TDC – notification of second half of precept being paid into current account (£3908)
5. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs**)
6. K. Miles – relating to National Standards Complaints Procedure 2005 and communication Mr. Clarke has had with Cllr. Parsons – **my sent items are also included in these e-mails**
7. S. Tarragon – info re. Santander Community Fund (sent to me by Cllr. Abbott) - **my sent items are also included in these e-mails**
8. TDC – Consultation on potential changes at Northam Burrows
9. Hls. Family Workshop Resource Centre – request for grant
10. Cllr. S-Smith – roof work at Hall and Finances (**Agenda Item 8 17/10/12 Meeting**)
11. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs**)
12. K. Elliott – co-option application (**Agenda Item 19 17/10/12 Meeting**)
13. CAB – thank you for grant
14. Camborne Energy – queries after presentation (**circulated to Cllrs**)
15. TDC – electoral register 2012 to be sent after 15 November
16. V. Harris – thank you for grant St. Bridgets
17. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs**)
18. TDC – copy of Localism workshop presentation
19. CCD – courses (**e-mailed to Cllr. SS re. Small Halls**)

- 20. TDC – Holsworthy Area Advisory Mtg – 22 October 7.00 Memorial Hall
- 21. Poster re. Police Commissioner elections (in shop)

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

Correspondence Sent – 19th September – 16th October 2012

- 1. Natwest – requesting transfer of £500 to Bridgrule Playing Field Project account
- 2. Cllr. B. Parsons – request to set a date to complete grant request for Playing Field Project
- 3. K. Miles – relating to National Standards Complaints Procedure 2005 and communication Mr. Clarke has had with Cllr. Parsons – **my sent items are also included in these e-mails**
- 4. S. Tarragon – info re. Santander Community Fund (sent to me by Cllr. Abbott) - **my sent items are also included in these e-mails**
- 5. Ms. V. Harris – St. Bridget's PCC – grant
- 6. CAB – grant
- 7. All Cllrs. – Northam consultation
- 8. Cllr. Parsons – queries on grant he can give and chasing on application for grant for playing field project
- 9. K. Elliott – co-option applicant – invite to mtg. and copy of agenda

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835. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman explained the Holsworthy Property Trust's self-build scheme and confirmed that about 8 people have already expressed an interest.

836. CLERK'S REPORT

The PC had nothing to report.

837. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

There was no exchange of information.

The Chair, Cllr. James, explained the process of going into Part 2 to discuss the Co-option application (which had been circulated to all Cllrs. with the Agenda) and asked Mrs. Elliott if she had anything she wished to say. She explained that she and her partner had moved to Bridgerule approximately a year ago, had been busy working on the property they had moved into and that she would like to get involved in helping the local community in some capacity. Cllr. James thanked her for her interest.

Cllr. James proposed that in view of the special or confidential nature of the following business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public be temporarily excluded and they be asked to withdraw.

838. TO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS REGARDING THE VACANT SEAT ON THE COUNCIL, TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that Mrs. Kathy Elliott be co-opted as a Councillor to Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Abstentions. 0 Against.).

839. 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

