

Bridgerule Parish Council

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

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. K. Chilton, A. Linney, K. Davey, G. Abbott, J. Medland and J. McDougall

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Mr. Barry Williams – Member of the Public

418. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. Seymour-Smith and Giles had sent apologies.

419. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

420. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

Mr. Barry Williams asked the Council if it would have any objection to pupils from the primary school preparing a planter to be situated in the playing area alongside the village hall. Cllr. James proposed permission for this project be given. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

421. POLICE REPORT

A Police Report was not available.

422. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October, 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

423. MATTERS ARISING

Item 403 – the Clerk had written to Highways re. Littlebridge Meadows but has not received a reply yet.
Item 411 – the Clerk sent a letter to SW Water and Highways re. the section of road between Borough Cross and Jewells Cross, but has not received a reply. However, work has started on that section of the road.

424. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

There were no accounts presented for payment.

425. TO AGREE TO ALTER THE BANK MANDATE TO REMOVE A COUNCILLOR AND ADD ANOTHER TO BECOME AN AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Mandate had to be altered to remove Mr. John Stoneman's name as an authorised signatory and to add another Councillor. Cllr. Seymour-Smith had indicated his willingness to become an authorised signatory. Cllr. James proposed that the authorised signatories in the current Mandate, for the Accounts detailed in section 2 of the NatWest Mandate Form be changed in accordance with Section 5 of that Form. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

426. TO DISCUSS THE SETTING ASIDE OF FUNDS FROM THE PRECEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A CAPITAL FUND FOR A NEW VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk brought to Councillors' attention the fact that 8 of the 9 Councillors sitting on Bridgerule Parish Council are now members of the Parish Hall Committee. She advised them that it would mean, when discussing any matters relating to the Parish Hall, they should declare a prejudicial interest. The Chairman, Cllr. James, reiterated this, pointing out that should this be the case the Councillors concerned would have to leave the meeting and would not have a vote; because of the number of Councillors involved this would mean that the meeting did not have a quorum and the Item on the Agenda could not be discussed. This could prove to be a very difficult problem. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that an amount be set aside in the Precept under the heading 'New Parish Hall

Fund'; this money to be 'ring fenced' for the sole purpose of facilitating expenditure relating to a new parish hall. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

427. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE BUDGET FOR 2011/2012

This item had been adjourned, as required by legislation, at the meeting of the full Council on 20th October, 2010. After discussion, Cllr. Chilton proposed the Budget for the year 2011/2012, as presented, be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

428. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PRECEPT FOR 2011/2012

This item had been adjourned, as required by legislation, at the meeting of the full Council on 20th October, 2010. After Cllr. James proposed that an amount be set aside in the Precept under the heading 'New Parish Hall Fund'; this money to be 'ring fenced' for the sole purpose of facilitating expenditure relating to a new parish hall. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Chilton proposed the Precept for the year 2011/2012, as presented of £7691, be approved and that the subscription to the D.A.L.C. be deducted from the first instalment. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

429. PLANNING

No applications had been received. The following permissions had been received:

1/0833/2010/FUL Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of Planning Permission 1/1217/81/12/5
Glebe House to allow 12 months holiday occupancy
Bridgerule

1/0829/2010/FUL Variation of condition 3 of Planning Permission 1/0869/81/12/5
Glebe House to allow 12 months holiday occupancy
Bridgerule

430. HIGHWAYS

See Item 423 above. There were no further items relating to Highways.

431. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received 20th October to 17th November 2010

1. DCC – Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Service Report 2009/2010
2. TDC – Budget questionnaire – (circulate to Cllrs)
3. Hls Hamlets – confirmation of course at Chilsworthy 3 Nov.
4. DCC – Mobile Library Service – new stop and times
5. Clerks & Councils newsletter November issue
6. All Correspondence from Cllr. SS to MF and her replies –re budget etc.
7. DCC – monthly newsletter
8. Ruby Country newsletter
9. DALC - newsletter

Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

Item 2 – Cllr. Chilton will complete this questionnaire as the Clerk had already done one for another area.

Correspondence Sent 20th September – 17th November 2010

1. Hls Family workshop – no grant
2. M. Glover – cheque and rise for 2011/2012
3. Cllr. SS – various e-mails re budget etc.

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432. PARISH PLAN/PARISH HALL

There was no report on the Parish Plan.

The Clerk referred to Item 413 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October. After discussion Cllr. James proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Smale at Peter Peter & Wright, Solicitors, asking him to look at the Deeds and confirm, or not, that the Council own the land on which the Hall stands, and the surrounding land; to investigate any terms under which land was transferred and any obligations the Council has in this connection, and if there is anything which precludes the Council selling part of the land. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. James briefly explained about the Council previously investigating the possibility of registering the Hall Committee with the Charity Commission and the preparation of a Licence to be held between the Hall Committee and the Council. Such matters were aborted when it was felt it would not be in the interests of any party to continue with such work.

433. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Cllr. James gave a brief report on a meeting he had attended with Mrs. Janet Orchard and Mr. Alf Trewyn regarding plans for the properties behind the village shop. It would appear that Mrs. Orchard plans to renovate the cottages, as opposed to taking them down and rebuilding, with space for parking being provided. Renovation/refurbishment would mean that planning permission is not required. The village shop will not be affected.

434. CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported that:

- She had been in contact with the surveyor from Tarka Housing re. a light near the garages at The Green. She had been informed that a solar light would be too expensive; however, a surveyor will continue to investigate whether there is an inexpensive solution.
- The Clerk had been approached by Mr. Glover, who cuts the grass and hedges near the bus stop, regarding the possibility of him having a second green recycling bin for the cuttings, etc. produced by the cutting. She had contacted Mr. Mike Crocker at TDC who explained that residents in the surrounding rural area had yet to receive one green bin for garden/cardboard waste and therefore TDC are unable to supply a second bin to anyone. He said that this type of rubbish could be put in black bags and placed beside the green bin for collection as long as they are not too heavy. The Clerk had written to Mr. Glover explaining this.
- The Clerk asked Cllrs. if they would be happy to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in 2011 in April, before the usual meeting of the full Council. She explained that as the election of Councillors is to take place on 5th May 2011, to include the Annual Parish Meeting before the Annual Council Meeting in May would make this an extremely long meeting. Cllr. James proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday, 20th April 2011 before the meeting of the full Council. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

435. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

There was no exchange of information.

436. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

Signature Date