



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

Present: Chairman: Cllr. K. James
Councillors: Cllrs. C. Seymour-Smith, S. Cholwill, K. Elliott, A Johnston, J Medland

In Attendance: Parish Clerk, PCSO Mark James, Cllr B Parsons

1289. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs P Haydon; J McDougall; J Giles

1290. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1291. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No Questions

1292. POLICE REPORT

PCSO James informed the meeting that there were no rural crimes to speak of. Farm Watch is being promoted across the area.

1293. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Parsons reported that the Leader 5 project was looking positive, with a decision on European Funding looking imminent. They are looking to provide support to increase farm productivity, small enterprises, diversification and rural services, i.e community transport. Cllr Parsons has had a meeting with M Prentice to discuss ways this may help.

DCC budget will be reduced again over the next few years. Roads/Potholes will be affected, as the budget for road maintenance is half what is actually needed.

Cross council working is being talked about. DCC are pushing forward on IT to increase online services. The Holsworthy Area Board, Holsworthy Rural are looking to run a youth centre and a bid has been put in to DCC to run it locally.

1294. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th November, 2014 be approved. Cllr. Elliott seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1295. MATTERS ARISING

Item 1234 - Tap Fund The Chairman is working to get the TAP Fund documents completed for the end of the week.

1296. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN NOVEMBER 2014							-
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
16.12.14	R Perry	574	£170.10			Salary Dec	
16.12.14	DALC	575	£30.00	£25.00	£5.00	New Clerks Course	
16.12.14	HMRC	576	£74.40			PAYE	
TOTAL			£274.50	£25.00	£5.00		
Bank Accounts							
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 31st October		£5,112.10		£7,313.18	Balance at 17th October		
			£5,112.10	£0.25	Interest October		
570	1200		£1,200.00				
568	600		£600.00				
571	128		£128.00				
572	5.1		£5.10				
569	£75.00		£75.00				
Balance at 30th November			£3,104.00	£7,313.43	Balance at 19th November		
Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account							
At 31st July 2014			£5,049.93				
Quarterly bonus September 2014			£10.18				
Interest Sept/Oct 2017			£0.68				
Balance at 31st October 2014			£5,060.79				

Cllr. Medland proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1297. Budget and Precept

The proposed budget in November is accepted. Proposed Cllr James. Seconded Cllr Medland. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

1298. CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR

Torrige have advised and are happy for the vacancy to be left open until the election in May

1299. SNOW WARDEN

Mr Sharp is no longer able to be the dedicated Snow Warden. He is happy to still help when he can. An advert is to be put in the Buzz asking for a volunteer, who should contact Cllr Medland.

1300. PLANNING

Update – Planning on the change of use at the Old Post Office was approved.

1301. HIGHWAYS

The potholes on the Pyworthy/Bridgerule road are bad between Furze Cross and Furze Farm. Clerk to report to highways.

1302. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that BT/Post Office came onsite to put the pole up, but when they started digging they found some old asbestos and stopped. No further dates received from them. The building inspector has done his final inspection, and there are just smoke detectors and heat sensors to go up.

1303. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**Correspondence 19/11/14 – 16/12/14**

Received

1. Angela Jenkinson – Devon Home Choice Newsletter – Houses Available
2. PCSO James – Rural Policing Update (Circulated by PCSO James at the November Meeting)
3. Jamie Hollis – Standards Committee Vacancy – Circulated to all Cllrs with email
4. Thomas Carrick – NHW Crime Update
5. Sue Pennington – Weekly Planning List
6. Holsworthy Family Workshop – Thank you letter
7. PCSO James – Fraud Scams – Circulated to all Cllrs with email
8. Angela Jenkinson – Devon Home Choice Newsletter – Summary of available homes
9. DALC News - -Salary Scales for 2015
10. Jamie Hollis – Legal Briefing update
11. Emma Tomlinson – Weekly Planning List
12. Devon Highways – New Electronic Feedback form from September Highways meetings
13. Sue Priest – Electoral Register Update
14. DALC December Bulletin
15. Angela Jenkinson – Devon Home Choice Newsletter – Summary of available homes
16. DALC Newsletter
17. Planning support – Decision notification
18. Emma Tomlinson – Weekly Planning List
19. Janine Gassmann – Free Energy Saving Installations
20. Angela Jenkinson – Weekly Planning List
21. Thomas Carrick – NHW Crime Update
22. Cllr Seymour smith – DCC Emergency Planning Update – put on website
23. Rachel Dennis – Geoffrey Cox Advice Surgeries for 2015 to May
24. Cllr Haydon – Apologies
25. Emma Tomlinson – Weekly Planning List
26. Lorraine Inch – Seasons Greetings from Torrridge Chairman
27. Annette Palmer – Dissertation information request re Power of Competence – Not relevant to Bridgerule
28. Liz Steele – Draft Torrridge Housing Policy 2015
29. SLCC – CPD Courses
30. Parochial Church Council – Thank you card
31. Jim Wood – Classic Reliability Trial

Sent

1. All councillors – forwarded emails as listed above
2. Cllr James – Snow Warden
3. Cllr Seymour Smith – DCC Emergency Planning Information for Website
4. Grant Cheques to Holsworthy Family Workshops & Church Council
5. Gary Abbott – Resubmission of Invoice

Cllr James took No. 28 the draft housing policy to read through.

1304. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr James reported that following the letter sent to SunEd and further negotiations made on his part it is likely that Bridgerule will receive a 50% share of the funding as a one off payment. This could perhaps be used as part of the playing field project.

The Environment Agency are looking to take 7m of the Ham for their flood works.

Cllr James stepped down from Chairman until the elections, with Cllr Medland as Vice Chair taking up the role until May. Cllr James will do a District Cllrs Report at each meeting as well. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1305. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report

1306. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Elliott reported the giant puddle that forms at the end of Norton Drive is getting bigger. Whose responsibility is it to sort? Clerk to report to Highways, along with the entrance to Robin Hill.

1307. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

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