



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Before the commencement of the Meeting (not all Cllrs. had arrived), Sgt. Channing and PCSO Bray explained that they would give an update to those who were there as they had to leave almost immediately. Sgt. Channing reported that there had been hardly any crime; that the report of a horse (who had died) being mutilated was untrue, the post mortem had shown probable natural causes and the injuries had been caused by wild life; several quad bikes, and a land rover had been reported stolen. The Officers then left.

**651. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies had been received. Cllr. Giles arrived at 8.12 after the commencement of the Meeting.

**652. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**653. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present

**654. POLICE REPORT**

See above.

**655. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Johnston seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**656. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 643 – Meeting with Officer at DCC Highways to discuss the School. The PC asked if Cllr. James had arranged a Meeting with Mr. Newcombe. Cllr. James had not, but will do so.

**657. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment:

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JANUARY 2012</b>							-
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>							
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
05.01.12	HM Revenue & Customs	466	£117.20	£117.20		PAYE	
18.01.12	M.Fenner	467	£156.43	£156.43		Salary	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£273.63</b>	<b>£273.63</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>							
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19 November		4,795.93				£4,998.35	
	459		£156.23			0.5 Interest June 11	
	461		175			0.5 Interest Sept 11	

462	50	
	<u>£381.23</u>	
Balance at 19th December	4414.70	<b>£4,999.35</b> At 19 October - £185.67 P. Plan
		<b>£4,813.18</b> Available to Council as Reserves

Cllr. James proposed the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Seymour-Smith and unanimously agreed. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**658. 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.**

There had been no progress regarding this Item. The Item will continue to be included on future Agendas.

**659. PLANNING**

No applications had been received.

The Clerk brought to Cllrs'. attention the following permission:

**Permission**

1/0437/2011/FULM      Increase existing capacity of static caravans from 12 to 40  
Hedley Wood  
Caravan Park  
Bridgerule

**660. HIGHWAYS**

The PC reported that the signs mentioned in Item 643 of the previous Meeting had been reported; the road narrowing sign had been repaired, the 30mph sign is listed for attention when the Lengthsman is next in the area.

**661. EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

Cllr. Sharp had nothing to report. The PC asked if Bridgerule had received a hand spreader as well as the larger salt gritter and if Cllr. Sharp had received the DCC training. Cllr. Sharp said we were only due to take ownership of the larger salt gritter (which is now in our possession) and that he believed his meeting at DCC had constituted the training. The PC confirmed that the insurance for the gritter would cost nothing for the remainder of the year (up to June 2012); on renewal of the whole insurance policy in June 2012 an additional £33.06 would be added to the premium relating to the gritter.

**662. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith circulated a draft plan of the proposed refurbishment of the Village Hall. (**Appendix 1**). He went through various aspects of this. He reported that the CCTV report indicated that the sewer under a section of the Hall is broken. Mrs. Cholwill is looking into the possibility of the repair work being covered by the insurance policy held by the Hall. Cllr. Seymour-Smith (as mentioned at the last Meeting) went through the options open to the Committee regarding the Constitution of the Hall Committee. It was agreed that Cllr. Seymour-Smith would e-mail the PC with various questions, which the PC would pass on to Mr. Smale, Solicitor; a copy of the e-mail to be sent to Cllr. James.

Cllr. Parsons arrived at 8.30 p.m.

The inclusion of the shop/Post Office in the Hall plans was discussed and it was agreed that this was a priority. Cllr. James asked if full costings would be available prior to starting the funding process. Cllr. Seymour-Smith said they would. He also confirmed to Cllr. Parsons that CCD was providing advice and assistance with regard to the refurbishment of the Hall.

Cllr. James proposed that, as Cllr. Parsons had arrived late, Item 5 of the Agenda now be heard. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**663. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons reported that TDC's Planning Dept. is undergoing a major reorganisation, with interviews for a Planning Development Manager, Planning Executive Officer and other Planning Officers, taking place. In addition two Planning Officers are to be seconded from Cornwall for three months. An

agreement has taken place in which TDC and the North Devon District Council will share a Head of Planning.

Cllr. Parsons said that his personal preference would be that there should not be an increase in the Council Tax. Cllr. Medland asked about Business Tax. Cllr. Parsons confirmed that TDC had no control over the rates of Business Tax, this comes down from Central Government.

Cllr. Parsons continued his report with items regarding DCC. It is in the process of dealing with the budget for 2012/2013; savings of approximately £30M must be made.

**664. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received 22nd December – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

1. DALC – change of address
2. DCC – monthly newsletter
3. TDC electoral register (**file**)
4. DALC – monthly newsletter
5. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
6. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
7. TDC – HIs Area Advisory Group – Agenda 9<sup>th</sup> January – (**circulated to Cllrs**)
8. DCC - correspondence re. invoice for gritter
9. TDC – Register of electors update (**file**)
10. DCC – admission arrangements for Devon Schools
11. RoSPA – info and request for e-mail details (**file**)
12. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
13. Friends of Bude Sea Pool (FBSP) – request for grant
14. Cllr. Parsons – two replies re. queries PC had on money for gritter
15. Cllr. Parsons – DCC and DCC Highways
16. DCC Highways – sign at Jewells Cross – on list for lengthsman
17. North Devon Healthcare – newsletter
18. Community First – premium re. gritter
19. DCC – confirmation that we will receive money before invoice has to be paid re. 14.
20. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
21. DCC – Jubilee and invite to Garden Party.

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs' attention.

The PC explained the various items concerning the salt gritter invoices – Bridgerule Parish Council would receive Cllr. Parsons' grant for the salt gritter before settling the invoice.

Item 13 – it was agreed that the PC would inform the FBSP that the Council's Budget for Grants has been used for 2011/2012, and therefore no grant could be allocated to them.

Item 21 – to be discussed at the next Meeting of the Full Council.

**Correspondence Sent – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

1. DCC Finance – salt gritter invoice
2. DCC Highways – reporting road signs
3. DCC – details for Cllr. Parson's grant to be paid to bank
4. Cllr. Parsons – asking for confirmation of the grant he will be giving to B'rule re. salt gritter
5. J. Emery – Community First – confirming salt gritter and requesting premium to be paid.
6. J. Emery – Community First – chasing above
7. RoSPA – e-mail and other details returned
8. DCC – invoice query re. salt gritter
9. RoSPA – details of our e-mail address

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs' attention

**665. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James reported that there would be an open day regarding the two affordable houses at Canal Rise.

**666. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**667. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked if it would be possible to put port-a-cabins in the car park for the shop, should the Lease on the Village Shop finish before the refurbishment of the new Hall had been completed. Cllr. Parsons said he was sure any application for such cabins would be met with sympathy by TDC.

**668. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

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