



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr. J Medland  
Councillors: Cllrs. K. Elliott, J. McDougall, D.Hale, C Seymour-Smith, K James, S Cholwill, K Elliott, J Giles, B Beadle.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk.

**1778. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

County Cllr Parsons.

**1779. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1780. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**1781. SOUTHFIELDS OPEN SPACE**

No further feedback received.

**1782. POLICE REPORT**

No report has been sent through. Neighbourhood Watch have not listed any local issues.

**1783. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Highways have been out and the work will be done on Littlebridge Hill. More money is being allocated for potholes by DCC.

The DCC budget will be decided at the full council meeting in February.

Core funding in 2010 was £283 million, this have been reduced to £152million in 2016/17. This has been a 64% reduction. Grant funding is ceasing from Central Government in four years. This instead will be raised through council tax and rates.

CCP looking at infrastructure for North Devon and Torridge. Looking at parity with other parts of Devon. Looking at schemes to open the M5 – Bideford Corridor.

Bid going to Westminster to look at road improvement.

Capital improvement budget cut by over 40%. Staffing has had a drop since 2010 by 40%.

Budget £492 million for 17/18.

Autumn statement – new living wage in April will cost the council £6million. The Council Tax increase of 1.99% will cover that increase.

Over next 4 years, 10% increase in Council Tax is likely.

New homes bonus is decreasing. £2.9 million being lost by district councils in next year alone.

People before places is still the council priority.

**1784. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr James has a meeting with James Jarroudi.

**1785. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. Beadle proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016 be approved. Cllr. Hale seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

**1786. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.



**1790. PLANNING**  
**1/0434/2016/FUL Owlies, Churchtown, Bridgerule**  
The council fully support this application.  
Proposed Cllr. Hale. Seconded Cllr Beadle. Vote Unanimous.

**1791. HIGHWAYS**  
Potholes at:  
Churchtown and Scotland  
Woody Park Hill  
Littlebridge  
Holladon Farm  
Short & Abbott

The general standard of the sides of the roads, and the current lack of maintenance.

Broken signs:  
Sign by Cllr Seymour-Smith  
Bridgemoor sign at Bridgemoor Cross  
Hopworthy @ Dux Cross

**1792. PARISH HALL**  
The new chairman is Mr C Hutchings. The new kitchen is being started next Monday.

**1793. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**  
**Correspondence 21/12/16 – 18/01/2017**

Received

1. Sue Pennington – Weekly List
2. Public Sector Executive – Updates
3. Healthwatch Devon – Seasons Greetings
4. Communications – Healthy People Update
5. Cllr Parsons – Rural Update
6. Community Service Centre – Highways Self Help
7. Mary Richards – HAAG Links
8. Thomas Carrick – NHW Updates
9. Pinpoint Devon – Listing Update
10. Democratic Services – Business Rates Government Update
11. Mary Richards – HAAG Agenda
12. Emma Walker – Weekly List
13. PCS-UK – Defibrillators
14. Komplan – Sales Email
15. Broxap – Sales Email
16. Cllr McDougall – Minutes, Updates, and Highways
17. Hilary Winter – Devon Countryside Access Forum
18. Laura Forsey – Torridge Adverts
19. Nicola Pearce – Avian Influenza
20. Cllr Cholwill – Deed of Trust
21. Sport England – Questionnaire
22. Holsworthy Town Clerk – Public Meeting
23. Local Plan – Public Consultation
24. Emma Tomkies – Policing Update
25. Harry Roper – CH4 Property Show

- 26. Graham Kingdon – Torridge Adverts
- 27. Planning Support – Consultation Request Sent

- 1. All Cllrs – Forwarded Emails
- 2. Torridge – Planning Responses
- 3. All Cllrs – Minutes & Agendas
- 4. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes for website
- 5. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
- 6. Cllr McDougall – Minutes and Planning
- 7. Cllr Cholwill – Deed of Trust Information
- 8. HMRC – Information Update
- 9. Highways – Road Issues

**1794. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

No Report.

**1795. CLERK’S REPORT**

The clerk has received notification of the costs incurred by the football field for recent drainage works. It was proposed by Cllr McDougall that the council pay half, as Cllr James is able to provide a grant for half the works. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions)

**1796. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

There had been some issues with the route used by traffic for Parsonage Wood Solar Farm. Cllr McDougall contacted Mr Marshall directly and the problem has been rectified.

Cllr Cholwill has applied for a grant from the BHF to have a Defibrillator situated at the Village Hall. Cllr Parsons has agreed to help if needed. SW Ambulance Trust have accepted the application.

Once the Sports Hall Project is completed it has been agreed to contact the Devon Air Ambulance and complete the process to be able to use the field as a night landing site.

The application for planning at the Reservoir has been sent to the planning forum to question whether it is actually permitted development.

**1797. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.55

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