



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th April, 2012 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Members of the Public

712. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Johnston and Giles sent apologies.

713. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

714. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Cholwill reported to the Meeting that she had been in contact with the Clerk regarding surplus Jubilee Mugs being made available to adults who apply, for a charge; the money to go to the Parish Hall Committee. Cllr. James proposed that Mrs. Cholwill be allowed to sell any surplus Diamond Jubilee Mugs to adults; the money to be donated to the Parish Hall Committee. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

715. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been provided by Cllr. Parsons

716. POLICE REPORT

The following Report had been provided by PC Moakes and PCSO Bray, who were not in attendance. It had also been presented to the Annual Town's Meeting held earlier in the evening:

Sergeant Channing, PCSO Bray and myself would like to update you with regards the following items which have taken place within your parish.

Firstly we would like to reassure you that Bridgerule and the surrounding area is a very low crime area with only eight incidents being recorded since the 1st January 2012.

There have been 2xthefts, 1xburglary (heating oil) and 5 incidents of varying kinds that we have used a multi-agency approach to help resolve issues.

Parking is still an issue in the village and we are monitoring the situation closely and will issue tickets where an obstruction is witnessed..

Neighbourhood Watch is a very useful approach with regards letting the general public know what is happening in our rural areas and delivering vital information to you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John McDougal the Neighbourhood watch area co-ordinator and all the other co-ordinators for all their time and effort.

On a positive note we had a high risk missing person reported within the Bridgerule area within the last week and as a result of the close links within the parish the person was soon located safe and well. A very big thank you to all of you who helped on the day.

Bridgerule will have its very own Speedwatch shortly. The speedwatch programme is volunteer led but forms part of the police family. The scheme permits volunteers (once police checked and crb cleared) to undertake speed recording in their own village using equipment provided by ourselves. Any offending

vehicle details are recorded and then a letter is generated and sent out from Sergeant Channing's office. The scheme has proven very successful in other villages across the greater Holsworthy area. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer then please contact any of us at Holsworthy police station using the below details.

On the 18th April MPC Mark Goulding will be attending the village to conduct a risk assessment with regards the sites we will be using for speedwatch. Mark is a traffic officer and his role is very much about helping us keep our villages and town roads safe.

The primary school has been working very closely with us and we are involved in arranging several education based talks with regards safety and the wider community. This is an important link as the children get to know us as much as we get to know them.

May we thank all of the local residents who were very helpful on Saturday 14th April when we had to suspend the traffic flow within the village while a very large private funeral took place. We would also like to thank the very kind home owners who permitted the use of their drives for people to park thus easing the parking. We have been approached by a member of the family who has asked to pass on their sincere thanks for such a strong show of community spirit.

We police twenty six parish council areas and really do appreciate the help and support we receive from all the council members and the local residents. PCSO Bray will be attending Bridgerule open gardens in June and we will be present in August during the carnival. We look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible at these events.

As your local Neighbourhood team we would like to emphasize our commitment to our role within our rural parishes and the diverse issues we try to help and deal with. As I am sure you can understand that with the changes that are facing policing on a local and national basis we are having to cover more with less. As a result of this we need to work even more closely with our local communities and insure that we have good two way communication at all times.

On a final note please may we remind you of the new national contact telephone number for non emergency police matter. (101) We also have a facebook account where we publish and circulate local information.

717. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February, 2012 had previously been circulated. Cllr. McDougall pointed out that Item 701 should read '.....he had been advised, by CCD....' and not '..... CDD.....'. The Clerk confirmed that the original Minutes had already been amended. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

718. MATTERS ARISING

Item 697 – The Clerk asked if Cllr. James had an update on the Meeting which had taken place with Mike Newman, DCC Highways. Cllr. James reported that he had attended a Meeting, outside the School, with Mike Newcombe and Cllrs. Seymour-Smith and Parsons and two ladies attached to the School. Mr. Newcombe had suggested the possibility of temporary 'flashing lights' (when children are going into and coming out of School) and 'flashing' speed limit signs. The Clerk will contact Mr. Newcombe for an update on what he has actioned. A discussion took place regarding a possible 'walkway' from the playing field to the bridge; exactly which entrance the children should be exiting from; a 'walking bus' meeting in the centre of the village, with all children walking together and the possibility of taking the bank away (from the car park entrance) and being replaced by some other construction. Cllr. Abbott suggested a rota of parents to 'calm' traffic approaching the School. The Clerk to write to the Governors suggesting this.

719. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were presented for payment:

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN APRIL 2012							
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COUNCIL EXPENDITURE							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
April	DALC	Paid from direct Precept	£150.50	£131.00	£19.50	Membership NALC/DALC	
18.04.12	Community First	476	£336.27	£336.27		Insurance 2012/2013	
18.04.12	Cash	477	£27.48	£27.48		Petty Cash	
18.04.12	M. Fenner Impact China Ltd	478	£156.43	£156.43		Salary - april	
18.04.12		479	£410.04	£341.70	£68.34	Mugs - Diamond Jubilee	
TOTAL			£1,080.72	£992.88	£87.84		
Bank Accounts							
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th February		4,812.44		£4,998.35			
BACS vat reclaimed		£584.20		0.5		Interest June 11	
		£5,396.64		0.5		Interest Sept 11	
				0.5		Interest Dec 11	
468		£650.00					
469		£156.23					
470		£1,574.40					
		£2,380.63					
Balance at 19th March		£3,016.01		£4,999.85		At 19 October - £185.67 P. Plan Available to Council as Reserves	
				£4,813.18			

The Clerk explained that membership to the DALC is automatically deducted from the first half of the Precept. She also pointed out that the Diamond Jubilee Mugs were £10.04 over budget. Cllr. McDougall proposed the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Seymour-Smith and unanimously agreed. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

720. 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.

Cllr. Abbott confirmed that letters had been sent out asking for help with funding to extend the playing field. Cllr. James said he would be approaching Mr. Hale for an update on the selling of his land.

721. PLANNING

The following applications had been received and the following recommendations made:

1/0158/2012/FUL Erection of 3.8kw/16 panel ground mounted solar panel array
Scotland Farm
Bridgerule

Interest: None

Recommendation: Cllr. McDougall proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1/0271/2012/FUL Equestrian Barn/Stable building and sand school
Highfield House
Bridgerule

Interest: None

Recommendation: Cllr. Davey proposed the application be recommended for approval, but that the Council are concerned about access for vehicles, particularly horse boxes.
Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

722. HIGHWAYS

Cllr. McDougall confirmed that the pot hole at Furze Cross had been repaired. Cllr. Haydon reported that the 30mph sign at Jewells Cross was still unreadable and she also had concerns regarding parking opposite the junction at Little Bridge Meadows. The Clerk confirmed that when she had reported the sign previously, the Highways Department had indicated that it would be 'cleaned', but other work took priority. She will report again. The Clerk indicated that PCSO Bray was aware of the parking problem and continued to monitor it. The Clerk will bring this to PCSO Bray's attention again.

723. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Cllr. Sharp had given a brief report to the Town's Meeting on the work that had taken place over the winter. There was nothing further to add.

724. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith had given a report to the Town's Meeting. He had confirmed that an application for a feasibility grant had been sent to CCD by the deadline of 13th April, and a reply was awaited. An estimate had been received indicating that the cost of a new hall would be in the region of £480K. It is likely that by September the Hall Committee will be well on the way to knowing if a new hall is feasible.

725. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received 21st March – 17th April

1. DCC – monthly newsletter (**circulated via e-mail to Cllrs**) – **only accessible via e-mail**
2. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated via e-mail to Cllrs**)
3. DCC – Emergency planning newsletter
4. TDC – Electoral Register update – file
5. Rural Services - weekly newsletter - (**circulated via e-mail to Cllrs**) – **only accessible via e-mail**)
6. MCTi Minutes – March meeting
7. Rural Services – weekly newsletter - - (**circulated via e-mail to Cllrs**) – **only accessible via e-mail**)
8. **TDC – Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Agenda – 23rd April**

The Highlighted items were brought to Cllrs' attention.

Correspondence Sent – 21st March – 17th April 2012

1. Various recipients – invite to Parish Meeting 18th April
2. Sheila Cholwill – various re. mugs (stored on computer)
3. Impact China – confirmation of Order

726. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James reported that he had attended a MCTi Meeting; difficulties were discussed about getting support from TDC. He had attended a meeting with Pam Johns, John Allen, Cllr. Parsons and M.P. Geoffrey Cox regarding the Housing Property Trust and the Localism Bill.

727. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had obtained an extension, (1st July 2012), from the Audit Commission, for the submission date for the Annual Return and Accounts; it is hoped Mr. Vaughan will be able to get draft accounts to the Clerk in time for the May Council Meeting.

728. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

There was no exchange.

729. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signature Date