



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th July 2018 at 7.30p.m in Bridgerule Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk.

2093. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Parsons. PCSO Tomkies

2094. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

2095. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No questions.

2096. POLICE REPORT

Caravans were stolen from a local caravan park and located up country.

2097. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Matron returns to town

Holsworthy's community matron is set to return to the town next week. Health and social care manager Gary Patch informed the group that the community matron would be based in the town's hospital and across the Barnstaple site– the Matron will oversee an implementation plan to re-reopen its beds whilst undertaking her current role part time. The Matron's priority will be the reopening of the Holsworthy beds.

The news was announced during the latest meeting of the Holsworthy Community Involvement Group in the town on Tuesday, 25 June.

The group was set up to better understand the area's health and social care needs and is made up of local people, community leaders and representatives with support from the NHS.

Work to assess which staff might work from the hospital had already begun, and discussions with staff and local GP practices were underway. Further updates would be made to the group in due course.

People's needs come first

The terms of reference for the group were signed off, and there was a wide-ranging discussion about what the group is trying to address – and what the final 'product' should be.

Members agreed that it was important to address the long-term future of the Community Hospital beds and that future services should be firmly based on the needs of local people: if beds were needed they should be provided.

The group would make recommendations in the form of a final report to be presented to the clinical commissioning group (CCG), which commissions healthcare services.

If some of the recommendations were outside of the CCG's remit, then the CCG would identify these with the community and look at imaginative ways of meeting them. This might involve other statutory services, the charity or voluntary sector.

During the last meeting (see update 3), a public health consultant spoke about the town's demographics and its challenges. An explanation of the town's current NHS service was also given, which showed that there were almost 40 professionals, including community nurses, social workers, community matrons and therapists working in the community to keep people well.

There are more than 40 outpatient or other healthcare services running in the hospital, 12 of which were new since March 2017.

Local discussions

The next stage of the project is planning so that the group can find out from residents what health and social care needs local people have, and how these differ from the information already held.

To get this underway, group members from the local community were asked to list all the community groups, voluntary and independent sector organisations and then plot these on a map of the town.

This work would form the basis of a communication strategy which might include a survey people's views, together with visits to local groups to listen to people's views.

The importance of hearing 'hidden voices' (those people who may be too busy or difficult to reach) was noted.

Next steps

This is week three of a minimum 12-week project.

After this the group will make recommendations about future health and care needs in the area. These recommendations, along with clinical, financial and logistical considerations, will then inform decisions about future services for wider community consideration, which may be subject to consultation.

The CCG has previously said that it recognises that the town is in a remote location and that a bespoke solution to health and social care needs in the community is necessary to address the challenges it faces.

The next meeting of the group will take place on Tuesday 10th July.

If anyone prefers please visit the website where all the information (slides, papers etc) sit at:

<https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/holsworthy-community-involvement-103787>

2098. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

There is more money available to promote affordable housing.

The Local Plan is nearly agreed. Hopefully this will allow for more room in planning for light workshops and affordable housing in rural areas.

2099. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. McDougall proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20th June 2018 be approved. Cllr. Hale seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

2100. MATTERS ARISING

2091 – Fencing is being looked at this month.

2105. PARKING ISSUES IN THE GREEN & VILLAGE HALL

A van is parking on the turning circle at the top of the green. Report to highways.
2 vans repeatedly park on village hall ground, and the owners live in Holsworthy. It's difficult to do anything about this, as the vehicles are taxed and insured.

2106. LITTER & DOG BINS

People are putting dog waste in the litter bins by the hall. The bin is also not emptied. Cllr James to take up with Torridge. Clerk to contact regarding a new dog waste bin for both the hall site, and one for the school side of the village.

2107. PARSH HALL

The committee had a good meeting regarding funding for the roof last week. Another meeting at the end of July. Looking positive.

2108. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- Devon & Cornwall Police proposed merger with Dorset Police.

Council would feed back on the consultation the following: The main concern in the area is the lack of representation of officers in the area, would a merger improve this?

- Letter from parishioner – many of the issues already raised.

2109. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

2110. CLERK'S REPORT

No Report.

2111. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The telephone kiosk has been removed, did this come before council? No, the council were not made aware, or received any notification of this happening, in the past 10 years

2112. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.15.

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