



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 8.00 p.m. in  
Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr. J. Medland  
Councillors: Cllrs. C. Seymour-Smith, K. Elliott, J. Giles, G. Abbott and J. McDougall  
In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Jonathan Kearsley, Managing Director, Mi-Grid  
Petr Noščák - observor

In the absence of Cllr. James, Deputy Chairman, Cllr. Medland took the Chair.

**1018. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. James, Haydon and Johnston, Mrs. Cholwill and PCSO Bray had sent apologies.

**1019. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1020. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

**1021 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MR. JONATHAN KEARSLEY, MANAGING DIRECTOR, MI-GRID, RE. A POSSIBLE WIND TURBINE AT TATSON FARM**

Mr. Kearsley thanked the Council for its invitation. He gave a brief history of his company and circulated photographs/montages of the proposed wind turbine which will be sited on land at Tatson Farm. He also circulated details of the turbine (**Appendix 1**) and enlarged on the technical details, answering various questions from Cllrs. He confirmed that the impact on residents living near to the site would be negligible; that the turbine would be assembled on site, with parts being transported by no more than three lorry trips and the approximate life span of the turbine – being no more than 20 years. Mr. Kearsley passed his contact details to Cllr. McDougall in case he or any other members had further queries. Mr. Kearsley left the meeting.

**1022. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Bray had sent apologies and a report was not available.

**1023. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. McDougall proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2013 be approved. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 4 For. 0 Against. 2 Abstentions). Cllr. Medland duly signed the Minutes.

**1024. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 1003 – Dog Signs – The PC confirmed that Cllr. Seymour-Smith had prepared the warning signs and believed that Mr. Williams had put them up. The PC had obtained further signage from TDC and asked if Cllrs. would take and put up where they felt necessary.

Item 1003 – Rubbish Bin – Playground – The PC confirmed that she had been in touch with TDC, who may be able to provide a new bin at a discounted price. Mike Crocker will be letting the PC know the availability/cost by the end of the month.

Item 997 – Derelict Housing – The PC informed the Meeting that this item would be carried forward to the next Meeting to enable Cllr. James to give details of his meeting with Sue Southwell.

Item 991 – Bank opposite Canal Rise – The PC had received an e-mail (correspondence received item 6) from Cllr. Parsons to say that he had contacted Ian Sorensen who was due to meet with the contractor on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Item 1013 – Compensation from SW Water – The PC had e-mailed Mr. Leigh, SW Water, with the Council's bank details to enable either a BACS transfer or a cheque to be sent. He had informed her that the Company's procedure would be to send a cheque to our Chairman, Cllr. James.

Item 1015 – Mole on Playing Field – The PC apologised for not having put this on the Agenda as a separate item. Cllr. Giles reported that he had passed the name and 'phone number of a mole expert to the PC and she will contact him.

Item 1016 – Co-option – The PC informed the Meeting that Mrs. Cholwill had sent her apologies for the Meeting, due to a holiday having been booked prior to her appointment. The PC pointed out that until Mrs. Cholwill has signed the Declaration of Office she is not officially a Councillor.

## 1025. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

| <b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN SEPTEMBER 2013</b> |                      |           |                  |  |               |   | - |
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| <b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>   |                      |           |                  |  |               |   | - |
| Date   | Pay To               | Voucher   | Gross            | Net  | VAT           | Reason  |   |
| 18.09.13   | B. Williams          | 525       | £520.00          | £520.00  |               | Half yearly grass cutting                                       |   |
| 18.09.13   | M. Fenner            | 526       | £156.43          | £156.43  |               | Salary - September  |   |
| 18.09.13   | HM Revenue & Customs | 527       | £117.20          | £117.20  |               | PAYE  |   |
| 18.09.13   | Short & Abbott       | 528       | £546.00          | £455.00  | £91.00        | Supply/erect fence by river                                     |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                      |           | <b>£1,339.63</b> | <b>£1,248.63</b>                                 | <b>£91.00</b> |   |   |
| <b>Bank Accounts</b>   |                      |           |                  |  |               |   |   |
| <u>Current Account</u>   |                      |           |                  | <u>Reserve Account</u>                           |               |   |   |
| Balance at 19 August   |                      | £2,618.20 |                  | £6,960.17  |               | Balance at 19 July  |   |
| 524  |                      | £156.23   |                  | £400   |               | Locality Grant - Cllr. Parsons (self build bus shelter project) |   |
|  |                      | £156.23   |                  |  |               |   |   |
| Balance at 19 September  |                      | £2,461.97 |                  | £7,360.17  |               |   |   |
|  |                      |           |                  | <u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u> |               |   |   |
|  |                      |           |                  | Balance at 30 April                              |               | £2,011.74   |   |
|  |                      |           |                  | quarterly bonus - June                           |               | £4.26   |   |
|  |                      |           |                  | Locality Grant Cllr. Parsons                     |               | £1,000  |   |
|  |                      |           |                  | Balance at 31 July 2013                          |               | £3,016.00   |   |

The PC informed the Meeting that she had received an invoice, from Short & Abbott, for supplying and erecting fencing by the river. She had pointed out to Cllr. James (by e-mail) that the Council had never discussed or ratified this work; she assumes it will be paid for out of the TAP Fund Cllr. James had previously told the Council he was applying for. The PC will agenda the TAP Funding for the next meeting.

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).

The PC informed the Meeting that the two Locality Grants from Cllr. Parsons had been received. The £1K re. the Playingfield Project had been paid into the Playingfield Project Bonus Saver Account and the £400 re. the Self Build Bus Shelter Project had been paid into the Reserve Account.

With regard to the Playingfield Project, the PC asked Cllr. Abbott for an update on the possible purchase of the land in question, and pointed out that DCC will expect the Project to be completed by 2015. DCC require evidence that the money has been spent in accordance with the original application form. Cllr. Abbott confirmed that he believed the landowner would sell the land to the Council for £10K. It was agreed that an item be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the Project in more detail, including the transfer of the ring fenced amount of £2K from the Reserve Account to the Bonus Saver Account.

With regard to the Self Build Bus Shelter Project, she had asked Cllr. James to ensure that invoices in relation to the materials for this Project be made out to Bridgerule Parish Council (to claim the VAT back). DCC require sight of invoices and require the Project to be finished by the end of 2013.

The PC informed the Meeting that she was in the process of preparing the Budget for 2014/2015. She asked Cllrs. to let her know if there was any expenditure they felt should be added to the Budget, not included in 2013/2014. Barry Williams had confirmed, in writing, that the cost for grass cutting would remain the same. Cllr. Giles commented on the grass cutting on the playingfield, and requested that Mr. Williams contact him to let him know when the grass cutting is taking place. Cllr. Abbott asked if Mr. Williams could cut the newly fenced riverbank 'walk' as part of cutting the grass adjacent to The Bridge. The PC will write to Mr. Williams with these requests.

## **1026. PLANNING**

### **Applications**

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| 1/0781/2013/FUL<br>Pitworthy Farm<br>Pancrasweek | Installation of 5 kilometres of underground electrical cable to serve Pitworthy Solar Park (1/0833/2012/FULM) crossing the parishes of Bridgerule, Pancrasweek and Pyworthy |
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Interest: None declared

Recommendation: Cllr. Abbott proposed that the application be recommended for approval, but drawing attention to the impact on Bridgerule and the fresh water asbestos pipework. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The PC informed the Meeting that she had received, by e-mail, notification of a planning application, the hard copy of which will be mailed shortly. She had contacted the Officer concerned, explaining that the request for the Council's observations by 9<sup>th</sup> October could not be met, since the application would not be discussed until 16<sup>th</sup> October, and she had asked for an extension until 17<sup>th</sup> October. This had been granted.

### **Permissions**

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| 1/0376/2013/FUL<br>Bridgerule Village Hall<br>The Green<br>Bridgerule | Alterations to entrance and windows |
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## **1027. HIGHWAYS**

No items were discussed.

## **1028. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that the windows would be replaced in 4/6 weeks. He circulated details of the finances as at 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and a list of work done/to be done (**Appendix 2**).

## **1029. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence Received 21 August – 17 September**

1. P. Leigh SW Water – compensation notification re. work at The Bridge
2. May Gurney – Road Closure 25 November – 27 November – Borough Cross to Littlebridge Cross – utility works.
3. DCC – emergency management newsletter
4. P. Dryland TDC – Clean Neighbourhoods Officer – reply re. dog fouling
5. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs with internet access**)
6. Cllr. Parsons – confirmation that I. Sorenson meeting contractor 23/8/13 at Canal Rise
7. DALC – Highway Safety Awareness Training
8. P. Dryland TDC – three patrols undertaken, replaced several old dog fouling signs, will continue to undertake unscheduled visits
9. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs with internet access**)
10. DCC – Road Closure – Newacott Cross to Bevill's Hill – 11 November – 15 November – drainage works
11. DCC – Cllr. Parsons' Locality Grants confirmation (Playingfield Project £1K and Self Build Bus Shelter (materials) £400)
12. Cllr. Parsons – Post Office Community Enterprise Fund Info.
13. Clerks & Councils Direct – September issue
14. May Gurney – progress on work at The Bridge/completion on schedule for 13 September
15. DALC AGM – Exeter 12 October £20 per delegate
16. DALC – Annual Report 2012/2013
17. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs with internet access**)

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

#### **Correspondence Sent – 21 August – 17 September**

1. TDC Planning Dept. – recommendations re. planning applications discussed 20 August (**in file**)
2. B. Beadle – co-option unsuccessful
3. S. Cholwill – co-option successful/documents
4. Mi-Grid – invite to send rep. re. wind turbine at Tatson Farm, to Council Meeting 18 September
5. C. Caswell – TDC Animal Warden – dog fouling
6. P. Leigh – SW Water – bank details for compensation cheque to be sent to council's bank
7. DCC – locality grant applications (bus shelter/playingfield land) (**copies in file**)
8. Primary School – emptying of rubbish container request
9. DDC Highways – report re. mud at Hollacombe Farm
10. B. Williams – request for confirmation of grass cutting cost 2014/2015

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

#### **1030. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In Cllr. James' absence there was no report.

#### **1031. CLERK'S REPORT**

The PC had nothing to report.

#### **1032. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. McDougall informed the Meeting that the recycling lorries (bottles, paper, cardboard) were leaving a trail of debris after collection. Other Cllrs. agreed that this was prolific throughout Bridgerule. The PC will write to TDC.

Cllr. McDougall reported that Pyworthy Sub Station would be full when Pitworthy Farm Solar Farm is linked up. Cllr. Abbott said he believed it would be very expensive to extend the sub station's capacity

#### **1033. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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