



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th October 2017 at 7.30p.m in Bridgerule Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. 1 Member of Public. County Cllr Parsons.

1920. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Giles.

1921. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1922. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No questions.

1923. POLICE REPORT

Nothing reported in Bridgerule.

1924. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Update Holsworthy Rural – October 2017

I've listed a few matters below which I thought may be of interest at this time. They are:

- Schools

At the end of September 2017 the Schools Minister announced that Schools across Devon stand to gain £7.5 million more from the Government's proposed new funding formula. This being the case there will still be a long way to go even to get Devon up to the national average of funding for our children in Devon schools and the strong lobbying will continue to that end, at least.

- Holsworthy Hospital

The Stakeholders Group continues to meet in regard to March 2017 'temporary closure' of the hospital beds at Holsworthy Hospital. Details of the group's discussions and key communication points can be found on the NDHT website at <http://www.northdevonhealth.nhs.uk/have-your-say/Holsworthyengagement/>

- DCC uses technology to help sign language users' access local services. Devon County Council has introduced a new way for users of British Sign Language (BSL) to contact them via a Video Relay Service (VRS). For information visit <https://new.devon.gov.uk/help/contact-us/british-sign-language/> and through <https://vimeo.com/234312760> (interpreter page)

- Devon Funding News

Anyone in Devon can sign up to receive Devon Funding News Updates - these are sent out every couple of weeks by email to summarise the latest news on the website. There is a form on the 'Contact

Us' page (top right) where you can sign up and it's helpful if you include your town/village or postcode to confirm that you're from Devon! <https://new.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/contact-us/>

The above may be another area to be examined when thinking of projects for your own area. The County Council I hope will be keen to continue with the Town and Parishes Fund (TAP Fund), and, of course there is always the County Councillor (as well as the District Councillors equivalent of) Locality Grant Funds for which one can apply.

- Pothole Action Fund (PAF)

The announcement on where we will be spending this year's allocation of the PAF should be made shortly. The PAF was originally announced as a 5 year fund, delivering nationally £250million from 2016. So far £125m has been allocated by the DfT, of which Devon has received approximately £5m. It is currently unclear as to how much will be allocated for next year.

- Parish and Town Council conferences

The dates for this year's highways conferences with the town and parish councils have been circulated.

Tues 7 November – Hatherleigh Community Centre

Fri 10 November – Willand Village Hall

Tues 14 November – High Bickington Community Centre

Wed 15 November – Venue in South Devon TBC

- Road Warden Scheme

For any of our existing/new parishes in Holsworthy Rural which may wish to see details of Devon County Council' Road Warden Scheme please visit the site:
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme>

1925. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The application for the top side of Southfields is looking like it will go through, currently waiting on a 106 to be signed. Contribution to affordable housing will be £115k. It's looking that it will be approved by the end of 2017.

The other big development is still being looked at, and awaiting reports from SWW and Highways with regard to water run-off.

6000 houses need to be built in Torrridge in the next 6 years.

It is still hoped the Local Plan will be approved by Christmas.

1926. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. Elliott proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20th September, 2017 be approved. Cllr. Beadle seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

1927. MATTERS ARISING

1918 Light in alleyway has been done.

1928. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES SEPTEMBER 2017						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
18.10.17	R Perry	676	£181.82	£181.82	£0.00	Wages
18.10.17	Piper Architecture	677	£1,080.00	£1,080.00		Plans
TOTAL			£1,261.82	£1,261.82	£0.00	
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 1st September		£4,951.35		£21,325.23	Balance at 5th September 2017	
TDCAP		£4,180.00				
			£9,131.35		£0.17	Interest Sept
673			£300.00			
666			£181.82			
668			£181.82			
671			£181.82			
670			£210.00			
674			£181.82			
Balance at 1st September			£7,894.07		£21,325.40	Balance at 5th October
Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account						
Balance at 5th July 2017			£5,065.49			
Interest Jul/Aug/Sept			£0.12			
Balance at 5th Oct 2017			£5,065.61			

It was also agreed that once planning costs have come in for the Football Field Application, that the total of costs for plans be transferred from the Field Account to the Council Account.

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment, and the transfer of funds when appropriate. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1929. PLAYING FIELD PROJECT UPDATE

New plans have been received. Some updating to do on the internal plans, but planning will go in ASAP based on the exterior.
The Pre-School have asked for space, and the top floor will be for them.
Further infill has been done.

1930. GRANT FOR BRIDGERULE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

£600
Cllr James proposed, Seconded Cllr Haydon. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1931. GRANT FOR BRIDGERULE PARISH HALL

There was some confusion over the application with the change of officers. Suggested to postpone on this occasion until November.

Cllr James proposed, Seconded Cllr Haydon. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions).

1932. PLANNING UPDATE

1/0871/2017/CPE

The council support the application.

(Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1933. HIGHWAYS

The County Councillor agreed with the council that Littlebridge is in need of urgent attention.

New pothole at the cross roads opposite Merrifield.

1934. PARISH HALL

Equestrian Keep Fit has started until November.

1935. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk highlighted correspondence regarding parking issues.

Correspondence 20/09/17 – 18/10/17

Received

1. David Braziel – NHW Updates
2. Public Sector Executive – Updates and Newsletters
3. Emma Walker – Weekly List
4. Earth Anchors – E Sales
5. Sue Pennington – Weekly list
6. Graham Kingdon – Torridge Newsletter
7. Planning Support – Decisions
8. Komplan – E Sales
9. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes
10. Highways – Potholes
11. Planning Support – Consultation Requests
12. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
13. Cllr Parsons – Cllr Hart Update
14. Cllr Medland – Agenda
15. Highways – Snow Wardens
16. Holsworthy Church – Licensing Invitation
17. Mr Pickett – Parking Issues

Sent

1. All Cllrs – Forwarded Emails
2. All Cllrs – Minutes & Agendas
3. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes for website
4. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
5. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
6. Highways – Road Issues
7. Cllr Parsons – Agendas and general correspondence
8. All Councillors - Seeds
9. Emma Tomkies - Police Update

1936. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

1937. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk highlighted that website grants to meet with Transparency Guidelines were still available. Agreed to put in to support the parish website.

1938. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Nothing reported.

1939. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.27

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