

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at 8.00 p.m. in  
Bridgerule Village Hall

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. K. Davey, J. McDougall, A. Linney, J. Stoneman, G. Abbott, J. Giles, and K. Chilton

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Member of the Public: J. Medland

**239. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith had sent his apologies as he would be in Birmingham

**240. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**241. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**242. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Harvey was not able to attend, but had asked the Clerk, by e-mail, to let the Council know that a new Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC Rock, had recently joined the Holsworthy Station. Cllr. McDougall, as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, informed the meeting that bogus 'phone calls were being received trying to illicit credit card details and other personal information. Cllr. McDougall stressed that these calls, one saying a tax rebate was available and the other saying a parcel had been unable to be delivered, should be ignored. He also reported that Mr. Les Slade's CRB had been processed and Sue Norton's was being processed to enable them to join the speed gun team.

**243. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009, had previously been circulated. The Clerk amended the Minutes to show that Cllr. B. Parsons had been present at the Meeting, that the Member of the Public was T. Piercey, and that under Item 221, Mr. McIntosh would also be laying pipes. Cllr. Stoneman asked the Clerk to provide Mr. & Mrs. Houghton with a copy of the Minutes. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**244. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 236 – Cllr. Giles reported that three rolls of fencing could be obtained for £54 each plus VAT. Cllr. Stoneman pointed out that part of the playground also need remedial fencing work. Cllr. Giles will investigate further the purchase of the fencing required.

Item 224 - Cllr. Abbott confirmed that work had commenced on the swings.

Item 232 - Cllr. Abbott reported to the Meeting that he had met with the Pest Control Officer from TDC. It would appear that the Council would have to pay for any work to be done, as only residential sites are undertaken without cost. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. McDougall could supply boxes with poison to be situated at the site. Cllr. McDougall to liaise with Cllr. Abbott on this subject. The Town Clerk will write to the School to make them aware of this.

Item 232 - The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the various areas listed to Highways. The lengthsman had been in attendance week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November and hopefully this would alleviate the problem on Mill Road. 'Give Way' markings had been painted at the junction outside the Village Shop. She would contact Highways again regarding the resurfacing of the road from

the Bridge to Derril, passed the school, and also chase the 'warning sign' at the junction outside the shop.

**245. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies. He asked, via an e-mail, that if Cllrs. have any issues they would like him to look into/needed help with, they contact him.

**246. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented by the Clerk to the Meeting:

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN NOVEMBER 2009</b>						
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
18.11.09	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	409	£312.43	£271.68	£40.75	Parts to repair swings
18.11.09	B. Williams	410	£490.00	£490.00		Grass Cutting
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£802.43</b>	<b>£761.68</b>	<b>£40.75</b>	
<b>COUNCIL RECEIPTS</b>						
Date	Paid By		Gross	Net		Reason
30.09.09	NatWest		£0.51	£0.51		Interest
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£0.51</b>	<b>£0.51</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>						
<u>Current Account</u>			<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th October		4,950.39			£5,072.63	Parish Plan: £2,241.57
<u>Payments</u>					0.5	Interest - June
		405	£616.00		0.51	Interest - September
		406	£140.00			
		407	£270.25			
		408	£500.00			
			<b>£1,526.25</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>						
Balance at 19th November			<b>£3,424.14</b>		<b>£5,073.64</b>	Parish Plan: £2,241.57

Cllr. James informed the Meeting that the cheque for £500 re. the donation to the Church should have been made out to PCC Bridgerule Graveyard Fund and not C. Harris. He presented the letter from Mrs. Harris requesting a donation, which the Clerk will place in the finance file. The cheque was altered and the alteration initialled by Cllrs. James and Stoneman. Cllr. James proposed that all accounts presented should be paid. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**247. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011**

Councillors had been circulated with an alternative Budget prior to the Meeting. The Clerk explained the Budget and asked if there were any questions, there were none. Cllr. Davey proposed the Budget, as presented, be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Stoneman and agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention).

**248. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011**

The Clerk explained the Precept and after discussion Cllr. Davey proposed the Precept be set at £7,440. Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions).

**249. TO DISCUSS THE CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

Mr. John Medland had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council. After discussion, Cllr. McDougall proposed that Mr. John Medland be co-opted as a Councillor to Bridgerule Parish Council. Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**250. PLANNING**

The following application was discussed:

1/0960/2009/FUL            Agricultural shed (**Amended Site**)  
Kents View  
Borough Cross, Bridgerule.

This application had previously been submitted, discussed and recommended for approval (Item 231 Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2009). The application had been amended and after discussion it was agreed that the amended site be recommended for approval. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

Cllr. James confirmed that the 4 affordable houses, negotiations having gone on for some time, now looked likely to go ahead. TDC had been in further discussions with the Eastcotts; S106 Agreement should be in place shortly and Cllr. James had confirmed that, through the Housing Trust, the homes should be available, at the first instance, to local people.

**251. HIGHWAYS**

See Item 244 above.

**252. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received – 22nd Oct. – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

1. Football Club – request for grant towards machine for grass cutting
2. North Devon Biosphere Reserve – explaining organisation.
3. S. Honey – moving to B'rule – requesting hire charges for Hall.
4. SW Ambulance Service – Aspirant Foundation Trust Consultation
5. Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy TDC – Sets out ways to assist various sectors to maintenance, etc. of property (**please let P. Clerk know if you would like a copy**)
6. Hospital Hoppa – trial extended to March 2010 – cards in shop
7. DAPC – Policy briefing
8. DAPC – Newsletter Nov/Dec 09
9. TDC – New housing association Devon Home Choice – awareness session 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Bideford from 3.00 p.m.

**Correspondence Sent – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**

1. M. Glover – payment sent
2. Creative Play – payment sent

3. S. Honey – re. hiring Hall
4. TDC Planning – decision re. application discussed at Council Mtg. 1/0960/2009
5. Highways DCC – re. Lengthsman’s visit and culvert Mill Road
6. F’ball Club – Council’s decision re. £300 donation
7. TDC Pest Control – re. vermin at playing field.
8. Football Club – decision on donation
9. C. Neep – request to cut hedge
10. B. Williams – grass cuts for 2010/2011

The Clerk brought the highlighted items to the attention of the Meeting.

**253. PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith had provided the Parish Clerk with a report which she read out. It stated that the next Meeting of the Group would be on 24<sup>th</sup> November. He hoped to have provisional results from the questionnaires, and the original questionnaires back from DCC in time for the Meeting. It is likely the Meeting will go through the narrative replies, which had extra comments not covered by the questionnaire. The cut off point for any missing questionnaires would be 30<sup>th</sup> November. Martin Rich, CDD, believes that the Steering Group has done, and is doing, so well and has asked Cllr. Seymour-Smith to do an interview for ‘Village Green’; an edited version to appear in the publication and CDD will use the full interview as a ‘flyer’ for CCD to promote parish plans. Cllr. Smith went to say, in his report, that ‘village design statements’ seem to be very popular and he will confirm with Martin Rich whether one of Bridgerule’s Action Plans can be to produce such a statement. Cllr. Seymour-Smith had provided the website address for obtaining information on the Statements; the Town Clerk had been unable to access this and Cllr. Chilton had agreed to try the address.

Cllr. James extended the Council’s congratulations to Cllr. Seymour-Smith for the work achieved on the Plan.

**254. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that the Agri-business Meeting held in Holsworthy’s Memorial Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> November had gone well.

**255. CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**256. TO DISCUSS THE NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

This Item had been requested by Cllr. Chilton. After a short discussion Cllr. Chilton proposed that the next Meeting of Bridgerule Parish Council should take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Cllr. James seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The Clerk informed the Meeting that she would contact Cllrs. if anything important needs to be addressed before 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**257. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.**

Cllr. Linney informed the Meeting that the Primary School was holding an open afternoon on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome.

**258. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signature .....

Date .....

