



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr. K. James  
Councillors: Cllrs. C. Seymour-Smith, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Cholwill, A. Johnston and J. Medland

In Attendance: Parish Clerk  
County Cllr. Parsons

**1126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Abbott, Elliott and Giles had sent apologies.

**1127. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1128. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present

**1129. POLICE REPORT**

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

Although the Agenda had not included an Item 'County Councillor's Report', the Chairman allowed Cllr. Parsons to present his Report, and suspended Standing Orders

**1130. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons gave a brief explanation regarding the financial implications of a loss of funding from Central Government to DCC, and in particular its effect on the maintenance of the Highways. He showed the Meeting a map of all potholes that require attention in Devon. He said he feels strongly that Government should not be spending money on the HS2 (railway) and that the Government is not taking Highways seriously enough. A short discussion took place regarding aspects of the highways in and around Bridgerule and Road Fund Tax.

Cllr. Parsons informed the Meeting that, as part of his DCC Cabinet Portfolio, he has, and will continue, to meet with CEOs and Leaders of Devon District Councils, the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group), Police and representatives of volunteer services. He said he felt that the MCTi (with such groups/organisations) is central to improving and providing community services which may be reduced by the financial constraints felt by DCC. Cllr. Parsons said he felt it essential that a representative of Bridgerule Parish Council attends MCTi Meetings, and Cllr. James confirmed that he already undertakes this.

Cllr. Parsons confirmed that the North Devon Hospice will be providing a service in Holsworthy, next to the Hospital. He asked if there had been any progress with re-opening a Post Office in Bridgerule. The Council had not had a recent update from the Post Office, and the PC will contact Colin Pound and Laura Tarling. Cllr. James said he would e-mail Mr. Marsh for an update on the village shop premises.

Cllr. Parsons left the Meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Cllr. James returned the Meeting to Standing Orders.

**1131. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention).

**1132. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 1112 – Planning – The PC had circulated, to all Cllrs. the reply received from TDC regarding the application discussed. The application was subsequently withdrawn. (see Item 1135 below).

Item 1118 – TAP Fund – Cllr. James gave an update on this subject and after discussion, Cllr. Cholwill agreed to obtain an estimate of the finance needed to set up indoor bowls in the Hall. Cllr. James also confirmed that money obtained, via the planning application for a solar far, by Pyworthy Parish Council will be spent on refurbishing the Church.

Item 1124 – Mobile Library – The PC confirmed that having written to DCC regarding the change in the times to the visit by the mobile library, the reply she had received had been circulated to all Cllrs. In essence, the reply had been to suggest that activities/the school in Bridgerule be altered to accommodate the change in the timing of the library's visits.

### 1133. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN MARCH 2014</b>							-
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
19.03.14	HM Revenue & Customs	546	£117.40	£117.40		PAYE	
19.03.14	M. Fenner	547	£156.23	£156.23		Salary - March	
19.03.14	Notice Board Company	548	£334.80	£279.00	£55.80	External notice board	
19.03.14	C&L Mail Order Ltd	549	£30.00	£25.00	£5.00	Manufacture of dog signs	
			<b>£638.43</b>	<b>£577.63</b>	<b>£60.80</b>		
<b>cancelled cheque 545 - incorrectly made out</b>							
<b>Bank Accounts</b>							
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th February		£2,603.02			£5,361.56	Balance at 19th January 2014	
BACS	Locality Grant	£309.00				Transfer from Hall re. play area	
			£2,912.02			£497.48	
				£830.00			£164.22
				£156.43			
Balance at 19th March			£1,925.59			£6,023.26	Balance at 19th February 2014
				<u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u>			
			Balance at 19th December quarterly bonus - September				£5,020.77
							£7.80
				Interest			£0.39
			Balance at 19th December				£5,028.96

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The PC informed the Meeting that she has applied to County Cllr. Parsons for funds from his locality grant to purchase a notice board for the Council. This will be specifically to notify parishioners of Council Meetings, all legal documents i.e. audit papers, elections, etc. She had received notification that the grant application had been successful, and an amount of £309 had been deposited in the Council's Current Account. This will cover the purchase cost and labour to erect the board.

The PC also informed the Meeting that she had received the Audit Return, to be completed and returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. She will be making documents available to David Vaughan, Accountant, for the completion of the accounts for 2013/2014 and his internal audit report to accompany the Audit Return.

**1134. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL LTD. TO EXTEND THE HALL INTO THE PLAY AREA**

Copies of the plans had been circulated with the Agenda. Cllr. Seymour-Smith circulated amended plans (**Appendices 1 and 2**), which included the possibility of a canopy being situated at the front of the Hall. After discussion, it was agreed that, in principle, the canopy is acceptable. After further discussion Cllr. James proposed that the 'footprint' (extending the Hall) as per the amended plan be approved. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.

**1135. PLANNING**

No applications had been received. The following had been received:

**Withdrawn**

1/1147/2013/FUL          Erection of a pair of semi-detached residential dwellings  
Encscot  
Bridgerule

**1136. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. McDougall drew Councillors' attention to an incident caused by an HGV at Furze Cross. He had prepared a hand written report on this. It was agreed that the PC would type this up and forward it to Simon Phillips, DCC, (copying in Cllr. Parsons and David Whitton, DCC) for comment/action.

**1137. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith confirmed that the Hall has received a grant from CCD of £10K, £500 from District Cllr. James and a further £1,440 from a private individual. He will e-mail a list of all donations received to date to the PC.

**1138. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received 19<sup>th</sup> February – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

1. TDC Planning – response to Encscot application (**circulated to Cllrs**)
2. DCC – Mobile Library – response to query re. new timings (**circulated to Cllrs**)
3. Rural Services – spotlight on the heart of the village (**circulated to Cllrs. with Internet access**)
4. Notice Board Company – quotations re. new notice board (**in locality grant file**)
5. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs. with internet access**)
6. Rural Services – spotlight on the heart of the village (**circulated to Cllrs. with Internet access**)
7. Bradford Pre-School/Bridgerule Early Years – thanks for grant and photo of playhouse/copy of invoice
8. Clerks & Councils Direct – March issue
9. Connect Devon/Somerset – Broadband update (**circulated to Cllrs. with Internet access**)
10. DCC – Emergency management newsletter
11. Grant Thornton – Audit documents for 2013/2014 (**in file**)
12. Rural Services – spotlight on the heart of the village (**circulated to Cllrs. with Internet access**)

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

**Correspondence Sent 19<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

1. B. Williams – cheque
2. TDC Planning – Observations/queries re. Encscot application
3. DCC – L. Alexander – observation/query re. amended mobile library time
4. DCC Highways – reporting raised ironwork at 30mph limit Borough Cross and various potholes
5. Cllr. Parsons – request for locality grant re. notice board (**in locality grant file**)
6. St. Bridgets, CAB, Village Hall, Family Workshop and Bradford PreSchool/B'rule Early Years – informing of new grant policy

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**1139. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James informed the Meeting that he was awaiting confirmation that the affordable house at Canal Rise had been sold; there had been a number of people wishing to buy the property. He also informed the Meeting that at a meeting he had attended in Bideford he had been informed that after discussions, the LDF for Bridgerule will come out in May for consultation. A general discussion ensued regarding future possible housing developments in Bridgerule, and in particular affordable housing and the criteria surrounding this.

**1140. CLERK'S REPORT**

The PC informed the Meeting that DCC has confirmed that the opening times, for the recycling centre at Anvil Corner, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to September will be Monday & Friday 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 10.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m. and from October to March Monday & Friday 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. She has forwarded this to Cllr. Cholwill for including in the next issue of The Buzz.

The PC reminded Cllrs. that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April, before the normal Full Council Meeting.

**1141. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

There was no exchange of information.

**1142. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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