

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th May, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. G. Abbott, K. Davey, J. Giles, C. Seymour-Smith, J. Medland, K. Chilton, J. Stoneman, and J. McDougall

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

329. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR 2010/2011

Cllr. Davey proposed that Cllr. Ken James continue to be the Chairman of Bridgerule Parish Council for the year 2010/2011. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions)

330. THE CHAIRMAN WILL READ AND SIGN THE PRESCRIBED 'DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE'

Cllr. James duly read and signed the prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'

331. TO ELECT THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

Cllr. Abbott proposed that Cllr. Cliff Seymour-Smith be elected as Deputy Chairman of Bridgerule Parish Council for the year 2010/2011. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 for. 0 Against. 1 Abstention)

332. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Linney had sent her apologies

333. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

334. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

335. POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report.

Cllr. McDougall reported the following incidents: A car had been scratched between 19th/20th April; eggs had been smashed on a vehicle in the village (Cllr. Abbott, later in the meeting, reported that there had been a similar incident on another car in the village); an item had been stolen from a garden, but had subsequently been returned; approximately 25 vehicle tyres had been 'dumped' in a ditch in Dux Lane – Cllr. McDougall had arranged for a farmer to take them away. Cllr. Medland reported that a green land rover had been seen in the vicinity of various thefts (a child of approximately 10 years had taken various items whilst the driver remained in the vehicle).

336. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April, 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention).

337. MATTERS ARISING

Item 311 – The Clerk reported that PCSO had visited Mr. Weekes and the main culprits of the parking. She had issued them with a 'Pavements are for People' leaflet, explaining that it could have been a Fixed Penalty ticket. DCC Highways were going to get back to her re. the sign and road markings.

338. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU FOR A GRANT

Cllr. Chilton declared a personal interest. A request had been received from Torridge, Mid Devon & Bude Citizens Advice Bureau for a donation. After a short discussion Cllr. Stoneman proposed that a grant of £50 be sent the Bureau. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions).

339. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies.

340. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT
The following accounts were presented for payment:

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN MARCH/APRIL 2010						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
16.04.10	DALC		£143.40	£127.00	£16.40	Subscription paid direct from precept by TDC
19.05.10	Playsafety Limited	419	£74.03	£63.00	£11.03	Annual inspection p'ground equipment
19.05.10	Community First	420	£380.19	£380.19		Insurance 2010/2011
19.05.10	Torrige MidDevon & Bude CAB	421	£50.00	£50.00		Grant
TOTAL			£647.62	£620.19	£27.43	
Council Receipts						
16.04.10	TDC		£3,577.00	£577.00		Precept less DALC subscription of £143.40
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 17th April 2010		3,615.12		£4,932.92		of which £832.98 is Parish Plan grant
<u>Payments</u>				0.5		Interest March 10
	418		£47.00			
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-			£47.00			
Balance at 19th May 2010			£3,568.12		£4,933.42	At 19th May of which £832.98 PP

Cllr. James proposed that the accounts presented should be paid. This was seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

341. PLANNING
The following application and permission had been received:

Applications

1/0316/2010/FUL Extension to dwelling
6 Littlebridge Meadow
Bridgerule

Permissions

1/0213/2010/FUL Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension
Hollybank
Bridgerule

1/0262/2010/FUL Proposed extension
The Forge
Bridgerule

The application was discussed and Cllr. Davey proposed that Bridgerule Parish Council recommend approval. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

342. HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Giles reported of problems in Littlebridge Meadows with regard to the sewers. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to investigate whether Littlebridge Meadows had been adopted. She was also instructed to write to South West Water enquiring whether they had adopted the sewerage system at Littlebridge Meadows. She would refer to Cllr. Giles' property as a reference point.

343. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received from 21st April to 19th May 2010

1. D. Vaughan – Accounts/audit return/invoice
2. TDC – Statement of persons nominated – parliamentary election
3. CAB – grant request
4. Cllr. Smith – highway issue Borough X
5. PCSO Harvey – Mr. Weekes and Littlebridge
6. Audit Commission – requesting further info. re Return
7. RoSPA – Annual Report
8. DALC – newsletter
9. Senior Council for Devon – Meeting 11th May – e-mail did not arrive until 10th
10. Clerks & Council's Direct May issue
11. CCD – evaluation of the rural housing enabler programme
12. V. Harris – parochial council re. Judith Upton on line clerk
13. Rural Services – May issue
14. DCC – monthly newsletter

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

Correspondence Sent From 21st April – 19th May 2010

1. D. Vaughan – cheque
2. B. Pedrick – Littlebridge Meadows issues
3. PCSO Harvey – Littlebridge Meadows issues
4. Community First – insurance request for quote on increasing cover for playground equipment
5. Community First – requesting hard copy of amended schedule with increase.
6. Audit Commission – Annual return and all documentation requested
7. Audit Commission – supplying further info. requested by them

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344. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that the Plan "is just about finished" and will be circulated with the July edition of 'The Buzz'. There may be a meeting in June of the Steering Group.

345. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James reported that building at Canal Rise was due to commence. There appeared to be little progress with any plans for A. Orchard's property.

346. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

- The School had requested permission to use the playing field for the School Fete. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the School stating the Council is happy with the general idea of the fete, but needs clarification regarding insurance and any pony rides
- The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident regarding the dilapidated state of the net curtaining in a property near the village shop (a situation which has remained for many years). Cllrs. confirmed that this property has been classed as condemned.

- Leaflets had been received regarding a free health check, run by the PDSA, for dogs taking place in Holsworthy on 6th June. These will be placed in the village shop.

347. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

Cllr. Giles reported that the Football Club had purchased a second hand mower and that materials to maintain the playing field were required. The Clerk will place the subject of the mower and possible finance on the Agenda for the full Council meeting in June and Cllr. Abbott will investigate the cost of sand to help maintain the playing field. Cllr. James told Cllr. Giles he may be able to help financially, as a District Councillor, with a donation to the Football Club.

348. 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