



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th June 2013 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr. K. James
Councillors: Cllrs. J. McDougall, G. Abbott, C. Seymour-Smith, Pat Haydon, K. Elliott, J. Giles and J. Medland

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

PCSO Beverley Bray

969. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Johnston had sent apologies.

970. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

971. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

972. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bray reported the theft of garden ornaments (see also Minutes of the May Council Meeting). She said there is no indication of who committed the theft or why. There appears, from reports to her from Cllr. Johnston, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, that dog fouling is increasing and PCSO Bray has been in touch with Carl Caswell, Animal Warden at TDC, and will also prepare flyers, possible to go in the Buzz, highlighting this problem. At a meeting she attended at Holsworthy College, it was brought to her attention that there may be potential problems with certain youngsters in the area, and she and her colleagues are keeping a close eye on this. PCSO Bray continues to attend the Coffee Club and attended the recent Open Gardens event. She explained that her presence at such events enables the public to approach her with problems that they may not necessarily pick up the telephone and report. She continues to do foot patrols and visit the School. Cllr. James asked if, apart from the garden ornaments theft, things were quiet and she said they were. Cllr. James thanked PCSO Bray for attending the Meeting.

973. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. McDougall queried Item 961, last paragraph, of the Minutes. He thought the numbering of the sites mentioned was incorrect. The PC said she would check and amend if necessary.

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th May, 2013 be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention). Cllr. James duly signed the Minutes.

974. MATTERS ARISING

Item 951 – SW Water – The PC confirmed that she had written to Mr. Hocking and sent a chaser e-mail on 10th June. Mr. Hocking replied, indicating that he was visiting Bridgerule with a rep. from May Gurney on 11th June and would reply in full after this visit. A response has not yet been received.

Item 956 (937 previous Minutes) – Telegraph Pole – The PC again sent a chaser e-mail to Tony Curtis. He had replied explaining that he will be chasing this asap, but at the moment it doesn't come under a highway defect because it is not on highway maintained ground.

Item 959 – Playground Equipment/Rubbish Bin – The PC asked if Cllrs. James and Abbott had inspected the equipment, detailed in the RoSPA Report, and the bin. They had not, and will endeavour to do so before the July Council Meeting.

Item 967 – Road Closure – The PC had written to Simon Phillips, DCC Highways, and he had replied that no date had been set for the work to be carried out and confirmed that if a road closure is implemented the Council would be notified. It would appear, by notices on the Highway, that work is commencing at today's date. No road closure has been implemented.

975. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JUNE 2013						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
19.06.13	M. Fenner	519	£156.23	£156.23		Salary - June
19.06.13	HM Revenue & Customs	520	£117.20	£117.20		PAYE
TOTAL			£273.43	£273.43	£0.00	
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 19 April		£4,468.61		£7,358.79		at 19th March 2013
				0.67		Interest March
			£4,468.61	£7,359.46		
	514	£60.00		£400.00		Transfer to Current/ac
	515	£339.11				
	516	£30.58				
	517	£156.43				
	518	£78.00				
			£664.12			
Balance at 19th April			£3,804.49	£6,959.46		Balance at 19th April
			<u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u>			
			Balance 31 October 2012		£2,007.72	
			quarterly bonus		£4.02	
			Balance at 30 April 2013		£2,011.74	

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

976. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM BRIDGERULE EARLY YEARS

The PC read out a letter from Bridgerule Early Years, asking for a grant towards improving the outside area and to purchase more equipment. The PC informed the Meeting that the Grant budget for 2013/2014 is £700. She pointed out that the Council had overspent on the Grant budget for 2012/2013 and this could not happen this year. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that a grant of £100 be awarded to Bridgerule Early Years. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The PC brought to the Council's attention that the cheque would be made out to Bradford Pre-School as Bridgerule Early Years is run by the same Management Committee. She further confirmed, as discussed, that when sending the cheque she would ask for a report on how the grant is eventually spent and sight of invoices.

977. TO DISCUSS VEHLICES PARKING IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The PC had received several e-mails from Cllr. Johnston (see Correspondence Received Item 10) regarding reports he had received about a number of white vans constantly parking in the Hall car park. After discussion, it was agreed that no action would be taken at the moment, but to monitor the situation and re-visit the subject if necessary.

PCSO Bray left at 8.30 p.m.

978. PLANNING

1/0423/2013/FUL
21 Littlebridge
Meadow
Bridgerule

Removal of condition 3 of planning application 1/0854/2002 – to permit conversion of garage to living accommodation

Interest: None Declared

Recommendation: Cllr. James proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1/0442/2013/FUL
Elm Park
Bridgerule

Partially demolish existing blockwork and stone walled calf house and replace with new parlour and silo/feed storage bin

Interest: None Declared

Recommendation: Cllr. James proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1/0443/FUL
Borough Farm
Bridgerule

Proposed 1000m³ slurry pit constructed of steel reinforced concrete to comply with SAFFO regulations

Interest: None Declared

Recommendation: Cllr. James proposed the application be recommended for approval. Cllr. Elliott seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1/0376/2013/FUL
Bridgerule Parish Hall
The Green, Bridgerule

Alterations to layout of entrance and replacement roof and windows

Interest: Cllrs. Seymour-Smith and McDougall each declared a personal interest.

Recommendation: Cllr. James proposed the application be recommended for approval, with a recommendation that the fascia, guttering and down pipes match the windows (i.e white and not brown). Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 2 Abstentions).

Permissions

1/0236/2013/FUL &
1/0237/2013/LBC
Pale Park
Marhamchurch

Retrospective consent for three stables/loose boxes

1/0239/2013/LBC
Pale Mark
Marhamchurch

Retrospective consent for erection of a front boundary wall and gates

979. HIGHWAYS

No Highways' problems were brought to the Meeting.

980. PARISH HALL

Work on the ceiling and insulation had been completed and Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that the plan is to complete work on the windows, fascias and guttering and to install vertical blinds by the end of this

year. He said that money allocated in the Council's Parish Hall budget, if the Council agreed, would be used to go towards the facias, etc. The grant applied for has gone through to the 'second round' and Cllr. Seymour-Smith confirmed that the Company will be looking towards funding opportunities next year. He explained that a quote has been received for the roof and gave details of what work is required. He will keep the Council updated as things progress.

981. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence Received 15th May – 18th June

1. SW Water – re. PC's letter 29th April – P. Hocking already in contact with PC
2. RoSPA Report – Playground 24th April 2013 (in file)

The above were discussed at the May Meeting of the Full Council.

3. Rural Services – Fuel poverty
4. Bridgerule Early Years – request for grant.
5. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs. with internet access**)
6. Devon Rural Housing Partnership – affordable housing
7. S. Phillips – DCC Highways – road resurfacing Burnards House to Hls. Golf Club (**circulated to Cllrs.**)
8. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs. with internet access**)
9. TDC – Register of Electors update (**in file**)
10. Various e-mails (inc. sent) relating to report of white vans parking in Hall car park
11. Rural Services Online – Rural Transport
12. K. Davey – letter of resignation (copied to TDC)
13. TDC – Notice of Vacancy (e-mailed for website, copy in shop, hall & noticeboard)
14. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs. with internet access**)
15. TDC – incorrect percentages detailed on Council Tax notifications
16. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (**circulated to Cllrs. with internet access**)

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

Correspondence Sent – 15th May – 18th June

1. Community First – cheque re. insurance premium 2013-2014
2. Grant Thornton – signed Audit Return 2012/2013 (recorded delivery) – in audit file
3. P. Hocking SW Water – various queries highlighted at council meeting 15 May
4. DCC Highways – reporting potholes at Jewells Cross down to Littlebridge Meadows, Bevill's Hill and Furze Cross to Dux Cross
5. P. Hunter Electoral Officer TDC – Cllr. Davey's resignation
6. K. Chilton – re. nomination of an award
7. D.Burgess/I. Rowland – Rural Areas Settlement Planning – Bridgerule Council's observations
8. B. Williams – reply re. Mr. William's letter dated 21st April
9. C. Smale – signed Declarations of Trust for safekeeping (copies also on file)

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982. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James reported on a meeting he had attended regarding affordable housing (at which Bridgerule had been described as "an attractive village"). He informed the Meeting that Kate Little, new Head of Planning at TDC, was very supportive of affordable housing, particularly in relation to helping young people remain in the areas they have been brought up in, and had agreed with Cllr. James that surveys regarding the subject are a waste of time and money.

Cllr. James also reported on aspects of education within the area, and a general discussion took place. He confirmed that the MCTI (Market and Coastal Towns Initiative) are trying to get someone to attend a Meeting to answer queries surrounding the current education situation within the Holsworthy area.

983. CLERK'S REPORT

The PC reported as follows:

- She has taken copies of a new edition of the Good Councillor's Guide. These are available to Councillors if requested.

- Due to personal commitments she is unable to attend the scheduled July Council Meeting, and asked if the Council would like to re-schedule. The Meeting will now take place on 24th July.
- Due to Cllr. Davey's resignation there is now a vacancy on Bridgerule Parish Council and Notices of Election, from TDC, have been placed in the Village and on the website. If a request for an election has not been received by 27th June (the PC will be informed of this by TDC), Bridgerule Council can then implement the co-option procedure and the PC will prepare and circulate posters regarding this at that time.

984. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Giles informed the Meeting that Bridgerule Football Club had won the Sub Cup and are now sixth in the League.

Cllr. McDougall informed the Meeting that, due to damage done by an HGV to the grassed verge from North Tamerton towards Dux Cross, Mr. Derek Hilleard intended to install CCTV. It was suggested, by Cllr. James, that Mr. Hilleard should be advised to contact the Solicitor at TDC before undertaking such an installation. Cllr. McDougall said he would do this.

Cllr. Abbott informed the Meeting that an article has appeared in this week's edition of the Holsworthy Post regarding the School, which was very positive. The PC will send a letter congratulating the school on its achievements.

Cllr. James informed the Meeting that Ian Sorensen, DCC, had confirmed that the grass bank opposite the entrance to Canal Rise would be made into a pavement, with pebble finish.

985. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signature Date