

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

## Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. K. Davey, J. Medland, C. Seymour-Smith, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Sharp, G. Abbott and J. Giles

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Members of the Public

PCSO Beverley Bray

## 594. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Johnston sent apologies. Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies.

## 595. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

## 596. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Lucas, a representative of the parents of Bridgerule Primary School and the Friends of Bridgerule School, brought to the Council's attention concerns regarding speeding vehicles in the locality of the School. Correspondence had been received by the Clerk from Mrs. Quartermain regarding this subject, and the Clerk had contacted County Cllr. Parsons and PCSO Harvey. The result of this was that some parents had signed a letter to be sent to Cllr. Parsons and PCSO Harvey had spoken to Mrs. Quartermain. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to DCC Highways' Department proposing a 20 mph speed limit in the locality of the School; improvement in signage; the possibility of a pavement outside the school and clarification on the rules and regulations governing a 'lollypop person' at the School (possibly a volunteer); a letter also to be sent to Cllr. Parsons requesting his assistance in this matter. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Mr. S. Hallett brought to the Council's attention missing/damaged highways' signage in the locality of Jewells Cross and also a possible SW Water problem on the road near Little Bridge Farm. The Clerk to report to the appropriate authority.

## 597. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bray (formerly Harvey) reported that only one crime in Bridgerule, a vehicle's back window broken, had been reported in the month. However, the Police are concerned at the overall increase in crime throughout the area and asked everyone to be vigilant. PCSO Bray reported a spate of cars being broken into at Holsworthy Woods and Cookbury Forest and companies on the Holsworthy Industrial Estate being broken into. She will speak to the School and prepare an article regarding speeding near the School for The Buzz. She also suggested that if anyone obtains the registration number of any vehicle they consider speeding near the School, they should contact her.

## 598. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies

## 599. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2011 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Davey proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

## 600. MATTERS ARISING

Item 577 – Speeding near 'Owlies' - The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had written to Cllr. Parsons. She had also contacted Sgt. Channing, Holsworthy Police. The Clerk had copied replies - item 2 of correspondence received – reply from MPC Goulding and Item 11 – reply from Mike

Newcombe DCC Highways Management – and circulated to all Cllrs. prior to the Meeting. She will send a copy of this correspondence to Mr. Williams, 'Owlies'.

**601. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment.

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN OCTOBER 2011</b>						
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Pay To</b>	<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Reason</b>
05.10.11	HM Revenue & Customs	456	£117.20	£117.20		PAYE/NI
19.10.11	M. Fenner	457	£156.43	£156.43		Salary - September
19.10.11	St. Bridget's PCC	458	£500.00	£500.00		Grant
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£773.63</b>	<b>£773.63</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>						
<u>Current Account</u>			<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Balance at 19th August		3,862.17				£4,998.35
2nd half of precept - 19.09.11		£3,845.50				0.5 Interest June 11
		£7,707.67				
			448	174.00		
			450	387.02		
						<b>£4,998.85</b> At 19 October - £185.67 P. Plan
Balance at 19th September			7,146.65			<b>£4,813.18</b> Available to Council as Reserves

Cllr. James presented a letter from St. Bridget's PCC requesting a grant of £500. This was added to the finance sheet. Cllr. Davey proposed the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Haydon and unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**602. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013**

The Budget and Precept had been discussed at the Meeting of the Full Council on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and had been adjourned, as required. A discussion took place regarding the Special Project for the provision of salt/grit/maintenance of a heavy duty spreader. Cllr. James proposed that the figure of £1K detailed in the draft Budget for this Special Project is taken from the Council's reserves and not included in the Budget and that the Budget and Precept for the financial year 2012/2013 be accepted. Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**603. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. ABBOTT RE. PURCHASING LAND TO EXTEND THE PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL PITCH AND AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. JAMES RE. THE EXTENSION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER BANK WALK.**

Cllr. James will chase up Jenny Fish regarding Cllr. Abbott's communication with her. No progress on the river bank until Mr. Hale sells land.

**604. PLANNING**

The following applications were considered:

**Applications**

1/0437/2011/FULM Increase existing capacity of static caravans from 12 to 40  
Hedley Wood Caravan  
Bridgerule

Interest: None

Recommendation: Cllr. James proposed the application be approved. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1/0743/2011/FUL           Erection of dwelling – amended location plan  
Site at Canal Rise  
Bridgerule

Interest:                   None  
Recommendation:       Cllr. James proposed that the application be approved subject to TDC implementing the Planning Policy.

### **Permissions**

1/0776/2011/FUL           Installation of new package sewage treatment plant to replace an  
Land adjacent           existing failed septic tank and soakaway system serving 4 no.  
1-4 Railway Cottages   residential properties  
Merrifield, Bridgerule  
Bridgerule

Cllr. James explained S106 Agreements in relation to developments within Bridgerule.

### **605. HIGHWAYS**

No matters arose

### **606. EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

Cllr. Sharp had attended a meeting regarding the Snow Warden subject. One Snow Warden is allowed in Bridgerule, overseeing any volunteers. Cllr. Sharp will try and recruit volunteers and an article will be placed in The Buzz. He informed the Meeting that volunteers would not be insured and suggested that they be supplied with crampons to alleviate any possible injury. Cllr. James asked him to obtain costings for crampons. It was reiterated that Cllr. Sharp would be reimbursed for fuel he used when carrying out the duties of Snow Warden. Cllr. Sharp, under Item 9 of the Agenda, had confirmed the quantity of salt to be supplied by DCC. It was agreed that the salt would be supplied in plastic bags.

### **607. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that safety inspections had taken place; repairs to the guttering would be undertaken and he confirmed that the Hall can legally be used. The next meeting of the Hall Committee is due to take place after 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **608. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Correspondence Received - 18 September – 19 October**

1. Commission for Rural Communities – review of employment, education & training for young people in rural areas.
2. Sgt. Channing – reply to PC's letter and PC Goulding – Barnstaple Police – reply re. accidents near 'Owlies'
3. Cllr. Parsons – re speeding near 'Owlies'
4. DALC – AGM 8 October
5. MCTi – next mtg. 4 October (Cllr. James)
6. Holsworthy Area Advisory Mtg. – 3 October
7. TDC – Village SOS – funding re. community enterprises
8. CAB – request for donation (circular to all Councils)
9. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
10. TDC – Review Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries
11. DCC – Road Safety Bridgerule – reply re. Mr. William's report on possible fatal accidents near 'Owlies'
12. TDC – Questionnaires – Budget 2012/2013 and Strategic Plan
13. TDC – Rural Settlement Validation – mf added PO and petrol station
14. E. Quartermain – school and speeding

- 15. E. Quartermain – thanks for quick reply etc.
- 16. Cllr. Parson’s reply re. school and speeding
- 17. Cllr. Sharp – snow warden course etc.

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs’ attention  
 Item 12 – to be completed by Clerk

**Correspondence Sent 22 September – 18 October**

- 1. Cllr. Parsons – Speed limit Burnards House to B’rule passed Owlies
- 2. Sgt. Channing – speed problem near ‘Owlies@
- 3. Cllr. Parsons/Cllr. Sharp – e-mails re. snow training etc.
- 4. E. Quartermain – reply to e-mail re school and speeding
- 5. Cllr. Parsons and PCSO Harvey re. school and speeding
- 6. TDC – rural settlement study validation – corrections re. PO and petrol station
- 7. E. Quartermain – re. Cllr. Parson’s reply and info. to enable parents to write to B. Parsons

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs’ attention

**609. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

**610. CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**611. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Giles reported that he had received a request that the Council provide a ‘toddlers’ seat on the swing in the play area adjacent to the Hall. Cllr. Giles will obtain a costing for this item.

Cllr. Sharp reported that he had been asked by a resident to bring to the Council’s attention to buying heating oil in bulk.

Cllr. McDougall reported that Mr. Hilliard is preparing a petition for residents to sign, regarding his concerns about the number of times a day farm waste material is being transported between Thorne Farm and Bradford Manor Farm.

**612. 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 .....