



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th December 2018 at 7.30p.m in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr J Medland
Councillors: Cllrs. J McDougall, P Haydon, B Beadle, D Hale, , K Elliott, K James, S Cholwill,, C Seymour-Smith.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. County Cllr Parsons, 2 Members of Public

2192. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Giles

2193. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

2194. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No Questions

2195. POLICE REPORT

A caravan was taken from Hedley Wood, put on a low loader.

2196. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Parsons won't be around over January.

Housing Report – 26% of houses in Torridge are category 1, highly likely to have an issue, double the average in Devon. There is also a high amount of fuel deprivation in Torridge.

Council Tax – Likely to be risen. There is a significant issue of affordability in Torridge with it being a low income area. 3% rise at DCC is likely, in line with inflation. Perhaps a joint working party with Torridge and DCC could be formed to look at ways to improve the situation.

Another £18million has been received from central government towards Highways, the majority of which is going towards repairing bridges across Devon, with over 800 needing work.

Holsworthy Hospital – waiting on result from the survey to come back. The CCG may be amalgamating with other CCG's in the area. Staff is still the falling point at getting the hospital open. There is an implementation plan being looked at for the reopening of the beds.

2197. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Hospital – There are several issues, but until doctor cover can be organised, it is hard to get nursing staff. Looking at interim measures, to work out an interim plan. Cross border working between Cornwall and North Devon CCG's needs too be looked at.

Tyres have been tipped at Burnards House.

Survey on whether free parking influences shopping in Holsworthy.

2202. PLANNING

1/1269/2018/FUL

The council have no objection to the application

1/1270/2018/FUL

The council have no objection to the application.

1/1263/2018/FUL

The council strongly object to the application. Torridge have notified tenants but not Landlords. The proposal would be over development of the site. Car access is an issue on an already busy road, extra vehicles parking would cause further congestion. Windows would be overlooking properties on Bailey Gardens.

1/1298/2018/FUL

The Council support the application

1/1267/2018/FUL

The council have no objection to the application.

1/1239/2018/FUL

Cllr James declared an interest and abstained from the conversation and subsequent decision & vote.

The council support the application.

2203. PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

No report.

2204. HIGHWAYS

Potholes:

Furze Cross to Dux

Furze Cross to Derriton

Middle Road

Borough Cross to Southfields

Highfield

Past Titson road there is subsidence – Bevels Hill.

2205. PARISH HALL

Still waiting on news of the Lottery Grant

2206. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Housing needs survey – Clerk to invite to next meeting.

Motor Club – notification of rally

2207. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas

2208. CLERK'S REPORT

No Report

2209. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Fencing being done in the new year. Rubbish bins have been ordered.

The walkway needs attention.

Cllr Hale spoke to the workmen on the bridge, they have agreed on crash barriers, not fencing.

2210. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.44.

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