

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in  
Bridgerule Village Hall

**Present:**

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Due to Cllr. James' lateness, Cllr. Davey (Deputy Chairman) took the Chair.

**259. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr. James sent his apologies as he would be late.  
PCSO Harvey sent her apologies as she would be late.  
County Councillor Parsons had sent his apologies.

**260. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**261. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

As PCSO Harvey had not arrived Cllr. Davey proposed the Police Report be delayed until she arrived. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**262. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 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).

**263. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 244 of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and Item 236 of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 Minutes – Cllr. Stoneman reported that he had measured the height of the fencing for repairs/installation (Southfields and Playground) **see Appendix 1**. Cllrs. Giles and Abbott agreed to pursue this matter.

**264. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies.

**265. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented by the Clerk to the Meeting:

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JANUARY 2010</b>							
<u>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</u>	Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
	20.01.10	M. Fenner	411	£572.00	£572.00		Salary
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£572.00</b>	<b>£572.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>							
<u>Current Account</u>							
Balance at 19th December			2,621.71	<u>Reserve Account</u>		£5,072.63	

	<u>Payments</u>		0.5 Interest - June
			0.51 Interest - September
	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Receipts</u>
<u>Balance at 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010</u>	<b>£2,621.71</b>		Parish Plan: £2,241.57
		<b>£5,073.64</b>	

Cllr. Davey proposed that all accounts presented should be paid. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**266. PLANNING**

The application below had been discussed by the Cllrs. named, as a recommendation had to be received by TDC before the next full meeting of Bridgerule Parish Council:

**Application**

1/0873/2009/FUL Conversion of a barn to holiday let  
Tackbeare Manor  
Marhamchurch

**Cllrs. James, Davey and Stoneman recommended approval.**

**Permissions**

1/0960/2009/FUL Agricultural shed  
Kents View  
Borough Cross  
Bridgerule

**267. HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a DCC Highways' Surgery would be held in Suite B of the Holsworthy Council Offices on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. She would attend this surgery with any issues raised at Bridgerule Council's Meeting. The following issues were raised:

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported 2 very large, dangerous potholes at Newacott Cross on the Launceston Road. The culvert on Churchtown Road, near Short & Abbott is still causing problems. Cllr. Linney reported that the new road markings at the junction outside the Village Shop were 'crumbling'. The Clerk said she would again ask about the resurfacing of the road from the bridge to Derrill.

PCSO Harvey arrived at 8.15 p.m.

Cllr. Stoneman had drafted a letter to DCC's Highways' Department asking for salt bins to be located in various locations within the parish of Bridgerule. He informed the Meeting of the locations and proposed that the Clerk send a letter to the Highways' Department, asking that salt bins be located as listed. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. James arrived at 8.22 p.m.

**268. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Harvey reported that there had been a Theft of garden ornaments in Southfields and 1,000 litres of oil had been stolen from Newacott House, it is thought between Christmas and New Year. She had attended the Over 60's Club. Cllr. McDougall asked if there had been any progress with the Speed Gun project. PCSO Harvey said that it could take a long time to implement and it was important to keep the interest of individuals who are interested in this. She explained that the people who volunteer should be prepared to travel to other villages, to carry out the work entailed.

It is hoped the official launch of the project will take place by June. Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked PCSO Harvey if she could look into a 4 x 4 vehicle which was parking on the pavement near to the Village Shop; she confirmed she would do this.  
Cllr. Davey thanked PCSO Harvey for her attendance.

## **279. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence Received – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 09**

1. TDC – guide to dispensation
2. TDC – draft wind energy policy **(e-mailed to cllrs)**
3. TDC – e-mail re. agri business consultation + poster **(e-mailed to Cllrs)**
4. TDC – Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Mtg. – 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m.
5. SLCC (society of local council clerks) – December Newsletter
6. Village Green – December Issue – Cllr. S-Smith's Parish Plan interview **(e-mailed to Cllrs)**
7. TDC – Register of Electors 2010 **(in filing cabinet)**
8. Safer North Devon – Autumn edition
9. Audit Commission – appt. of new external auditor
10. TDC – budget questionnaire
11. TDC – reply to my query re budget questionnaire (see sent list)
12. Rural Services Parish Newsletter – **(e-mailed to cllrs)**
13. Boundary Committee – unitary Devon **(e-mailed to cllrs)**
14. Jenny Fish – TTVS – project to support small community groups
15. TDC – Core Strategy – drop in sessions
16. Internet Survey **(e-mailed to Cllrs)**

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

### **Correspondence Sent – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 09**

1. Highways DCC – resurfacing B'rule to Derril; warning sign
2. J. Medland – documentation re. being Cllr.
3. B. Williams – cheque
4. P. Hunter – co-option
5. TDC – planning re. amended site 1/0960/2009/FUL
6. TDC – completed Precept form
7. Mr. Barnes – Primary School re. rat poisoning
8. K. McCormack – TDC budget questionnaire
9. Boundary Committee – unitary Devon **(e-mailed to cllrs)**
10. Jenny Fish – TTVS – giving Sheila Cholwill's details for newsletter (see 14 received)
11. Memo – all Cllrs. TDC budget questionnaire

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

### **Correspondence Received up to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

1. TTVS – training available – food safety, first aid, etc.
2. Update of electoral register
3. DAPC – Newsletter Jan/Feb 10
4. TDC – LDF Core Strategy Development Plan Document
5. Cllr. McDougall – burst water main
6. DAPC Bulletin from NALC
7. DAPC – Training Spring
8. DAPC – Playing Fields questionnaire **(see Clerk's Report)**

The Clerk brought the highlighted items to the attention of the Meeting.  
Item 4 – Cllr. James briefly explained this.

### **Correspondence Sent Up to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

1. K. McCormack – Budget questionnaire returned.
2. Cllrs. – e-mail Devon Playing Fields questionnaire (**see Clerk's Report**)  
The Clerk brought the highlighted items to the attention of the Meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had been handed, before the commencement of the Meeting, a draft letter prepared by Cllr. Stoneman in relation to a proposed footpath up from Littlebridge Meadows and opposite the Canal Rise development. Cllr. Stoneman explained the background to the proposed footpath. Cllr. Davey proposed that the Clerk type up the letter and circulate it to all Cllrs., together with copy photographs provided by Cllr. Stoneman; the whole subject to be placed on the Agenda for the February Meeting for further discussion. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**270. PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith said there was very little to report. Results had not yet been received and analysis was still being carried out. He would be picking up the questionnaires from Exeter shortly, and this would enable the Parish Plan Group to analyse the 'Other Comments' section of the questionnaire. Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked if Cllr. James had any knowledge of the new 'Village Design Statement' which is being publicised by CDD. Cllr. James had no additional information and both Cllrs. felt that this could simply be a new 'name' for 'Parish Plan'. Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that the next Parish Plan Meeting would take place on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 in the Pub at 7.30 p.m.

**271. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. James' had nothing to report.

**272. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported as follows:

- She reminded Cllrs. that, if necessary, they should update their individual Register of Interests. Any Cllr. who deemed it necessary to do this could obtain a blank form from the Clerk.
- DAPC had e-mailed a questionnaire, via e-mail, regarding grass sports and artificial sports pitches, etc. Cllrs. went through the brief questionnaire and the Clerk will e-mail comments back to the consultants carrying out the work for the County Council.
- She brought to the Council's attention an article in the winter edition of TDC's newsletter, regarding a new service called 'Grimebusters'. The 'team' could come out and clear anything that residents felt was causing a problem i.e. leaves causing drainage problems. Any resident could contact the 'team' and the Clerk will pass the contact 'phone number to Cllr. Seymour-Smith for placing on the web site.

**273. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.**

There was no exchange of information

**274. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signature .....

Date .....