



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th January, 2016 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. County Councillor Parsons

1552. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K Elliott

1553. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1554. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

The bank collapsing at Short & Abbott was mentioned by a concerned neighbour. Cllr Parsons to take to highways.

1555. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Mark James is no longer PCSO for Bridgerule area. The council wish him well for the future and thanked him for his help. PCSO Emma Tomkies is the new officer for the area and will be introducing herself at a meeting in the near future.

1556. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Holsworthy Library has reported higher footfall, which is positive after the investment made in technology in recent months.

Babcock have reported that 88% of schools in Devon are achieving Good or Outstanding status.

Cllr Cholwill raised the concern of maintenance of ditches and drains.

Ditches in Devon haven't been maintained in the past three years. Extra resources are being looked at to improve this situation.

DCC are away there are a lot of Highways issues, and are hoping to achieve a balanced budget.

A significant portion of the budget is to be spent of child protection.

1557. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Torrige have run well on their budget. The Local Plan is still being worked on.

1558. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. Beadle proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th December, 2015 be approved. Cllr. James seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1559. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

1560. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES DECEMBER 2015						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
20.01.16	D Hale	619	£11,000.00	£11,000.00	£0.00	Playing Field Extension
20.01.16	R Perry	620	£169.42	£169.42	£0.00	Wages
20.01.16	Parochial Church Council	621	£600.00	£600.00		Unpresented Chq
20.01.16	Friends of Bridgerule Schc	622	£375.00	£375.00		Unpresented Chq
20.01.16	Mr P Harris	623	£228.00	£190.00	£38.00	Terram - Hall Car Park
TOTAL			£12,372.42	£12,334.42	£38.00	
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 31st November		£3,357.53		£22,318.00	Balance 19th November	
				£0.76	Interest 30.11.15	
			£3,357.53			
616			£169.42			
618			£45.00			
Balance at 31st December 2015			£3,143.11		£22,318.76	Balance at 18th December
Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account						
Balance at 31st July 2015			£5,062.30			
interest August			£0.15			
interest Sept/Oct			£0.35			
Balance at 30th October 2015			£5,062.80			

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions).

1561. TO RATIFY THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016/2017

The council agreed to maintain the same precept as 15/16, which with the reduction in council tax support grant is an increase to Band D Properties of 53pence per month. Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Beadle seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

1562. PLANNING

APP/W1145/W/15/3140778

The appeal deadline is February 12th 2016. The council agreed to put a letter of support forward to the appeal committee, as the benefit to the community from the completed project was felt to be significant through the community payment that would be received that would aid in building the community sports hall, which in turn would be of benefit to the school. The council referred to the comment made at the public meeting, which raised concerns over traffic, and would note to the appeal committee that it would be requested that vehicle stick to an absolute route, and return the same way as with the neighbouring

solar park development, so as to minimise disruption. This would result in most of the traffic not travelling through Bridgerule at all. The neighbouring parish in question are in support of the application. The clerk to draft a letter to be approved by Cllrs Medland and James before sending. (Vote 6 For. 1 Against. 2 Abstentions).

1/1033/2015/FUL
Summer House
Kildare, Bridgerule
Approved

1563. HIGHWAYS

Bank at Short and Abbott – Collapsed
Dux Lane – Unsuitable for vehicles
Bevels Hill Cross - Pothole
Standing water end of Norton Lane.
Roly Poly Sign
Dux Cross has no sign to Hopworthy
Bridgerule Sign at Bridgemoor Cross is broken.
Pothole by Reservoir
Water run off the field across the main road just before Bridgerule Industrial Estate.

Clerk to pass to Cllr Parsons.

1564. PARISH HALL

The Store Room extension is finished. Two further grants have been received towards fitting the back kitchen and for looking at the roof. The Hall is doing well with bookings.

1565. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk highlighted an email regarding a community helipad for the air ambulance. It was agreed that the football field should be nominated.

Correspondence 16/12/14 – 19/01/15

Received

1. Mike Norton – Precept Information (email & post)
2. Cllr Parsons – Apologies and Update
3. Sue Pennington – Weekly List
4. Public Sector Executive (5) – Updates
5. Planning Support – Decision Notification – 1033 Kildare – Bedroom, Kitchen Extension – Approved.
6. Devon Air Ambulance – Community Helipad
7. Planning Support – Weekly List
8. Thomas Carrick (3) – NHW Update
9. Will Austin – North Devon Records Update
10. Cllr Medland – Various Correspondence
11. Sport England – Vinnicombe Park Update
12. Emma Tomlinson (2) – Weekly List
13. Lorraine Inch – Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Agenda
14. Lorraine Inch – Queens 90th Birthday Beacons
15. Healthwatch Devon – Update
16. John Kelly – Neighbour Mediation Services
17. Broxap Litter Bins (3) – Advert
18. Planning Support – Planning Appeal Southlands
19. Cllrs McDougall and Seymour Smith – Bank Transfer
20. EE – Admail
21. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
22. PCSO James – Change of neighbourhood officer
23. PCSO Tomkies – Agenda and Calendar
24. Cllr Parsons – Southlands

25. Joanna Laurenson – Southlands Appeal
26. Lucy Radford – Sandbag Policy
27. John Allen – MCTI Meeting
28. Cllr Beadle – Apologies
29. Cllr Elliott - Apologies

Sent

1. Cllr Parsons – Agenda, Southlands Appeal, Update
2. Cllr McDougall - Minutes
3. PCSO Tomkies – Calendar and Agenda
4. Cllr Medland – Various Correspondence
5. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes
6. Steve Brockman – Snow Warden & Highways
7. Natwest – Bank Transfer

1566. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Nothing to report

1567. CLERK’S REPORT

Nothing to report

1568. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Nothing reported.

1569. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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