



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th February 2013 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. J. McDougall, C. Seymour-Smith, J. Medland, G. Abbott, K. Elliot, P. Haydon, J. Giles and A. Johnston

In Attendance: Parish Clerk (PC)

Members of the Public

PCSO Bray

892. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Davey had sent apologies.

893. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

894. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

895. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bray reported that over the past 3 months no crimes had been reported relating to Bridgerule. There had, however, been incidents of a domestic nature. She and PC Moakes had attended Bridgerule Primary School on several occasions, covering various issues, including talking to parents and the school about parking and reiterating that the safety of pupils is paramount. PCSO Bray pointed out that it was a 'catch 22' situation, the success of the School (i.e. more pupils attending) meant more vehicles, although many of the children dropped off and picked up by car are within walking distance of the School.

Mr. Dymond (Member of the Public) asked if the Police still carried out road safety lessons. PCSO Bray said this had been taken out of Police hands and that this responsibility now rested with DCC. After a short discussion the PC was requested to write to the Headteacher for confirmation as to whether DCC was carrying out any such work. Cllr. James thanked PCSO Bray for her report.

As Members of the Public were in attendance specifically to enquire about a Planning Application (received after circulation of the Agenda), Cllr. James informed the Meeting that Item 8 on the Agenda would be discussed next.

896. PLANNING

Applications

1/0005/2013/OUT Semi-detached dwelling
Rear of Linthan
Bridgerule

The application and plans were made available to both Councillors and Members of the Public. Cllr. James highlighted various aspects of the application. A general discussion took place. Cllr. James proposed that the application be refused on the grounds that the site was outside the village, it doesn't comply with local housing needs and the Parish Plan is not material to the application. Cllr. Abbott seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The Meeting returned to the set Agenda.

897. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th January 2013 be approved. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 3 Abstentions). Cllr. James duly signed the Minutes

898. MATTERS ARISING

Item 882 – Cllr. Parsons’ Grant for Bus Shelter – The PC had sent e-mails to Cllr. Parsons but was no further forward with getting the grant application signed. She would continue to pursue Cllr. Parsons.

Item 882 - Newacott Cross, BT post – The PC informed the Meeting that in an e-mail to Tony Curtis, Simon Phillips(DCC) had suggested writing to BT outlining the problem and asking that it is relocated, suggesting it should be located at least 450mm back from edge of metallised surface. (Item 11 of correspondence received)

Item 882 – B3254 - Newacott Cross – The PC informed the Meeting that an e-mail received from Tony Curtis (DCC) indicated that drainage work had started on 22nd January. (Item 12 of correspondence received).

Item 885 – Highways – DCC Salt for Gritter – The PC informed the Meeting that she had e-mailed Simon Phillips, querying whether Bridgerule would receive another quantity of salt this year, for the tow gritter, free of charge. He has confirmed that, if the Council feels it is necessary to have more salt, he will order whatever quantity it requires. After discussion the PC was instructed to ask for 4 25kg bags.

Item 885 – Flooding at Linthan – The PC informed the Meeting that ‘jetting’ had been carried out, which although initially successful had not remained so. She had reported this again and further work was carried out, which, at the moment, appears to have sorted out the problem.

Item 885 – Re-routing of Vehicles re. Solar Farm – The PC confirmed she been in correspondence with Ian Sorenson and gave brief details of his response. (Items 9 and 10 of correspondence received).

Item 885 – Flooding Outside Short & Abbott – The PC had reported this and Tony Curtis, DCC Highways, had telephoned her to confirm that he had visited the location. He couldn’t find anything wrong. At the time of his visit he had spoken, and walked the road, with (he believed) Mr. Beat of The Bridge Mill. Mr. Beat had said he wasn’t aware of any problem. Mr. Curtis will continue to monitor this section of the culvert, and if works appears to be necessary it will be carried out. After discussion, the PC was asked to report the condition of the road surface from Mr. Ken Chilton’s property down to Chapel Cross.

Item 890 – School Parking – The PC brought to Cllrs’ attention the correspondence received, in answer to her queries, from Sgt. Channing, PCSO Bray and Mrs. Dymond (Head teacher) (Items 3, 4, 5, 8 and 14 of correspondence received).

899. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were presented for payment:

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN FEBRUARY 2013							
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COUNCIL EXPENDITURE							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
20.02.13	Bridgerule Village Hall Ltd	507	£500.00	£500.00		Grant Salary -	
20.02.13	M. Fenner C&L Mail Order Ltd	508	£156.43	£156.43		February Production of Buzz	
20.02.13		509	£70.00	£70.00			
	Total		<u>£726.43</u>	<u>£726.43</u>	<u>£0.00</u>		
Cheque 505 cancelled - incorrectly made out							
Bank Accounts				Reserve Account			
<u>Current Account</u>							
Balance at 19th December		£2,883.45		£7,001.57		Balance at 19 Oct.	
				£0.72		Interest - Sept	
				£0.72		Interest - Dec	
	502		£597.60				
	503		£156.43				
	504		£117.20				

		available to Council as Reserves £2000 earmarked for Playing field
	£871.23	£7,002.29
Balance at 19th January	£2,012.22	Project £70 being residue of Parish Plan
-		<u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u>
		Balance at 19th October
		£2,000.00
		£
		quarterly bonus
		0.10
		£
		quarterly interest
		4.19
		£
		quarterly bonus
		3.43
		Balance at 31 October
		£2,007.72

The PC explained the accounts. She had prepared a letter authorising NatWest to transfer £70 from the Reserve Account (being the residue of the Parish Plan grant) into the Current Account, to cover the invoice in relation to the production of The Buzz. Cllrs. James and McDougall signed this authorisation.

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Abbott seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstentions).

900. HIGHWAYS

Cllr. James reported a dangerous pothole between Newacott Cross and Merrifield. The PC will report this. The Meeting agreed that most roads leading to Bridgerule are in very bad condition.

901. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith informed the Meeting that Bridgerule Village Hall Limited has received its registered charity number. A Meeting of the Company is scheduled to take place at the end of the month and an article will appear in The Buzz, updating residents.

902. TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY MR. CLIVE SMALE, SOLICITOR, (IN RELATION TO THE VILLAGE HALL), IN HIS LETTER TO THE PARISH CLERK DATED 30TH JANUARY, 2013

A copy of the letter had been circulated to Cllrs. with the Agenda. Cllr. James commented that he felt clarification is needed on what 'a simple deed (declaration of trust)' means. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed that the PC be instructed to write to Mr. Smale asking him to prepare a draft Deed (Declaration of Trust), to enable the Council to see the exact wording, and to take this forward for further discussion. Cllr. Abbott seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 9 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

903. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received 17th January – 19th February 2013

1. DALC – vacancies on DALC County Committee (nominations 22 Feb)
2. Best Kept Village competition
3. PCSO Bray – school parking (see Minutes Jan. 2013)
4. Sgt. Channing – school parking
5. PCSO Bray – further re. school parking
6. TDC – HIs Advisory Group Agenda 28 January (circulated to Cllrs)
7. Rural Services – weekly newsletter (circulated to Cllrs)
8. PCSO Bray – further re. school parking – visit to school 21 Jan
9. I. Sorenson – DCC Highways – reply re. re-routing of lorries (see item 6 of sent)
10. I. Sorenson – further solar farm in same area – Highways will be involved
11. T. Curtis – relocation of BT pole at Newacott Cross (Matters arising)

12. T. Curtis – water drainage Newacott Cross (matters arising)
13. TDC – Draft Local Plan – consultation Feb/March with local Councils
14. Mrs. Dymond Bridgerule School – response re. parking
15. TDC – Local Plan – consultation comments back by 15th March
16. S. Phillips – DCC – reply to query re. salt supply
17. S. Sharp – reply re. my query re. salt
18. Electoral Register update **(in file)**
19. S. Phillips DCC highways – confirmation of 30mph query and excess water B3254 Newacott Cross
20. C. Smale, Solicitor, re. Meeting 16 January and recommendation re. Parish Council/Bridgerule Village Hall Ltd. **(agenda item full council 20th February 2013, circulated to all Cllrs. with Agenda)**
21. Connecting Devon & Somerset – update on progress of broadband
22. Rural Services – weekly newsletter **(circulated to Cllrs)**
23. Cllr. S-Smith – copy of Bridgerule Parish Hall Ltd. Registration certificate **(on file)**
24. DALC – newsletter
25. Rural Services – weekly newsletter **(circulated to Cllrs)**
26. TDC press release – re. new cardboard and electric recycling service
27. TDC – County Council election

The Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.
Items 9 & 10 – the PC to forward to Mr. Hilleard.

Correspondence Sent – 17th January – 19th February 2013

1. M. Norton – completed precept form **(copy also in precept file)**
2. C. Smale – request for confirmation of recommendation given on 16th Jan.
3. PCSO Bray – advice on legalities of 'chevron' signage at school and parking issues **(see replies in received)**
4. Mrs. Dymond – School – re parking
5. Sgt. Channing – acknowledge of her e-mail
6. I. Sorenson – DCC Highways – re-routing of lorries Bradford Manor Solar Farm
7. DCC Highways – reporting culvert/flooding Mill Road
8. R. Glover – curtailing bus stop grass/hedge cutting **(copy e-mailed to Cllr. James)**
9. DCC Highways – reporting repair work needed around cover in road opposite The Steps
10. DCC Highways – reporting further repair work required re. flooding at Linthan
11. S. Sharpe – re. possible report for Cllrs., fuel, flooding at Linthan, DCC salt and contact details for T. Curtis
12. S. Phillips DCC – further possible quantity of salt from DCC free of charge
13. HM Revenue & Customs – vat reclaim **(in VAT file)**

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904. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James reported that he had attended a Meeting of Pancrasweek Parish Council where the TAP Fund (Town and Parish Fund) had been discussed. He explained the Fund, which can benefit two or more Councils working together on issues of shared interest and concern. They can apply for funding from TDC. Each Council can claim £1.10 per elector, which equates to approximately £600 for Bridgerule. Cllr. James explained his thoughts on the Fund and how he will try and progress an application. He will update Bridgerule Council at the next Meeting on 20th March. The PC informed the Meeting that she felt the ordering of a notice board (Item 889 16th January 2013 Meeting) should wait until the new financial year; it is possible the TAP Funding could cover this item.

905. CLERK'S REPORT

The PC had nothing to report.

906. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. McDougall brought Cllrs. attention to a crime report concerning 'hacking'. Should anyone receive an e-mail from simon25@hotmail.co.uk do not open it and delete it immediately. He also informed Cllrs. that there is a website, www.immobiliser.com, which can be used to register individual items of property. Should someone then have something stolen, the Police can go onto the website and see the exact details of the property to help in finding it.

Cllr. Johnston informed the Meeting that the Ofsted report on Bridgerule Primary School had been 'good to outstanding'.

907. 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