



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th April 2016 at 7.45 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr. J Medland
Councillors: Cllrs. J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Cholwill, K. Elliott, K James, J. Giles, B. Beadle, D.Hale.
In Attendance: Parish Clerk
Pat Johnston

Cllr. Parsons, Cllr Seymour Smith and the PCSO had sent apologies.

1588. Welcome by Cllr. Medland, Chairman

Cllr. Medland welcomed those present.

1589. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Held on 15th April, 2015

Cllr. McDougall proposed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th April, 2015 be approved. Cllr. Beadle seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 2 Abstentions).

1590. Chairman's Report

Cllr Medland informed the meeting that the purchase of the land to extend the football field was all in process and should be completed soon.

1591. To Receive A Report a Representative of each the Following:

District Councillor

Cllr. James, as District Councillor explained that he may have access to further grant money for the next financial year. Councillors are waiting on further information on how they are able to allocate this in their districts, and the amounts it is likely to be.

Police Community Support Officer

PCSO had sent apologies. All crime information for the past year is below in the Neighbourhood Watch report.

Bridgerule Village Hall Limited

Cllr. Cholwill, was asked to provide a report by Cllr Seymour-Smith, Chairman of the Hall Committee. The hall is now a venue for a range of large and small activities. In the past year there have been two weddings, several children's parties, and there are now 8 evening classes running.

The extension to the side of the hall was completed, which is for use as table and chair storage.

160 new banqueting chairs have been ordered using grants received from the Balsdon Trust and the Buzz. Thanks were given to all for their support.

Football Club/Playing Field

Cllr Giles informed the meeting that the football club will be entering into the North Devon League in the next season, as the Kingsley League is folding. The new season starts at the end of August. The club is short on players, and would welcome new recruits.

Cllr Giles also asked that the access across the football field to infill the newly acquired land to bring it up to level be looked at as the club cannot afford to have the pitch out of action next season, as fixtures in the North Devon League are not flexible.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. McDougall, as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, gave the following report:

'The last few months have been peculiar in that we have had incidents similar to the similar one last year of an unexpected caller. This year there have been two cases of someone walking into a house, in the heart of the village, and being seen off by the occupier. Thankfully no-one was harmed or injured, only shocked and dismayed that it happened at all.

It's disturbing to think that in our village there is someone about who must be intent on daylight theft by just opening a door to a house and walking in. Please can everyone be aware and keep doors and windows secure.

Other cases this year are of shrubs and hanging baskets being pinched from outside a house, again in the centre of the village; the theft of an honesty box in the village hall where cash is paid for books, etc.

I'm sorry to say farewell to co-ordinator Brian Beadle who looked after Littlebridge Meadow, but he did find a replacement in Ricki Hallet, of Littlebridge Meadow.

The other co-ordinators are:

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| Shirley Abbott | Mill Road |
| Chris Hitchins | Meadows Barn |
| Alec Johnston | Southfields |
| Sid Parnell | Jewells Cross |
| Paul Dymond | Borough Cross |
| Ken James | Merrifield |
| Cliff Seymour Smith | Bevills Hill |
| Alan Bryant | Hedley Wood |
| John McDougall | Furze |

Finally, a note to everyone. Summer is coming, please remember to keep doors and window shut and locked, it only takes a minute to pinch something. Don't hesitate to dial 999 if there is something strange in the neighbourhood.

Thank you

John McDougall, Area Co-ordinator Bridgerule 01288 381237

Parochial Church Council

Mr Harris sent his apologies, but Mrs Pat Johnston spoke on his behalf. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for the grant given to the Church Council, it goes a long way to helping with the funds the church needs for upkeep. The church has 12- 15 regular attendees. £7736 has to be paid to the Exeter Diocese every year. The organ was also repaired recently at a cost of £1100.

The Fundraising and Gift Day are well supported. People realise that when they need the church it is there. Spring lunches and dances are also well supported.

Father Christopher Penn is the current Priest, and covers a big area with 5 Churches, and visiting the primary school every other week for collective worship. The family service is going well.

Revel Committee, Chapel and the Buzz Newsletter

Cllr. Cholwill, as organiser of the Revel Week, informed the Meeting that posters are out for Carnival Queen. The Revel Week this year is the week commencing 24th July 2016. Two meetings have already been held by the organising committee.

Cllr. Cholwill, as editor of The Buzz, informed the meeting that the Buzz is seen as a good resource for the community. It is distributed bi-monthly to over 300 homes. Better quality printing has been sourced, with that in mind, sponsors may be asked for a slight increase this next year.

Cllr Cholwill informed the meeting that the Tamarside Singers are going from strength to strength, and the money that is generated by them is extremely beneficial to chapel funds.

Primary School

No report received.

1592. Close

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.13 p.m.

Signature **Date**