

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2009 at 9.10 p.m. in
Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs G. Cooper, K. Davey, J. Stoneman, Chilton, Giles, and C. Seymour-Smith

In Attendance : Parish Clerk

J. McDougall – Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. James told the Meeting that he would not be seeking re-election. He preferred not to Chair this Meeting and therefore Cllr. Chilton proposed Cllr. Davey as Chair, this was seconded by Cllr. Stoneman and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

118. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/2010

No Councillor present agreed to accept the position of Chairman for 2009/2010. It was agreed this Item would be adjourned until the next full Meeting of the Council on 17th June, 2009.

119. THE CHAIRMAN WILL READ AND SIGN THE PRESCRIBED 'DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE'.

This Item was adjourned until the next full Meeting of the Council on 17th June, 2009

120. TO ELECT THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

This Item was adjourned until the next full Meeting of the Council on 17th June, 2009.

121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. G. Abbott

122. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose

123. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

- i. **Parish Hall**
- ii. **Playground and Open Spaces**
- iii. **Football Club**

Cllr. Chilton proposed Cllr. Abbott be the Council's Representative to the Parish Hall. This was seconded by Cllr. Cooper and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Seymour-Smith proposed Cllr. Cooper be the Council's Representative for the Playground and Open Spaces. This was seconded by Cllr. Davey and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Stoneman proposed Cllr. Giles be the Council's Representative to the Football Club. This was seconded by Cllr. Davey and unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

124. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

125. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Harvey had sent her apologies and had provided the Parish Clerk with the following Report in relation to the Parish of Bridgerule:

In the previous 3 months the following crimes had been committed in the Bridgerule area; 1 Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle and the Theft of a mini motorbike, snapon socket set, halfords tap and dye set and other various tools and car ramps.

PCSO Harvey will be attending the Village Hall Coffee Club on 2nd June to speak about crime and explaining about the 'Home Security Surveys' and offering to conduct them. She will be e-mailing the Southfields Neighbourhood Watch and doing the same. On the 26th June PCSO Harvey and

a colleague will be attending Bridgerule Primary School to speak to pupils about Road Safety Awareness.

126. ADOPTION AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF 15TH APRIL, 2009

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April, 2009 were recommended for approval by the Chairman. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the recommendation and this was unanimously agreed. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

127. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that she had received, and provided Cllr. Cooper, with dog fouling posters received from TDC. The consultation regarding this subject is still on-going, and once complete hopefully new posters will be available.

128. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL INVOICES PAID IN MAY 2009

<u>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</u>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
27.04.09	DAPC		£124.00	£124.00		Subscription paid direct from precept by TDC
20.05.09	Rentokil	393	£138.00	£120.00	£18.00	Extermination of rats at Vinnicombe Park
20.05.09	Community First	394	£333.63	£333.63		Insurance
20.05.09	David Vaughan	395	£46.00	£40.00	£6.00	Preparation of accounts
TOTAL			£262.00	£244.00	£18.00	

<u>COUNCIL RECEIPTS</u>					
Date	Paid By	Gross	Net	Reason	
27.04.09	TDC	£3,376.00	£3,376.00	Precept	
TOTAL		£3,376.00	£3,376.00		

After a short discussion Cllr. Davey proposed that all accounts presented should be paid. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal, which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

129. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE INTERNAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009 PREPARED BY DAVID VAUGHAN, ACCOUNTANTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.

The Accounts had previously been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk asked if there were any questions. There being none, she explained that this Item would be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Full Council on 17th June, 2009 when the Audit Commission's Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March, 2009 would also be available for agreement and signing.

130. PLANNING

No applications had been received in the month, but the following permissions were received:

Permissions

1/0223/2009/FUL The Bridge Mill Bridgerule	Toilet facilities for use by visitors including disabled
1/0127/2009/FUL Former railway yard Bridgerule	Proposed local affordable needs dwelling
1/0245/2009/FUL	Conversion of integral garage to kitchen

11 Littlebridge Meadows
Bridgerule

1/1187/2008/FUL Proposed garage, summerhouse and pond
Tamara,
Under Road
Bridgerule

131. HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Stoneman reported that he had received an e-mail from Bruce Pedrick, DCC Highways, who had confirmed that resurfacing of the road from Bridgerule Village Shop, past the Sanctuary and up to the Launceston Road and from Bridgerule Garage on the Launceston Road to Bridgerule have been programmed to take place in April 2010.

Mr. McDougall reported potholes which need attention near the 'water works' on the road between Furze Cross and Dux Cross. The kerb opposite the Post Office by the 'phone box also needs attention. The Clerk said she would contact DCC Highways.

132. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received – 16th April – 20th May

1. HM Revenue & Customs – VAT reclaimed 9 (£256.65 paid into Reserve April)
2. DCC – Booklet Money Matters – practical help and advice
3. TDC- Power of the Community (e-mailed to councillors)
4. Register of Electors update
5. TDC – working with wildlife – working group
6. TDC – Parish Consultation Event **Holsworthy 28th May (Cllrs. e-mailed)**
7. Community First – third quote for insurance
8. DCC – Parish Lengthsman Service – satisfaction card to be completed (attending last week of May and w/c 9th November)
9. Equality and Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Duties
10. TDC – cancelling Holsworthy Advisory Group Mtg.
11. TDC – Power of community – extension (see 3)
12. SW Peninsula Housing – Survey of Rough Sleeping in Torridge (complete at mtg if necessary)
13. TDC – Notices of County and European Elections (to be put up Tuesday 28th April e-mailed JS)
14. Information Commissioner's Office – DVD re. Freedom of Information Act
15. DCC – Highway Maintenance 2009/10 – budget
16. TDC – reconvened Holsworthy Area Advisory Group – now AGM (cllrs. e-mailed)
17. DAPC – Newsletter inc. Task Force Report Devon & Torbay Postal Cuts Update
18. Electoral Register – changes.
19. Clerks & Councils Direct – newsletter

Correspondence Sent – April – 20th May

1. Rentokil re. invoices

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

Item 8 : The Clerk will attempt to contact Highways and get the Lengthsman to liaise with Cllr. Stoneman re. the visit.

Item 12: It was agreed that it was not necessary to complete the form, as no one was aware of rough sleeping in the Bridgerule area.

133. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith reported that the Meeting held in the pub in early May had been successful, with approximately 20 people attending. A provisional list of questions had been collated and circulated to Group members. Members will each select 60 questions they think most relevant and the most 'popular' 60 will be selected for the questionnaire. At the moment Cllr. Seymour-Smith had received 3 or 4 completed lists back. By preparing the questionnaire 'in-house' and having the replies independently analysed the cost to the Parish Plan Grant had been reduced

from approximately £2,000 to £1,000. The next meeting of the Steering Group will take place in the pub on Tuesday, 26th May.

134. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Report.

135. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Giles had contacted her regarding the new ramp at the Primary School, and asked him to explain his concerns. Cllr. Giles said he believed that the gradient of the ramp would not meet planning regulations. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Primary School pointing out its concern and asking the School to look into this and to come back to the Council with any comments they may have.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an amount of £256.65 had been received for VAT reclaimed. She also informed the Meeting that she would be taking the last week of June as leave.

The Clerk also asked Cllr. Giles to bring to the Council's attention a letter he had received, in relation to the Football Club, from Ms. Balsdon, a teacher at the primary School, together with letters apparently from pupils. The Clerk felt that as the letters had been in an envelope addressed, not only to Cllr. Giles, but to the Parish Council these should be discussed. Cllr. Giles read out the letter from Ms. Balsdon, which related to litter and damage occurring at the school after football practice. He told the meeting that the culprits had been identified by one of their parents and all those involved had been dealt with. He then showed the letters, apparently from pupils, complaining about litter, etc. The letters were typewritten and not signed. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to Ms. Balsdon, explaining the subject had been raised at the Council Meeting; the letter would state that the Council understood Ms. Balsdon's comments and understood that the culprits had been identified and dealt with. The letter would also state that the Council was disappointed that letters from pupils had not been handwritten or signed by the pupils themselves.

136. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

There was no exchange of information.

137. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting will held on Wednesday, 17th June, 2008 at 8.00 p.m.

138. CLOSE There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

Signature

Date