

Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th October, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

Before opening the Meeting Cllr. James asked that a one minute silence be held in memory of Mr. John Stoneman, ex-Parish Clerk and Councillor of Bridgerule Parish Council, who had sadly died. After the one minute silence, Cllr. James said that John would be greatly missed. He expressed gratitude for John's tireless work, not only as a Councillor but in the Community of Bridgerule as a whole, having been instrumental in setting up the coffee mornings and luncheon club and in helping anyone he could.

401. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Medland and Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies. Cllr. Giles and PCSO Harvey had sent apologies for possible lateness.

402. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

403. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

Mr. A. Weekes, Littlebridge Meadows, asked if there had been any progress with DCC Highways' Department erecting a cul-de-sac sign at the entrance to Littlebridge Meadows and also re-painting the road markings at the same location. The Clerk informed the Meeting that the request had been made. Unfortunately, the Senior Engineer is on sick leave, but the Clerk said she would repeat the request. Cllr. Seymour-Smith asked if it was permissible for Bridgerule Council to erect a cul-de-sac sign. The Clerk will ask Highways.

PCSO Harvey had not arrived and Cllr. James proposed that this Item be dealt with at another point in the Meeting. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

404. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th September 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Davey pointed out that he was present at the meeting, although his name is listed under apologies. An amendment was made. Cllr. Abbott pointed out that he was absent from the meeting, but his name was not entered under apologies. An amendment was made. The Clerk apologised for both errors. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Giles arrived at 8.10 p.m.

405. MATTERS ARISING

Item 388 – Cllr. Giles confirmed that the posts had been collected, but it would appear that the other equipment was not available. The Clerk will contact James Jarroudi regarding this.

Item 394 – The ATC referred Cllrs. to PCSO Harvey's e-mail (no. 13 of Correspondence Received) which states that the section of road between Jewells Cross and Borough Cross has a 60 mph speed limit.

PCSO Harvey arrived at 8.15 p.m.

406. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Harvey gave a brief report on the last 6 months (details of crimes committed in relevant Minutes). More recent crimes had been the stealing of a quad bike, chain saw and a vehicle tax disc. 1300 litres of diesel and a tow axle had been stolen from the Halwill area. She commented that property such as

quad bikes should have some form of identification on them – if stolen property has such markings it can be returned to the rightful owner if found. PCSO Harvey commented on possible cuts to Police staffing and said it was believed that a 16% reduction would take place over the next 4 years through, it is thought, 'natural wastage' i.e. retirement etc.

407. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies and was not in attendance.

408. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were presented for payment:

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN OCTOBER 2010						
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
20.10.09	Audit Commission	431	£141.00	£120.00	£21.00	Audit Return 2010
20.10.09	M. Glover	432	£140.00	£140.00		Grass cutting - bus stop/verges
TOTAL			£281.00	£260.00	£21.00	

Bank Accounts			
<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 19th September	806.80	£4,932.92	of which £832.98 is Parish Plan grant
<u>Receipt</u>	3,720.00		
	2nd instalment precept		
<u>Payments</u>		0.5	Interest March 10
427	100	0.5	Interest June 10
428	101.05	0.5	Interest September 10
430	500		
Balance at 19th October	£3,825.75	£4,934.42	At 19th October £382.98 Parish Plan

Cllr. James proposed the payments be approved. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr. Glover which asked that the Council increase his rate, for cutting the grass and trimming the hedge near the bus shelter, from £10 per cut to £12.50 per cut for the year 2011/2012. After discussion, Cllr. James proposed the Council accept the increase and the Clerk should write to Mr. Glover confirming this. Cllr. Chilton seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

409. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET FOR 2011/2012

Copies of the proposed Budget had been circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk pointed out that whatever discussions took place at the Meeting, the subject would stand adjourned until a meeting of the full Council on 17th November, 2010. The Clerk went through the figures and answered various queries; the figures she had prepared would be amended to include the increase to Mr. Glover (Item 408 above). Cllr. McDougall proposed the amendments be made to the budget presented to the Meeting and the subject to be adjourned until 17th November, 2010. Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

410. PLANNING

Applications

1/0833/2010/FUL Variation of Conditions 2 & 3 of Planning permission 1/1217/81/12/5
Glebe House to allow 12 months holiday occupation
Bridgerule

1/0829/2010/FUL Variation of Condition 3 of Planning permission 1/0869/83/12/5
Glebe House to allow 12 months holiday occupancy
Bridgerule

No interests were declared. After discussion, Cllr. Chilton proposed that both applications be approved. Cllr. Linney seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Permissions

1/0681/2010/FUL Proposed barn
Sanctuary Lodge
Bridgerule

Refusal

1/0739/2010/FUL Removal of condition from original planning permission to allow
6 Littlebridge Meadow garage to be used as living area
Bridgerule

411. HIGHWAYS

See Item 403 above.

The Clerk will write to both SW Water and DCC Highways' Department to ask for clarification on who is responsible for the section of Highway between Borough Cross and Jewells Cross, which has a constant water overflow problem.

412. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bridgerule Football Club – thank you for donation) Items , 2 and 3 brought to
2. R. Bewes Sec. B'rule FC – grass cutting) Sept. Meeting.
3. St. Bridget's PCC – request for grant) In Payments folder
4. **Family Workshop – request for grant (to be discussed in Accounts for payment)**
5. Ruby country newsletter
6. CCD – Hallmark – re Hall quality assurance assistance (e-mailed to CSS)
7. St. Bridget's PCC – thank you for grant
8. P. Hunter – TDC – vacancy documents (put up 22nd Sept)
9. DALC – copy of NALC briefing re. possible abolition of Standards Board Regime – if happens unlikely before July 2011
10. Rural Services Sept. newsletter
11. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
12. **Creative Play – acknowledge termination of contract**
13. **PCSO Harvey – speed limit Jewells X to Borough X**
14. Homes for Holsworthy – launch of new website by Holsworthy Property Trust Ltd
15. NHS devon – transformign community services programme
16. **Hls Town Council – invite to Council Mtg. 3rd November re. railway survey**
17. M. Norton – approx. council tax bas
18. **TDC – Parish Precept form 2011/2012 – in by 7th January 2011 (in Precept folder)**
19. **TDC – James Jarroudi – active villages project – possible meeting**
20. M. Glover – invoice and estimate for next year's grass cutting near bus stop
21. **M. Howrihane – clerk Hls Hamlets – DALC short course new councillor (circulated to Cllrs – Cllrs. Chilton & McDougall attending)**
22. PCSO Harvey – attending meeting
23. DCC monthly newsletter
24. **DALC – insurance assistance**
25. MCTI newsletter (in file)

26. P. Hunter – TDC – no election to co-option
27. DCC – Minerals Planning Core Strategy – leaflets (in shop)
28. Hls. Hamlets – first aid course

Highlighted items were brought to Councillors' attention.

Item 19 – The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Mr. Jarroudi; Cllr. Linney will also attend the meeting.

Item 28 – The Clerk will let Cllr. McDougall know the date and time.

Correspondence Sent 15th September – 20th October 2010

1. St. Bridget's PCC – grant sent
2. Hls Family workshop – holding letter re grant
3. Creative Play – cancelling maintenance and inspection
4. PCSO Harvey – re. speeding Jewells X to Borough X
5. M. Norton TDC – request for Council base rate for precept
6. DALC – insurance request
7. M Howrihane – request to add Cllr. SS to course at Chilsworthy

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413. PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Seymour-Smith had nothing to report on the Parish Plan. However, a lengthy discussion took place regarding what land the Council own; its involvement in the Hall Committee and finance thereof. Cllrs. James, Seymour-Smith, Davey, Linney, Chilton, Abbott and McDougall declared personal interests. Both Cllr. James and the Clerk will investigate any documentation pertaining to the Council's ownership of land, etc. and report back to the Council.

414. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James gave a brief report; he had attended a meeting with TDC's CEO and Leader regarding the lack of a Community Development Manager. Cllr. James is very concerned about the lack of communication. He feels an Officer should be visiting Parish Council Meetings to communicate about Planning. He had attended an award ceremony at Woolsery at which High Bickington and Pam Johns of HCPT had received an award each from Princess Anne.

415. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that:

- no one had applied for the vacancy on the Council (Notices prepared by the Electoral Services officer TDC) after the resignation of Cllr. Stoneman, therefore the Council could now co-opt. She had prepared posters for placing around the Parish.
- Cllr. Davey had pointed out that another function was taking place in the Village Hall on 15th December, the date for the Council's December Meeting. She asked if Cllrs. would like to arrange another date or cancel the meeting. Cllr. Seymour-Smith proposed the scheduled December Meeting be cancelled. Cllr. Linney seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

416. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

There was no exchange of information.

417. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Signature Date

