



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30p.m in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr.J Medland  
Councillors: Cllrs. J McDougall, K Elliott, D Hale, P Haydon, K James, B Beadle. C Seymour-Smith.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk.

**1959. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Giles and Cholwill. County Cllr Parsons

**1960. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1961. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No questions.

**1962. POLICE REPORT**

No report

**1963. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Firstly, just to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas as well as New Year. I've already attended a number of celebrations, all of which have been very special. I wish it were Christmas every day!

On the business front – a few things to comment on:

Whilst we are all respectful that there is a great deal to be done I am getting some positive feedback about work being done across the Ward by Skanska, the new contractors for Devon Highways. The most recent allocation of pot-hole funding has, again, been favourable in our direction although it needs to be understood that the funding of in excess of £200 000 is still far short of what is required. Holsworthy Rural is a big ward with public transport hardly the best, but be assured that every effort is made to state our local case for funding.

We have just started the 18/19 Budget process and Target Budgets are being prepared for Cabinet. Last year's Budget Book indicated 'Total Savings' to be delivered at £37 million and over the next three years £64.4 million. You may recall, since 2010, the County Council has already taken out £267 million of its budget so the total will be £331 million by 2021. If we received average funding we would be £211 million better off. Central Government's Provisional Settlement is expected around the 2nd week in December. We shall see .....!

There are many in our ward with strong affiliation to The Winsford (Hospital) at Halwill Junction which has a significant presence in our local history and for good reason. I would like to draw your attention to a small clip at:

<https://twitter.com/LandmarkTrust/status/937967445586923520>

There are, of course, significant pressures in our part of the world in Adult Social Care. The County Council is doing a great deal of work on such related matters and:

- wants to see a Local Government Funding Formula that truly reflects the cost of meeting need in rural areas
- ensures the Local Government Funding Formula truly accounts for the demographic pressures in county areas
- has a consistent policy position pan-government that encourages people into work regardless of disability rather than assuming no economic activity or contribution
- health and care roles at all levels are prioritised with any post Brexit immigration policy
- and, promotes career pathways across agencies in the public, private, and independent sectors.

For those interested in Rail Travel, DfT has announced a consultation which provides an opportunity for Stakeholders to contribute on the important role the next franchise will play in upgrading of SW railways.

There is a Link to the consultation:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/663801/great-western-rail-franchise-consultation-web.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/663801/great-western-rail-franchise-consultation-web.pdf)

Devon still has 91.1% of its schools classified as Good/Outstanding which is above the national average – a great credit to staff and those working alongside. The Government announced in the autumn, the start of the implementation of a new Fair Funding Formula, for schools. No school will have a reduction in funding through the new formula and the next school financial year will see an extra £7.5 million for Devon’s schools. The following year the provisional figures show an extra £3.5 million. We need, and will keep the pressure on school funding. Many extra costs are in the system and schools in real terms are seeing a reduction. We are still about £260 a child below the national average for per child funding

I would just like on behalf of all parishes and our Town of Holsworthy express appreciation to those who have given up their time to others, and, not only at this time of year. When losing my Dear Mother some years ago the only thing I wanted of hers was her clock – because she always gave me her time!

**1964. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

No report.

**1965. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. Hale proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 be approved. Cllr. Elliott seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

**1966. MATTERS ARISING**

1945 Still waiting on the 106to be agreed.



**1971. HIGHWAYS**

Potholes at Littlebridge, Holladon, Church Town Hill, Hopworthy (before the Bridge), Old Reservoir, Newacott Cross.  
Dux Cross – Road Subsidence.

**1972. PARISH HALL**

No Report

**1973. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk Highlighted the Community Governance Review.

**Correspondence 16/11/17 – 20/12/17**

Received

1. Democratic Services – Christmas Greetings
2. DCC – Highways Update
3. DALC- Update
4. Jamie Hollis – Governance Review
5. Jasmine Jones – Funding Update
6. Komplan – Seasons Greetings
7. Graham Kingdon – Torridge Adverts
8. David Braziel – NHW Updates
9. Sue Pennington – Weekly List
10. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
11. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
12. Ben Butterworth – Ramp
13. Planning Support – Decision Notification
14. Peter Hudson – Precept
15. Peter Soper – Tap Fund
16. Elections Torridge – Electoral Update
17. Jim Wood – Motor Club Event
18. Cllr Parsons – Update
19. Cara Stobbart – Fund Update
20. Peter Soper- Bags of Help
21. Cllr Seymour-Smith - Minutes

Sent

1. All Cllrs – Forwarded Emails
2. All Cllrs – Minutes & Agendas
3. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes for website
4. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
5. Cllr McDougall – Minutes
6. Highways – Road Issues
7. Cllr Parsons – Agendas and general correspondence
8. Ben Butterworth – Ramp Correspondence

**1974. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

**1975. CLERK'S REPORT**

Calendar of Meetings was issued.

**1976. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Assets Register to CSS for website.  
Letter to Ian Parsons, thanking him for work on the field.

**1977. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 19.58

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