



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr. J Medland  
Councillors: Cllrs. K. James, S. Cholwill, K. Elliott, J McDougall, P Haydon

In Attendance: Parish Clerk, PCSO Mark James, Members of the public.

**1308. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

J Giles; C Seymour Smith, A Johnston, B Parsons

**1309. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1310. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

Mr B Williams tendered his retirement from grass cutting duties around the village. The Parish council thanked Mr Williams for his hard work and service to the village. His efforts over the last several years have been appreciated.

A couple of members of the public expressed concerns over the work going on at the bridge by the Environment Agency. Concerns in particular were the length of the works planned and the costs involved. It was suggested that the clerk contact the Environment Agency to see if a village meeting could be organised where locals to find out further details and voice concerns.

**1311. POLICE REPORT**

The clerk informed the meeting of Operation Jessica which is targeting fraud in the area, and the clerk will issue further details once they are available.

**1312. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Not Available

**1313. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr James informed the meeting that the gritter is all ready to run if it is needed. The money from SunEd has been agreed, and the money will be paid separately, and to be put into the reserve account for the playing field project.

**1314. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 be approved. Cllr. Cholwill seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**1315. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 1234 - Tap Fund Cllr James has secured £1900 for Bridgerule.

1316. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN DECEMBER 2014</b>						
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<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>						-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
20.01.15	R Perry	577	£136.00			Salary Jan
20.01.15	Short and Abbott	578	£585.60	£488.00	£97.60	Field Works
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£721.60</b>	<b>£488.00</b>	<b>£97.60</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 30 <sup>th</sup> November		£3,104.00			£7,313.43	Balance at 19th November
		£3,104.00			£0.22	Interest November
	574		£170.10			
	576		£74.40			
	573		£834.00			
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>			<b>£2,025.50</b>			<b>£7,313.65</b> Balance at 19th December
<u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u>						
At 31st July 2014			£5,049.93			
Quarterly bonus September 2014			£10.18			
Interest Sept/Oct 2014			£0.68			
<b>Balance at 31st October 2014</b>			<b>£5,060.79</b>			

NOTE - DALC cheque for £30.00 (575) should appear on the January statement.

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Haydon seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**1317. PRECEPT**

The final precept was agreed to be sent to Torrridge, and signed by the chairman. Cllr James proposed. Cllr Cholwill seconded the proposal

**1318. WORKS AT THE BRIDGE**

This was discussed under the public questions. Please see item 1310

**1319. PLANNING**

1/0020/2015/FUL            The council had no comment to pass on this application.

**1320. HIGHWAYS**

The potholes on the Pyworthy/Bridgerule road are bad between Furze Cross and Furze Farm. Clerk to report to highways. To be noted also that this is route is regularly used by children's school buses.

The hill by Littlebridge Meadows is also bad for potholes.

The stream needs clearing along road close to Short & Abbott, and part of the bank has collapsed into the stream.

**1321. PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Cholwill informed the Meeting that BT/Post Office have put the pole up for the post office lines. The hall have also secured their first wedding bookings for later in the year.

**1322. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence 17/12/14 – 20/01/15**

Received

1. Angela Jenkinson (5) – Devon Home Choice Newsletter
2. Thomas Carrick (4) – Crime Report
3. Cathy Winder – Creative Play Invoice
4. Ian Fry – Grant Information\*\*\*\*
5. Sue Pennington – Weekly List
6. Adam Caedmon – Weekly List
7. Planning Support – Decision Notification\*\*\*\*
8. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes
9. Emma Tomlinson (3) – Weekly List
10. Sue Priest – Electoral Roll Information
11. Flood Risk Management – September Reports
12. Mike Norton – Precept Information – Email and Post
13. DALC – E Bulletin
14. Devon Community Directory – Log on Details
15. DALC – Job Vacancy
16. Lorraine Inch – Advisory Group Agenda
17. Cllr Medland – General correspondence
18. Susan Harrison – Road Closures \*\*\*\* - Forwarded to all Cllrs with Email
19. PCSO James (2) – Operation Jessica \*\*\*\* - Forwarded to all Cllrs with Email
20. Annette Palmer – Power of Competence
21. Planning Support (2) – Consultation request\*\*\*\*
22. Devon Communities Together – Newsletter
23. Gary Abbott – Invoice
24. Martin Prentice – Long House and TAP Fund

25. DALC – Legal Updates
26. Peter Soper – TAP Fund
27. Healthwatch Voices Newsletter – Posted
28. Devon Senior Voice Newsletter – Posted

Sent

1. Short & Abbott (2) – Invoice
2. Creative Play – Invoice
3. Cllr Medland – Various Correspondence
4. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes
5. Annette Palmer – Power of Competence
6. Cllr James – TAP Fund
7. All Cllrs – Emails as outlined above.

**1323. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Medland asked the clerk to further investigate funding options for the sports hall/playing field project.

**1324. CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

**1325. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Could a poster with the classic rally dates be put up on the noticeboard?

**1326. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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