



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st February 2018 at 7.30p.m in Bridgerule Village Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr J Medland
Councillors: Cllrs. P Haydon, K James, Jimmy Giles, K Elliott, B Beadle, C Seymour-Smith, S Cholwill.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. County Cllr Parsons.

1998. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs McDougall & Hale. County Cllr Parsons

1999. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

2000. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No questions.

2001. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Rowe informed the Councillors that a suspicious white van – a Ford Transit - had been seen in the local area. There was a burglary in Black Torrington with lots of outdoor items taken. The police would like any suspicious activity reported.

The HMRC Fraud is occurring again, with perpetrators calling people telling them they owe back taxes. If in any doubt, hang up, and call HMRC from another phone to verify the call. Try not to use the same landline in case the original caller is still on the line.

2002. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Parsons apologised to the parish council for the massive difficulties the parish faced with the recent road closure.

The new contractor has very strict policies on staff safety, which is why the road was completely closed and there was no convoy system in operation.

It has been highlighted by the problems faced in Bridgerule that the contractor needs to establish local knowledge, perhaps through consultation with parishes before making final decisions on road closures. This will be looked at moving forward. Also looking at better partnership working, as a result of SWEB being in Bridgerule with cones around vehicles at the same time traffic was using the road as a diversion.

Council tax is a 2.99% increase on DCC. The adult care precept increased it to almost 5%, so £1.22 a week, on a band D property.

More money is going in to drainage.

In a few years' time the only income to the council will be through generated income, and no outside funding or grants. DCC is already grossly underfunded being 7th lowest in the country out of 151 local authorities.

Cllr Parsons this year will have the £10000 to put towards projects in his patch, as well as another £10000 available towards capital funded projects.

No conversation has been had regarding the merging of Stratton and Holsworthy Health Centres, so Cllr Parsons is unable to offer any information at this time.

Cllr Parsons stepped down from the Hospital Stakeholder Group, as the restrictions meant he was not able to speak frankly with communities about the hospital.

There are big concerns about ND Hospital, this is the second time in four years they have failed a review. One of the big failings was in leadership, and this has been highlighted as it was during this period they made the decision to close Holsworthy Hospital

2003. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Holsworthy & Stratton Health Centres are joining from April 1st.

There is no news on the hospital.

At the budget review for the next financial year it was recommended to go with the Government recommended increase on precept.

2004. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. James proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th January 2018 be approved.

Cllr. Beadle seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

2005. MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising

2006. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES JANUARY 2018						
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COUNCIL EXPENDITURE						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
21.02.18	R Perry	687	£181.82	£181.82	£0.00	Wages
21.02.18	Spot On Supplies	688	£698.33	£581.94	£116.39	Crockery
21.02.18	TDC	689	£1,617.00	£0.00	£0.00	Hall Plans
21.02.18	Piper	690	£1,200.00	£1,000.00	£200.00	Hall Plans
TOTAL			£3,697.15	£1,763.76	£316.39	
Bank Accounts						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 29th December 2017		£6,871.58		£21,327.18		Balance 5th Jan 2018
CHQ		£581.94				
			£7,453.52			£0.96 Interest Jan
681			£1,200.00			
682			£150.00			
684			£181.82			
686			£555.82			
683			£600.00			
Balance at 1st Feb 2018			£4,765.88			£21,328.14 Balance 5th Feb 2018
<u>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</u>						
Balance at 5th October 2017			£5,065.61			
Interest Oct/Nov/Dec			£0.41			
Balance at 5th Jan 2018			£5,066.02			

Cllr. James proposed the accounts be approved for payment. Cllr. Elliott seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

The clerk also highlighted the need to transfer back the funds spent on the playing field project from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

Cllr. James proposed the funds be transferred. Cllr. Beadle seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

2007. PLAYING FIELD PROJECT UPDATE

Waiting on payment at Torridge (ratified above) for plans to go active with planning permission.

2008. CAR PARK LICENCE

The council examined the licence sent through to allow the school access to the disabled ramp. The new proposed licence is far too complicated and includes the car park which hasn't been agreed. It needs to be a simple licence that states the 'Licensor agrees to make sure access to the ramp is available during school working hours'. Clerk to feed back the response to the solicitors.

2009. SOUTHFIELDS FENCING

The council received correspondence about the fence on the open space at Southfields and that part of it had fallen over. It has been examined. The fence will be replaced once the weather allows. Clerk to contact member of parish who informed of the situation.

2010. PLANNING

1/1264/2017/CPE Granted

2011. HIGHWAYS

Potholes at Littlebridge, Holladon, Church Town Hill, Hopworthy (before the Bridge), Old Reservoir, Newacott Cross, Underlane, Burnards House, Hilsborough Cross, between the caravan park & Borough Cross. Dux Cross to Burnards House.
Dux Cross – Road Subsidence.

2012. PARISH HALL.

Everything is going along well. Grants are going in for the roof. A positive initial response so far. The Hall is in use every weeknight.

Last weeks music night raised £530, and with a couple of added donations the total raised was £700 towards the roof appeal.

2013. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk highlighted correspondence from Richard Haste and a parishioner regarding recycling and green bins, and from Natasha Guest regarding Mr Peshke.

Correspondence 18/01/18 – 21/02/18

Received

1. Natasha Guest – Mr Peshke Football Club
2. Jamie Hollis – Standards Committee Visit
3. Komplan – E Sales
4. Graham Kingdon – Torridge Newsletter
5. Louise Coogan – Job Centre Resource
6. Keep Britain Tidy – GB Spring Clean
7. Piper Architecture – Invoice
8. Cllr McDougall – Roads Correspondence
9. PSE – Newsletter
10. Cllr Parsons – Coming to meeting
11. Planning Support – Weekly List
12. David Braziel – NHW Update
13. Phillipa Cooke – Parish Magazine Advert
14. Cllr McDougall – Apologies
15. DCT – Training Courses
16. Richard Haste – Recycling Roadshows
17. Jasmine Jones – Devon Funding
18. Highway Co-ordination – Temp Traffic Notice
19. Highway Maintenance – Snow Warden Scheme
20. Janet Williams – PSPO Consultation – Dog Control Measure
21. RoSPA – Notice of Inspection
22. Ben Butterworth – Licence

23. Cllr James – Planning Application Submission
24. Cllr Beadle – Fencing at Southfields
25. Diamond Home Services – Fencing at Southfields
26. Highways – Traffic Sensitive Street Review
27. Diane Thompson – Planning Information Session
28. Mrs Fenner – Green Bin Charges
29. David Rodgers – Green Bin Charges
30. Cllr Parsons – Road Closure
31. Planning Support – Decision Notification
32. Cllr Cholwill – Hall Crockery

Sent

1. All Cllrs – Forwarded Emails
2. All Cllrs – Minutes & Agendas
3. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes & documents for website
4. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
5. Cllr McDougall – Minutes & Road correspondence
6. Highways – Road Issues
7. Cllr Parsons – Agendas and general correspondence, road issues.
8. Planning Support – Date Requests and Feedback
9. Mrs Fenner – Green Bins
10. David Rodgers – Green Bins
11. Cllr James – Green Bins & Planning
12. Cllr Beadle – Fencing
13. Diamond Home Support – Fencing
14. Ben Butterworth – Licence
15. Cllr Cholwill – Parish Advert Email
16. Natasha Guest – Mr Peshke

2014. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No report.

2015. CLERK’S REPORT

The clerk reported to councillors that they are not legally required to keep their full contact information on the website if they don’t want to.

2016. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Pre School is currently oversubscribed.

Problem with cars being parked up and sorned on the land behind the village hall. To be added to next month’s agenda.

Horses have been riding on the grass by the bridge and it is now too cut up.

2017. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.57.

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