

# Bridgerule Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in Bridgerule Village Hall

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs. J. Giles, J. Medland, K. Chilton, G. Abbott, J. Stoneman, C. Seymour-Smith and J. McDougall

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

**365. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs. Linney and Davey, County Cllr. Parsons and PCSO Harvey had sent apologies

**366. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**367. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**368. POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Harvey had sent her apologies and indicated that she hoped to attend the next Meeting of the full Council. She understands that the parking issues at Littlebridge Meadow are resolved, but the Police are monitoring this.

**369. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Stoneman seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**370. MATTERS ARISING**

Item 359 – Correspondence Received no. 3 – Cllr. Giles reported that he was informed that the volley posts were ready for collection, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances at TDC this had not happened, but was in hand. Once the posts are in place, the rest of the equipment can be collected and at that time, it was suggested, an article should be placed in ‘The Buzz’ informing residents of this facility.

Item 362 – Cllr. Stoneman informed Cllrs. that the fencing work around the Village Hall play area was now complete. He proposed that letters of thanks be sent to Mr. Greg Cooper and Mr. Steve Rickwood who had helped him with the fencing work at both the play area and the open space at Southfields. Cllr. James seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The Clerk will also send a letter of thanks to Cllr. Stoneman.

**371. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

County Cllr. Parsons had sent his apologies. Cllr. Parsons had informed the Clerk that the DCC Cabinet had approved recommendations, from Cllr. Parsons and other rural councillors, to continue an investment programme regarding Post Offices for a further 2 years at a level of £2500 per business in 2011/2012 and £1500 per business in 2012/2013. There are 16 such businesses within Devon, 3 of them being Bridgerule, Ashwater and St. Giles on the Heath.

**372. TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF SAND TO HELP MAINTAIN THE PLAYING FIELD**

Cllrs. Abbott and Giles explained to the Meeting what was required to maintain the playing field to a good standard. After discussion Cllr. James proposed that Bridgerule Council fund maintaining the playing field, i.e. the purchase of sand and equipment involved in lacerating etc. to a maximum sum of £500. This money to be allocated from the Special Projects Budget. Cllr. Medland seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**373. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were presented for payment:

**BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN JULY 2010**

<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
21.07.10	M.J. Glover	424	£15.00	£15.00		Clearing weeds at Bridge Park
21.07.10	Cash	425	£29.50	£29.50		Petty Cash
21.07.10	B. Williams	426	£740.00	£740.00		Grass Cutting
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£784.50</b>	<b>£784.50</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	

**Council Receipts**

**Bank Accounts**

<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Balance at 18th June 2010	2,572.70	£4,932.92	of which £832.98 is Parish Plan grant
<u>Payments</u>		0.5	Interest March 10
423	£300.00		
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-	<b>£300.00</b>		
Balance at 19th July 2010	<b>£2,272.70</b>	<b>£4,933.42</b>	At 19th May of which £832.98 PP

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a Cllr. had asked Mr. Glover to carry out this work; not going through the Clerk or Council. She pointed out that the area where the work was carried out is the responsibility of TDC and had they been contacted Bridgerule Council would not have had to pay for the work. She reminded Cllrs. that no Cllr. can authorise any work to be carried out unless the suggested work has been brought to the attention of the RFO and the full Council. A Cllr. so doing is liable to pay for the work undertaken him/herself.

Cllr. Seymour-Smith proposed that the accounts presented should be paid. This was seconded by Cllr. Giles and unanimously agreed. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. James read out a letter received from Katherine Davey re. a request from F.O.B.S. (Friends of Bridgerule School) for a grant towards the planned Pre-School due to commence in September, 2010. Cllr. James declared a personal interest. After discussion Cllr. Abbott proposed that £100 be donated to the proposed Pre-School. The money to be allocated from the Special Projects Budget. Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 7 For. 0 Against. 1 Abstention). The Clerk to ask Mrs. Davey to whom the cheque be made out to.

**374. PLANNING**

No applications had been received. The following permission had been received:

**Permissions**

1/0346/2008/FUL                      Erection of 8 dwellings at Littlebridge Farm comprising 4 open market houses and 4 affordable houses for shared ownership  
Littlebridge Farm  
Bridgerule

Cllr. Medland asked Cllr. James if there was an update on the building of the affordable houses. Cllr. James informed the Meeting that Nick Haywood would be undertaking the building. It is hoped completion will be by next Spring. Adverts will produced regarding the Shared Equity.

**375. TO DISCUSS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Cllr. Chilton informed the Meeting that he had attended the DCC Highways' Surgery held in Holsworthy. Mr. Bruce Pedrick had reiterated that, due to very stringent financial constraints, no new resurfacing works in the area would be taking place, and that potholes would be subject to 'patching' work. The Clerk informed the Meeting that DCC Highways has had its funding from Central Government dramatically cut. Unfortunately, Cllrs. will be the ones who have to impart this information to residents when complaints arise about the condition of roads in and around Bridgerule. The Clerk will write to SW Water regarding work at Furze Cross.

**376. HIGHWAYS**

See Item 375.

**377. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence Received from 16<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

1. SW Water – Littlebridge Meadows confirmation of adoption
2. GM Planning Services – M. Bailey & G. Makin new company
3. TDC – Housing & Council Tax benefit – poster
4. Rural Services weekly newsletter
5. DCC – monthly update
6. LGE – update VBS (vetting and barring scheme for those working with children and vulnerable adults) – put on hold
7. Rural Services weekly newsletter
8. Cllr. S-Smith – road improvements for Agenda
9. Cllr. S-Smith – item for MF's mtg with Bruce Pedrick
10. James Jarroudi – volleyball posts ready for collection
11. C. Caswell animal warden – letter to a resident of Southfields re. dog fouling
12. PC Moakes – response to MF's e-mail re. parking Littlebridge Meadow
13. CAB – thank you for grant.
14. Jo Brooks TDC – re. TDC allocation process for rural exception sites
15. North Devon – workshop re. landscape character assessment of Torridge District
16. Devon Talk – summer edition
17. DCC – Judicial Review – unlawful
18. Clerks & councils Direct – July issue
19. Exeter City Council – Recession impact campaign – help with mortgages/rent
20. TDC – Register of Electors update
21. DALC – newsletter – implications of Queen's Speech
22. Cllr. SS – attending Ashwater Parish Planning event 8<sup>th</sup> July
23. Cllr. Chilton – various re. elections (have included my replies)
24. DALC – Guide to being a good employer – for Councils (in filing cabinet)
25. Ruby Country newsletter
26. DCC – monthly newsletter
27. Rural Services – July update
28. TDC – renewable electricity generation
29. Cllr. Giles – volleyball posts collection
30. Road Closure – Revel Week
31. K. Davey – sec of FOBS – request for grant
32. Rural Services – weekly update

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

Item 14 – Cllr. James explained this Item.

Item 23 – Cllr. James explained this Item and a lengthy discussion took place. Cllr. Chilton will possibly submit an article to 'The Buzz'. He will do this as a private individual, not a Cllr. as he will not be expressing the agreed views of the Council.

**Correspondence Sent From 17<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

1. Cllr. Giles – Football Club cheque and confirmation of no extra cuts
2. TDC – re. Expression of interest – volleyball court
3. Carl Caswell animal warden – further problems with dog fouling updating
4. PCSO Harvey – parking Littlebridge M.

5. Cllr S-Smith – reply re. agenda
6. Cllr S-Smith – update on Highways after mtg. with Bruce P.
7. Mr. Keen – update from PC Moakes re. Parking
8. Cllr. Giles – volleyball update
9. Carl Caswell – query re. re-painting dog warning
10. All Cllrs. re. highways' financial situation and surgery on 21 July
11. M. Harris – informing Cllr. SS and S. Cholwill attending Parish Planning Ashwater 8<sup>th</sup> July
12. Cllr. Chilton – various see Received no. 23
13. K. Davey – response to e-mail re. FOBS
14. Cllr. SS – Agenda for website

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

**378. PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Seymour-Smith confirmed that the Plan had now been circulated to all households in Bridgerule. He had attended a 'Drop In Surgery' regarding Parish Planning at Ashwater, and had officially handed over Bridgerule's Parish Plan. He emphasised that the real work should now start, but this can only be done with volunteers, and at the present time none had come forward. A lengthy discussion took place. Cllrs. Seymour-Smith and Abbott will set up a meeting involving the Parish Plan Steering Group and the Parish Hall Committee.

**379. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

There was no Report

**380. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk informed the Meeting that she would be taking leave week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> August; this would mean that she could not attend the next Meeting of Bridgerule Council. Cllr. James also said that he would not be able to attend this Meeting due to a prior commitment. After a short discussion, Cllr. Giles proposed the Meeting of Bridgerule Parish Council schedule for the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 should be cancelled. The next full Meeting to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. Cllr. McDougall seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). The Clerk informed the Meeting that she would inform Cllrs. of anything which needed their attention during the rest of July and August.

**381. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.**

The Clerk will provide Cllr. Giles with details of the Officer at TDC, in the Environment Dept., who deals with noise nuisance. Cllr. McDougall informed the Meeting that a Meeting of the Senior Council for Devon will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Cllr. McDougall had received a request from a resident that a dog fouling bin be situated at Dux's Cross. The Clerk will contact TDC regarding this. Cllr. Stoneman informed the Meeting that Mr. Glover had requested a second 'wheelie bin' for garden refuse. The Clerk pointed out that this request should be made to TDC and she would inform Mr. Glover of this. Cllr. Abbott said he believed a car had been abandoned outside the Chapel. He would monitor this.

**382. CLOSE**

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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