



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st September 2016 at 8.00 p.m. in
Bridgerule Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. 7 Members of the Public

1697. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hale
Cllr Seymour-Smith

1698. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1699. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

Members of the public relayed queries regarding the possible change of use for the land at Southfields. One person queried access to the plot. Another person asked about whether if allotments were provided, whether the land would be prepared, and water access set up. Another member of the public asked whether an alternative use could be for the school, as a school garden. One member stressed that there was no vehicular access to the site.

1700. SOUTHFIELDS OPEN SPACE

The council stressed to all present that any change of use at Southfields is not imminent, and indeed is only being looked at as residents of Southfields themselves came forward and asked the council to consider alternative uses, one of which being allotments. If indeed allotments were developed, they would be for the use of Southfields residents. The clerk has contacted all residents of Southfields, and these responses were read out confidentially, and will be kept on record for further decision making. As there is still other options that could be looked at, this has been deferred for further discussion until after Christmas to enable all residents to come forward with opinions/options if they so desire.

1701. POLICE REPORT

No report has been sent through

1702. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report has been sent through.

1703. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr James attended the local plan meeting. There is an issue with affordable housing, and the government dictation that developments of 10 or under are not required to build affordable. Conditions need to be put on this for the benefit of the community.

1704. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cllr. McDougall proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th August, 2016 be approved. Cllr. James seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 8 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

1705. MATTERS ARISING

The Footpath meeting has been put back until October.
Weeds on the cut through need spraying, and the Streetlight doesn't work – Report to housing association.

1710. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A GRANT FOR BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

£1200 agreed.

Cllr. Haydon proposed, Cllr. Giles seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 5 For. 0 Against. 3 Abstentions).

1711. FOOTBALL FIELD GRASS CUTTING & UPDATE

The drain across the field had to be dug out and a new drain put in. Material costs are to be sent through for reimbursement. The field is looking in good shape.

1712. PLANNING

No Report

1713. HIGHWAYS

Potholes at:

Littlebridge Hill

Borough Cross - Ditch

Dux Lane – Subsidence

1714. PARISH HALL

10 more tables have been delivered.

1715. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk highlighted the change of date for the footpaths meeting to 11th October 2016.

Correspondence 17/08/16 – 21/09/2016

Received

1. Planning Support – Consultation Requests, Feedback, Weekly Lists
2. Public Sector Executive – Updates
3. Diane Thompson – Planning Information Sessions
4. Cllr Beadle – Invoice
5. Cllr Cholwill – Apologies
6. Thomas Carrick – NHW Updates
7. Laura Forsey – Torridge Updates
8. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
9. Cllr McDougall – Minutes & Planning
10. Jamie Holliss – Information Update
11. Minerals Planning – Update
12. Emma Walker – Weekly List
13. Maureen Fenner – Southfields Open Space Queries
14. Diane Thompson – Planning Code Updates
15. Southfields Residents (6) – Southfields Open Space Feedback
16. Grant Application – Friends of Holsworthy Library
17. Grant Application – Parochial Church Council

Sent

1. All Cllrs – Forwarded Emails
2. Torridge – Planning Responses
3. Maureen Fenner – Information Requested
4. All Cllrs – Minutes & Agendas
5. Cllr Seymour Smith – Minutes for website
6. Cllr Medland – General Correspondence
7. Cllr McDougall – Minutes and Planning
8. Southfields Residents – Leaflet Drop – Meeting Information
9. Southfields Residents – Emails
10. Cllr Parsons – Sports Hall

1716. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair suggested that Cllr names be left off on the online minutes when it comes to Proposers and Seconders, to save individuals being picked out for their views. This information would still be in the signed minutes, and available by request.

1717. CLERK'S REPORT

No Report

1718. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr James is meeting with a developer/contractor for play area improvements.

Funding for the sports hall is being looked at.

The men on quads that were reported on NHW are now in a van with a trailer, and are on official business.

The question was raised as to whether Holsworthy Hospital might again be under threat. Unknown at present.

1719. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 21.05

Signature Date