



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7.30p.m in Bridgerule Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr J Medland  
Councillors: Cllrs. J McDougall, J Giles, K James, S Cholwill,, C Seymour-Smith.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. County Cllr Parsons, 2 Members of Public

**2170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Haydon, Hale, Beadle & Elliott

**2171. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**2172. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME**

Gareth Short came to talk to the councillors about the proposed development at East View, for a new build adjacent to Trout Cottage. Members of the public present were all able to view and give feedback on the proposed application.

**2173. POLICE REPORT**

A cat was found dead by unknown means.

**2174. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Holsworthy Rural – County Councillor Update  
November 2018

Recent weeks have found many of us having focus on those who gave up their lives during the war years of World War One for people like us. Right across our parishes and the town of Holsworthy tributes have been plentiful and I would like to express great thanks to those paying the highest of regard for others who have made the greatest sacrifice of all in giving up their lives during the most difficult of times.

With such recognition in place we are fast-approaching Christmas. The time for us all to show our regard for those not only around us is another opportunity for us to demonstrate our kindness and regard for others, especially, our family and friends. I wish those already in preparation for Christmas festivities the best of luck and look forward, yet again, to being involved in and seeing some of the fruits of individual and group activities across our ward.

With Central Government issuing limited funds again for our rural road network (there appears to be plenty for the National Highways Agencies and the super-fast rail in HS2 and London's Cross-rail!) it is especially important that that we are as efficient as possible in tackling our own highways issues in such a rural area. I do ask, most sincerely, and appreciating the workloads currently on local authority officers that issues related to highways are reported on the Devon County Council website at:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

I know that many are doing this and I, as well as officers am especially grateful. Contacting officers directly duplicates work and adds significantly to officer case workloads. If responses to enquiries do need follow up then I am, as always, happy to be involved.

There has been in recent weeks quite a few compliments in relation to work being done on our roads. Whilst, I know that this is not the case everywhere I am pleased to see Skanska (the contractors as from April 2017) getting to grips with many of our local issues. My thanks to all who have taken time to give such positive feedback.

In last week's Budget there was a £410 million boost to children's services. It is, though, only half what councils need. However, figures show councils overspent by £800 million on child social care last year – twice the amount being made available now. In Devon, we have more than 700 youngsters in care and the situation is reflected across the country. There is significant, and, it seems a continuing and increasing pressure on our budget for Children's Services although, presently, in other service areas matters are very stable.

In relation to Holsworthy Hospital and the intended implementation programme for the return of hospital beds it is pleasing to note that around 1150 people completed and returned surveys in relation to health within our ward. I do thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey and my understanding is that Healthwatch (which is the independent body examining collected data) will be in a position over the next fortnight to submit a return. I will emphasize again, funding for the beds at the hospital is in place. The real challenge presently (nationally, as well as locally) is that of staffing the hospital – something for which everyone is working extremely hard to overcome.

#### **2175. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Working hard in the focus group to reopen beds at Holsworthy Hospital. There is no doctor cover, and advertisements are out for nursing staff. A statement will be issued shortly on the current situation.

Torrige are looking at their play policy, Cllr James is on the new focus group.

Further regulations on fly tipping are in the pipeline, and cameras are going up in hotspot areas.

Stricter policy on dog fouling. New program of parish representatives to help with enforcement will be rolling out shortly.

TDC is now all back at Riverbank House.

The new dog bin stock has arrived at Torrige, we need to confirm the locations.

Fencing for the play area needs looking at.

#### **2176. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Cllr. McDougall proposed the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be approved. Cllr. Seymour-Smith seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstention).

#### **2177. MATTERS ARISING**

2147 – Lyntham caravans – chase enforcement

2178. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

<b>BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES OCTOBER 2018</b>						
<b>COUNCIL EXPENDITURE</b>						
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason
21.11.18	R Perry	718	£181.82	£181.82	£0.00	Wages
21.11.18	R Perry	719	£66.00	£162.00	£0.00	Expenses - Cartridges/Paper
21.11.18	TK Play	720	£12,516.00	£10,430.00	£2,086.00	Play Equipment
21.11.18	Village Hall Grant	721	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	Grants
21.11.18	Chapel Grant	722	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00	Grants
21.11.18	School Grant	723	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00	Grants
21.11.18	Torrige CAB Grant	724	£25.00	£25.00	£0.00	Grants
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£14,988.82</b>	<b>£12,998.82</b>	<b>£2,086.00</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>						
<u>Current Account</u>				<u>Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 1st October		£13,193.96		£17,436.39	Balance 5th September	
		£4,000.00			£0.67 Interest September	
			£17,193.96			
714			£181.82			
716			£200.32			
717			£162.00			
<b>Balance at 1st November 2018</b>			<b>£16,649.82</b>		<b>£17,437.06</b>	Balance 5th October
<b>Playing Field Project Bonus Saver Account</b>						
Balance at 5th Jul 2018			£5,067.27			
Interest Jul/Aug/Sep			£0.62			
<b>Balance at 5th Oct 2018</b>			<b>£5,067.89</b>			

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

**2179. PLAYING FIELD PROJECT**

Nothing to update.

**2180. TRAFFIC ISSUES THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

Traffic is rushing through the village, to reapply for a speed limit reduction and speak to the police about community speed watch.

**2181. WAR MEMORIAL**

The war memorial is not very legible, would the council consider improving/restoring/new memorial? Clerk to contact the church.

**2182. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2019/2020**

The clerk issued a proposed budget. The councillors discussed the options and agreed the clerk's proposal. To be ratified at the December meeting.

- 2183. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A GRANT FOR TORRIDGE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**  
 £25 Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Seymour- Smith. Vote Unanimous.
- 2184. PLANNING**  
 Caravans – Chase enforcement re Lyntham.  
 Bridgerule Industrial Estate – Live work unit is currently fully residential. To contact enforcement.
- 2185. HIGHWAYS**  
 Furze Cross to Derrill – potholes.
- 2186. PARISH HALL**  
 Unlikely to hear from lottery grant application until the middle of January.
- 2187. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**
- Letter from parishioner regarding dog bins. This issue has already been addressed, and the new bins will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- 2188. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**  
 No Report
- 2189. CLERK’S REPORT**  
 No Report
- 2190. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**  
 Rubbish Bin needed by the river.  
 Chase up the wild seeds for spring – Try Thompson & Morgan & Fothergills  
 Football Club in the last 16 of the Devon Cup.
- 2191. CLOSE**  
 There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 20.43.

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